

Annual Report 2016



A woman with long brown hair is seen from the side, her hand touching a light-colored stone wall. In the background, there is a wooden fence and a large green tree under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on this scene.

Dear all,

Please accept our invitation of a small excursion to 2016, which has traditionally meant several new campaigns for Arnika, introducing already established or entirely new projects both here and abroad but above all two great milestones in the life of the organization itself:

Arnika moved from the Zizkov area of Prague. In the spring we found a new home in the Holesovice district of Prague.

In the autumn we had our 15th anniversary of the organization and planted two oak trees for the celebration.

We believe Arnika will last at least as long as the two young trees we named Benedict I and Benedict II.

Come with us and see how we succeeded in 2016 and who we can thank among other things.

Arnika celebrates 15 years

Arnika celebrated 15 years in 2016 and planted two young oaks in honour of this anniversary.

The celebration hosted by Letna in November.

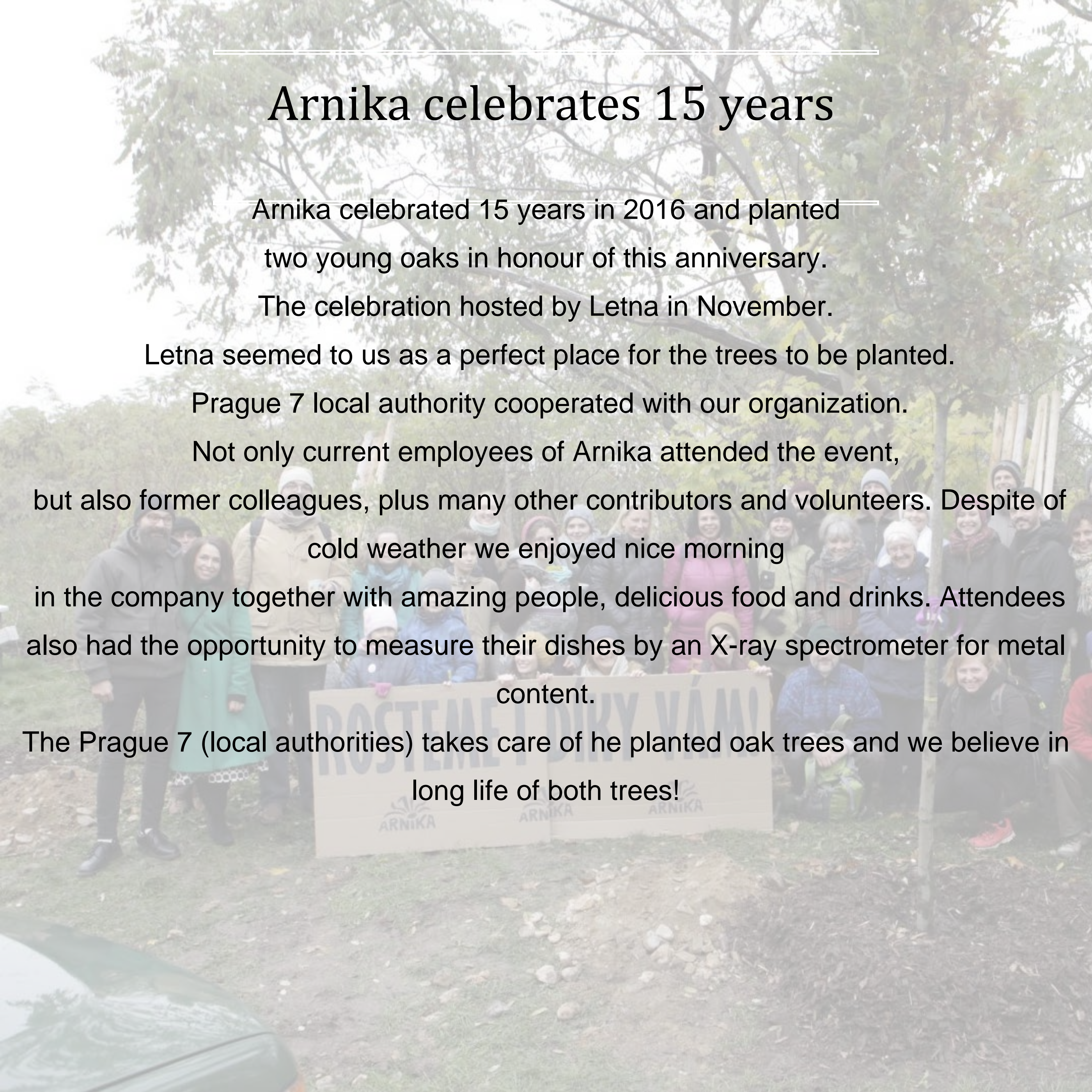
Letna seemed to us as a perfect place for the trees to be planted.

