

Loking Back Facing the Bright Future

A two-day international conference on the progress
in mother-baby care for anyone
who is interested in this topic

*The conference is held under the auspices of the Mayor of the City of Prague
doc. MUDr. Bohuslav Svoboda, CSc.*

Date and venue: October 23 and 24, 2026, Hotel Globus, Prague 11

(<https://www.hotel-globus.cz>)

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We invite you to actively participate in the conference and send your abstract of the presentation.

The conference should:

- Recall the path that led from totalitarian obstetrics to the free choice of place of birth and care provider.
- To summarize the steps already taken leading to changes in obstetrics in the last 25 years, to look back at the successes and failures that have lined this path.
- To highlight the successes that have been achieved in this area in many maternity hospitals in the last 10 years.
- To appreciate experts, professionals and volunteers who have significantly contributed to positive changes in obstetrics and midwifery in the last 25 years.
- **To obtain information about the changes that obstetrics and midwifery are undergoing in other countries, especially in those that have contributed to the development of free choice of place of birth and care provider in the Czech Republic in the past 25 years.**

- To draw attention to the risks that midwives and their clients may face in the future if the current legislation and basic rules for supporting safe natural childbirth are not respected.
- To connect generations, strengthen sharing.

Expected number of participants: 100 people from the professional and lay public, with a focus on midwives, midwifery students, obstetricians and doulas

Program

The conference program will begin with a series of short contributions summarizing the journey from post-war care for women and children to the present day.

The main program will be registered lectures on the topics listed below. Concurrent **workshops** will be an option. The conference will include **panel discussions**.

Topics of lectures

- Obstetric care in Czechoslovakia and the Czech and Slovak Republics from 1945 to 2000.
- Changes in obstetric care between 2000 and 2026.
- Pioneers of change.
- Foreign cooperation - teachers, lecturers, supporters from abroad.
- Maternity hospitals - Birth centers - Midwifery centers.
- Current midwifery practice in a community setting (care during pregnancy, during childbirth, in the postpartum period).
- Cooperation of maternity hospitals with community Midwives.
- Safe midwifery practice = good Education.
- How to cope with the challenges of the future - foreseeable and hidden risks.
- Cybersecurity and work with artificial intelligence in midwifery practice - challenges of today and for the future.
- WINDOW abroad.

Workshop topics

- ABC of conducting a healthy natural birth with an emphasis on the safety of the mother, child and midwife.
- Water births with an emphasis on the safety of the mother, child and midwife.

- Breech birth with an emphasis on the safety of the mother, child and midwife.
- Midwife on the safe side.
- Prevention of obesity in pregnant women.
- Networking – strengthening international cooperation in midwifery practice.
- Care of a child up to 1 year of age from the perspective of a pediatrician.

Panel discussion topics

- Development of postpartum care provided by midwives in the community setting.
- What prevents more effective use of the work potential of independent community midwives for the well-being of women in labor and delivery?

The program will be continuously adjusted according to the submitted contributions.

Active participation

Send the **application for active participation** to info@pdcap.cz **no later than June 14, 2026.**

The application must include:

- Name, e-mail address and telephone number of the speaker
- Place (city or maternity hospital) where the contribution comes from
- Title of the contribution
- Name of the author(s) of the contribution
- Abstract – text up to 1000 characters

If the contribution is included in the conference program, we will also request a **photo** of the author and brief **information** about the author of the contribution. These will be included in the conference proceedings.

Venue

Hotel Globus (www.gotel-globus.cz)

The interior, and especially the surroundings of the Hotel Globus, have undergone extensive renovation. It offers not only comfortable conference facilities with refreshments during breaks and a buffet lunch (an advantage for participants with a gluten-free diet), but also accommodation and ample parking. Participants must book accommodation individually.