

MU Halls of Residence

Annual Activity Report 1999

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1. ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

Accommodation plays one of the most important roles in creating social support for students. The university puts great stress on this issue, strives to extend the number of beds in the buildings it administers. It also helps its students to find their own accommodation.

In the academic year 1999/2000, the Halls of Residence and Refectories Administration provided accommodation for MU students in the following buildings:

Table 1 MU Halls of residence

Hall of residence	Address	Number of beds
Vinařská	Vinařská 5, 603 00 Brno	1 220
Tvrđeho	Tvrđeho 5/7, 602 00 Brno	378
Družba	Kounicova 50, 602 00 Brno	596
Mánesova	Mánesova 12c, 612 00 Brno	351
Sušilova	Klácelova 2, 602 00 Brno	313
náměstí Míru	nám. Míru 4, 602 00 Brno	245
Veveří	Veveří 29, 602 00 Brno	70
Komárov I.	bř. Žůrků 5, 617 00 Brno	494
India	Sladkého 13, 617 00 Brno	314
Celkem		3 981

In comparison with last year, the total accommodation capacity in MU buildings was extended by four beds in newly reconstructed double-bedrooms in the hall of residence at nám. Míru, and nine beds in the hall of residence on bř. Žůrků. By October 30 1999, new rooms were ready to accommodate MU students in the India building in Komárov, increasing the total capacity by 43 beds. With regard to the further reconstruction of this building, MU lost 51 beds.

In the framework of an agreement between Rectors of Brno schools of higher education, VUT was able to lend Masaryk University 250 beds, making the total MU accommodation capacity for this academic year 4,231 beds. Of that, 80 beds were provided for participants in the SOCRATES programme, and six beds were offered to visitors of the university. Consequently, there were 4,151 beds available for MU students.

Childless families have traditionally been accommodated in the Vinařská hall of residence (34 beds).

Of the total of 14,191 full-time students, 30% were accommodated; with regard to the total number of applications for accommodation, 71% of requests were met.

For the academic year 1999/2000, unified criteria were used for the allocation of beds in MU halls of residence. The time distance between Brno and the applicant's place of residence was the main criterion. Social background was an additional aspect to be considered. Regardless of their places of residence, all KR members and physically handicapped students were accommodated.

As in the last year, the average housing fee amounted to CZK 750.

In June 1999, the Halls of Residence and Refectories Administration was lent a central accommodation system. Through this the accommodation procedures will be fundamentally changed: for the aca-

demic year 2000/2001, the Halls of Residence and Refectories Administration will be responsible for the whole accommodation system.

The furnishing of MU halls of residence has improved considerably. Gradually, student rooms on Sladkého have been refurbished, and new furniture purchased to order. For two new buildings in Komárov refrigerators, lamps, net-curtains and kitchen units were bought. Students accommodated on Sladkého had the opportunity to use a newly reconstructed gymnasium. Unfortunately, its interior is not suitable for ball games. The MU halls of residence on Kounicova, Mánesova and Klácelova were equipped with refrigerators, vacuum cleaners and lamps. In the Družba hall of residence, all study rooms were equipped with built-in units, new desks and chairs. In the hall on Mánesova, study rooms were also refurbished in order to serve better as a provisional form of accommodation. At the nám. Míru hall, two double-bedrooms (originally a service flat) were refurbished.

In the hall of residence on Tvrđeho 5/7, all net-curtains were replaced with new ones and bathrooms re-furnished. In the Vinařská hall, rooms were equipped with new refrigerators, bedclothes and lamps.

Table 2 Structure of accommodation capacity for MU students

Year	MU	VUT	CCD	Total	Index
1993/1994	3 286	90		3 376	100
1994/1995	3 141	300	20+26MA	3 487	103,3
1995/1996	3 167	300	20	3 487	103,3
1996/1997	3 578	200	20	3 798	112,5
1997/1998	3 871	200		4 071	120,6
1998/1999	4 019			4 019	119,0
1999/2000	3 981	250		4 231	125,3