Prague 7 local authority cooperated with our organization.

Not only current employees of Arnika attended the event,

but also former colleagues, plus many other contributors and volunteers. Despite of cold weather we enjoyed nice morning in the company together with amazing people, delicious food and drinks. Attendees also had the opportunity to measure their dishes by an X-ray spectrometer for metal content.

The Prague 7 (local authorities) takes care of the planted oak trees and we believe in long life of both trees!



Let's eat poison-free.

Poison-free eating is the new Arnika campaign aimed at eliminating metals contained in crockery.

Metal are often part of colours because there is no regulation of the amount of this dangerous content.

They are used mainly in paints and it can affect person being in touch and also those who uses them often.

Also food what becomes wastage contains big amount of the metal what's released into the environment together with wasting food.

Arnika approached several designers of ceramic regarding printing and built a relationship with the company Thun 1794 has changed their production of using alternative printing methods that do not contain metals.

Thun 1794 has proven that socially responsible firms have more concern about protection our interests more than about the law demands currently applied. In addition,

Arnika continues to seek having more limits for metals used in products.

Glass Hell.

Arnika and the team from the Citizens' Advice Centre dealing with Prague City Planning announced the results of the vote on the best modern building in Prague - the National Technical Library in Dejvice in 2016. The worst building that inhabitants of Prague voted was named as "Glass Hell" originally Crystal building in Vinohrady (Vinohradská Street). The survey itself presented lots of parody tours with the agency called "The Corrupt Tour", which introduced to visitors most interesting places of Prague and revealed a shady background of local construction.

Save The Trees.

In 2016, Arnika's "Tree Division" took care of trees of Czech countryside.

We supported our citizens in an effort to prevent unnecessary cutting down of trees and responded to more than 150 queries in the eco centres.

Due to our action, we have another tree alley along a road marked with white safety lanes, this time in Swabia in The Highlands, and together with the citizens of the small town of Hostice, we set up a new avenue of Linden trees in Opava.

In co-operation with Mendel University in Brno we have started mapping new avenues in the last of the Moravian regions - the South Moravian Region.

In the traditional and popular annual

Alej roku (Tree avenue of the year) poll last year, over eight thousand people voted and the winner was the Hradec Kralove Chestnut.

The background of the slide is a photograph of a beach. In the foreground, there is a large, messy pile of trash, including plastic bottles, bags, and other debris. Several people are visible in the middle ground, some wearing winter clothing and hats, appearing to be sorting through or managing the waste. In the background, the ocean is visible under a bright sky, with several seagulls flying. The overall scene suggests a focus on environmental issues, specifically waste management and prevention.

Waste Prevention Oskar.

Arnika also appreciates local authorities trying to prevent waste generation and produce as little wastage as possible.

As part of education on the subject, Arnika works together with citizens, also with the heads of the local authority.

They try to understand specific conditions, devote themselves to waste management plans and at the same time help them and advise on how to set rules and practices for even greater efficiency.

Among the local authorities that received an Oskar award in their categories for waste prevention in 2016.

Those winners are Modrava, Stitna nad Vlari - Popov and Kdyne.

We believe that this good practice can be an example for other local authorities too.



Projects Abroad.

Although Arnika is a Czech non-profit organization, it has been operating abroad since its inception. In 2016, there were significant projects in Thailand, Kazakhstan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and also in China as well as the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

We work together with local people to support affected communities and help them to promote the right to be informed and the right to have a clean environment.



Saving the Saiga antelope and other projects in Kazakhstan.

The Saiga antelope is a critically endangered antelope. However, various officials and miners want to permit the gas extraction the Ustyurt Nature Reserve in the area of western Kazakhstan what is very important place of their living.

