The production of shell buttons as a part of a clothing accessory has a long tradition in the Bohemia. In the past the production was situated into one centre – the Žirovnice city. At first it was a technical production with a big share of handmade work which changed to the factory production during the second half of the twentieth century. With other economical changes in the world, when the shell became more expensive and scarce, the production of shell buttons was reduced and replaced by the production from other resources. Producers of shell buttons in Žirovnice, which is the only one company here, try to make a button from artificial shell.