CCD – Czech Congregation of Dominicans

MA – Military Academy

Table 3 Distribution of total accommodation capacity for MU students

Year	1st study year	2nd to final study year	Internat. PGs and short-term research workers	International students
1993/1994	35 %	53 %	4 %	8 %
1994/1995	30 %	56 %	4 %	10 %
1995/1996	32 %	63 %	1 %	4 %
1996/1997	31 %	61 %	2 %	6 %
1997/1998	31 %	63 %	3 %	3 %
1998/1999	38 %	52 %	3 %	7 %
1999/2000	27 %	59 %	5 %	9 %

Table 4 Accommodation request met

Year	Accommodation capacity	Number of applications for place at halls of residence	Share of positively received requests
1994/1995	3 487	5 040	69,2 %
1995/1996	3 487	5 784	60,3 %
1996/1997	3 798	5 282	71,9 %
1997/1998	4 071	5 913	68,8 %
1998/1999	3 919 x)	5 948	65,9 %
1999/2000	4 154 xx)	5 961	69,7 %

x – accommodation capacity was decreased by 80 beds for the SOCRATES programme and 20 beds for visitors to MU

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2. CATERING SERVICES

The Halls of Residence and Refectories Administration provided its catering services in three MU refectories, at two food counters (on Klácelova and Kounicova) and two cafeterias serving hot meals.

At the Družba food counter in the Vinařská hall of residence, the customer is offered meals *a la minute* without the need to order in advance into the late afternoon hours. In order to fully satisfy MU students and employees, the cafeteria at Vinařská (opened last year) has extended its services.

In December 1999, a new cafeteria providing hot meals was opened at the Faculty of Informatics. Its students and employees are served throughout the day: they are offered meals *a la minute*, hot meals, luncheon soups and a wide range of snacks without the need to order in advance. The Halls of Residence and Refectories Administration strives to fully satisfy its customers, and in the near future it will open two new canteens: one in the newly reconstructed centre at Komenského Nám. and one in the building of the Faculty of Arts.

In comparison with the year 1998, the number of servings decreased by 13%; only the Vinařská canteen recorded a certain increase thanks to its high-quality service.

Beside basic catering services, the staff of MU canteens are able to provide catering services for various important university events. The quality of its hot and cold dishes is very high.

Moravské nám. refectory	Veveří refectory	Vinařská refectory
Ceremonial refreshments, lunches, parties, banquets for:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- rector, vice-rectors, deans,- Universitas Masarykiana Foundation,- Salzburg Seminar,- 80th anniversary of Mora-vian Morphological Day,- Association for Friends of Slavs,- USA Ambassador and his guests,- UNESCO,- Academic Council of MU,- Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic,- Summer School of Slavonic Studies,- 3rd Garden Party in the Botanical Garden of the Faculty of Science,- Opening of the Astorka Centre (JAMU),- Dark Blue Festival for Children with Disabilities,- MSVB,- Various occasions – cater-ing services in the Univer-sity Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 80th anniversary of MU founding,- Brno Academic Choir,- Museology,- Honorary doctorates,- Central European Olympiad, Faculty of Informat-ics,- Anniversary of FI founding,- Anniversary of ICS found-ing (Institute of Computer Science),- ELSA,- MSVB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Events of the Faculty of Economics and Administra-tion,- Institute of Vertebrate Biol-ogy,- Czech Chamber of Stoma-tology,- Family Centre,- Porsche,- Petřvaldský Foundation,- UNESCO-CHAIR,- Faculty of Science,- Business School Chamber,- ROB Association,- Association of Czech Fighters,- Moravian Committee of the Helsinski Union,- KaH Kinetic,- ČVT VHS,- Czech Educational Society,- MSVB

Table 5 Numbers and proportions of meals served in MU canteens

Canteen	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Moravské náměstí	268049 (26 %)	592015 (48 %)	676523 (52 %)	695035 (48 %)	716312 (47 %)	532943 (48 %)	474966 (49 %)
Veverí	348743 (33 %)	248711 (20 %)	295523 (22 %)	368342 (26 %)	463833 (30 %)	361885 (33 %)	266626 (28 %)
Vinařská	425289 (41 %)	400892 (32 %)	344501 (26 %)	376154 (26 %)	349177 (23 %)	212620 (19 %)	216658 (23 %)
Total	1 042 081	1 241 618	1 316 547	1 439 531	1 529 322	1 107 448	958 260
Index	117,4	139,8	148,3	162,1	172,2	124,7	107,9

the year 1992 = 100% index