This location is a plateau with rocky outcrops, steppe landscape, unusual mountains, and also unique historical monuments and archaeological sites, including unique underground mosques. Ustyurt is inhabited by a number of animals threatened with extinction, including the Saiga antelope and the Goitered gazelle.

The plans of the oil companies to extract natural gas on the Chansu site are a serious obstacle to the nomination of the Ustyurt plateau to the UNESCO list which lies exactly in the antelope's winter habitat.

The effort to save the Saiga antelope is not the only activity of Arnika in Kazakhstan.

In 2016, we took samples of sediments, soil, eggs and camel samples in several industry-loaded places, which was subsequently analysed by Arnika and published in many languages.

A person wearing a white protective mask and goggles, looking out over a large field of industrial waste. The person is wearing a green t-shirt with the Arnika logo. The background is a vast expanse of discarded plastic and other debris under a blue sky with clouds.

Arnika in Thailand

In 2016, we extended our recent co-operation between Arnika and the Thai organization EARTH.

Both organizations worked together on helping to local community summarised scientific evidence regarding the status of their places of residence and informed public about growing environmental and health damage due to unregulated industrial development in Thailand.

We are focused on rural communities whose traditional livelihood suffered from increased industrial activity. They have been afraid to argue with polluters, mainly because of corruption or threats.

By using tools known in the Czech Republic and the European Union we help them to fight for the right to have more information about the environment.

For example by the initiative of public participation in decision-making. In 2016, we took over 70 samples of sediments, soils, eggs and aquatic animals to laboratories to analyse the pollution in selected industrial areas together with local EARTH colleagues.

Overview of financial management.

Costs

Personal costs	3 249 724.00 CZK
Consulting and professional services	3 984 380.65 CZK
Communication services	134 534.95 CZK
Publishing costs	325 051.55 CZK
Consumables	247 525.52 CZK
Travel and meals	1 157 828.56 CZK
Office and space rentals	229 315.04 CZK
Promotion and representation	17 545.00 CZK
Other costs	314 892.57 CZK
Exchange rate losses	133 289.72 CZK
Chemical analysis	939 983.51 CZK
Total costs:	10 734 071.07 CZK
Balance:	215 717.92 CZK

Revenus

Donations by individuals	1 016 932.00 CZK
Donations by companies	101 000.00 CZK
Public Grants	3 094 539.00 CZK
EU Grants	6 130 739.18 CZK
Grants from Czech foundations	634 184.00 CZK
Grants from foreign foundations	3 213 572.65 CZK
Grant rollover from previous periods	0.00 CZK
Proceeds from our activities	786 314.19 CZK
Bank interest and exchange rate profit	4 934.35 CZK
Grants shares to partner organizations	- 4 032 426.38 CZK
Total revenus	10 949 788.99 CZK

