

# CZECH ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

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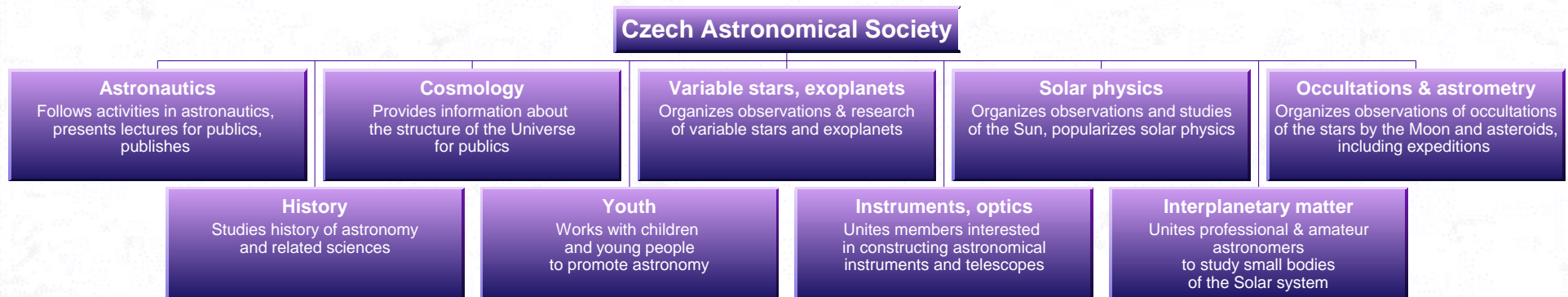
## Basic facts:

- ◆ Czech Astronomical Society founded in 1917;
- ◆ Voluntary association of professional & amateur astronomers, and friends of astronomy / related sciences;
- ◆ About 550 individual members, organized in
  - ▶ 9 topic-oriented sections,
  - ▶ 8 regional branches.
- ◆ 22 corporate members (observatories, local astronomical societies...).

