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Dr Jan Buriánek  
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Dear Prof. Palouš, Dr Buriánek

On behalf of Council and the ESO Executive, we are writing to you to express our gratitude for your hosting of last week's meeting of the ESO Committee of Council at the Czech Academy for Sciences in Prague. All attendees were most grateful for the arrangements made on their behalf and very much enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate with you the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Czech Republic's membership of ESO. Please convey our thanks to Deputy Minister Štech, Prof. Eva Zažímalová and Dr Soňa Ehlerová for their contributions and presentations during the meeting.

It would also be appreciated if you could thank Ms Mila Cukrova and Mr Jan Horčíčka for their help and assistance with regard to the logistical arrangements, both before and during the meeting and Prof. Petr Hadrava for his very interesting tour around Prague. Everything was very well organised and it was a great pleasure to meet in your wonderful city.

Thank you once again and best wishes

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