Overview of the organization's financial management

Arnika

Costs	1 479 435
Revenus	1 659 891
Profit	180 456

Arnika- Center for Citizens' Support

Costs	3 834 370
Revenus	3 784 276
Loss	-50 094

Arnika- Nature Conservation Programme

Costs	49 068
Revenus	219 882
Profit	170 814

Arnika- Toxics and Waste Programme

Costs	5 755 574
Revenus	5 670 116
Loss	-85 458

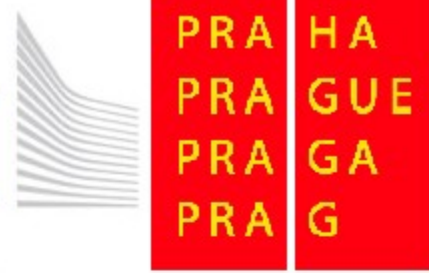
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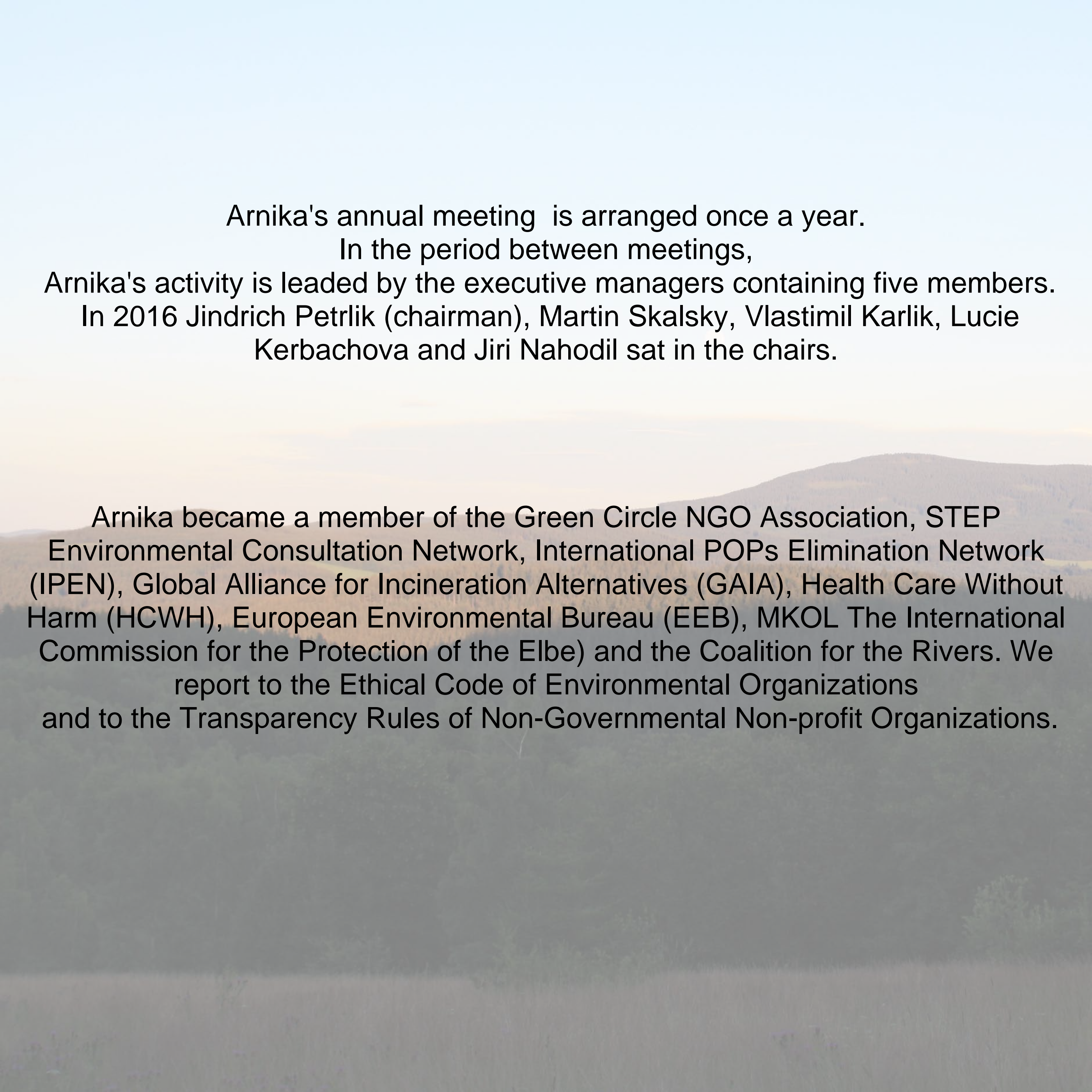
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Arnika's annual meeting is arranged once a year.
In the period between meetings,
Arnika's activity is led by the executive managers containing five members.
In 2016 Jindrich Petrlik (chairman), Martin Skalsky, Vlastimil Karlik, Lucie
Kerbachova and Jiri Nahodil sat in the chairs.

Arnika became a member of the Green Circle NGO Association, STEP Environmental Consultation Network, International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN), Global Alliance for Incineration Alternatives (GAIA), Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), European Environmental Bureau (EEB), MKOL The International Commission for the Protection of the Elbe) and the Coalition for the Rivers. We report to the Ethical Code of Environmental Organizations and to the Transparency Rules of Non-Governmental Non-profit Organizations.

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Arnika is being part of helping, protecting the environment and turning up the situation into better, not only in year 2016.

Please join us and support our work!

As one of the few organizations, we are not afraid to face and fight for senseless destruction of the nature.

Thank you.

