Almost 70 academics and experts from universities around the country officially received the title of professor at a special ceremony at the Grand Hall at Charles University’s Carolinum on Wednesday. The ceremony was organised by the Education Ministry.

Twenty-five nominees, in fields varying from physics and mathematics to the natural sciences and medicine, were from Charles University. Nominations put forward by university research or other scholarly boards are confirmed by the president’s signature and counter-signed by the prime minister. Sixty-seven nominees took part in the ceremony; only two did not attend. Speaking at the ceremony, the country’s Education Minister Robert Plaga congratulated the nominees on having reached the significant milestone through “hard work, a continuing willingness to improve and a willingness to pass on knowledge.”

One of the new professors named, Roman Čermák of Tomas Bata University in Zlín, also spoke on Wednesday after the titles had been received: he stressed that communication was different with each new generation and made clear it was necessary to continue discussion and consider how best to pass on information to ensure student interest remained high and classrooms full.
Ahead of Wednesday’s ceremony, Charles University Rector Tomáš Zíma also met with and congratulated the new CU professors in an informal meeting in the Patriotic Hall.

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