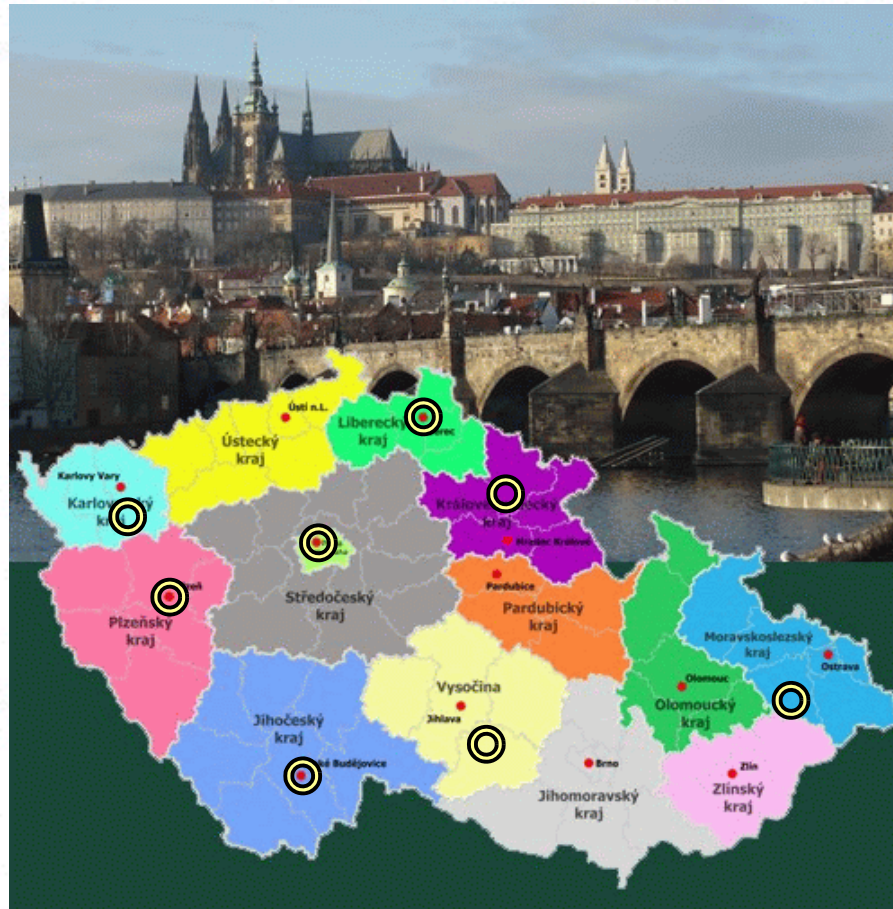


# CAS sections

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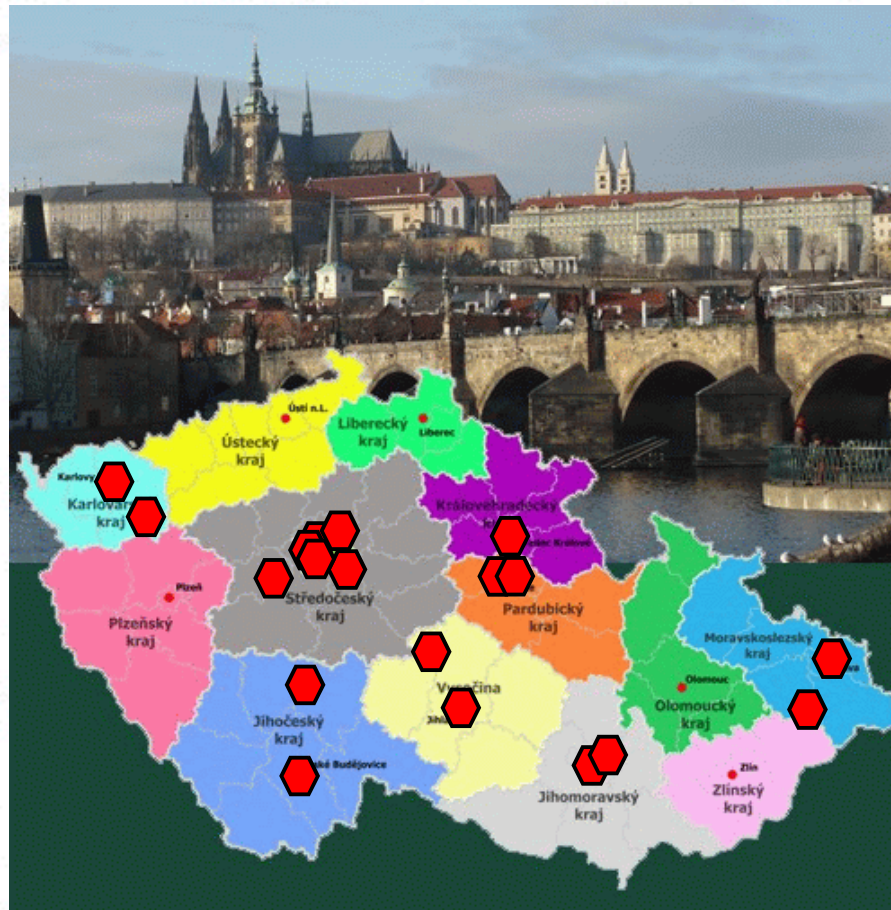


# CAS regional branches



*EAS Meeting with affiliated societies, Rolle, Switzerland, January 31 - February 2, 2012*

# CAS corporate members (some of them having status of a r. branch)



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# Main activities of the CAS

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- ◆ CAS supports astronomical work of its members by organizing
  - astronomical lectures,
  - observational campaigns,
  - competitions (astrophotographic, astronomical olympiads for young people), etc...
- ◆ CAS also joins pan-European actions of popularization of science, such as
  - "European Researchers' Night", or
  - "Science in the streets".



# CAS - administration, budget

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- ◆ CAS is led, between Conventions (each 3 years), by the Executive Committee (president + 7 members).
- ◆ Annual budget ( $\approx$ 45 thousand EUR) consists of the following sources:
  - ▶ Membership dues (19%);
  - ▶ Subvenc from the Council of Scientific Societies (36%) - publications, scientific work, popularization;
  - ▶ Subvenc from Ministry of Education (13%) - Astronomical Olympiad;
  - ▶ Subvenc from the Municipal Council of Prague (13%) - Kepler museum;
  - ▶ Grant from EU (19%) - European Researcher's Night.



## CAS awards & prizes

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- ◆ **Nušl Prize** (after prof. F. Nušl, 1867-1951) for all-life merits in astronomy, annually;
- ◆ **Littera Astronomica** for outstanding contribution to popularization of astronomy, annually;
- ◆ **Kopal Lecture** (after prof. Z. Kopal, 1914-1993) for outstanding scientific results achieved during several recent years, annually;
- ◆ **Kvíz Price** (after dr. Z. Kvíz, 1932-1993) for important activities in one of the topics: interplanetary matter, variable stars, popularization or education, bi-annually.



# Media

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- ◆ CAS publishes its own quarterly journal *Kosmické rozhledy* (Cosmic Reviews);
- ◆ Organizes press releases & conferences, covering major astronomical events for TV, radio, newspapers....;
- ◆ Main internet portal is [www.astro.cz](http://www.astro.cz).

