

The current Pedagogical Museum of J. A. Comenius belongs to one of the oldest museums in the Czech Republic. Its more than a hundred-year-old history has been accompanied by several turning points in its whole existence.

With the initiation of this establishment we see teachers of elementary and municipal education trying to give birth to an institution which would preserve and document the development of the Czech educational system. From 1880 teachers worked hard to realize an institution that would preserve the cultural heritage of J. A. Comenius. Together with the upcoming 300th anniversary celebration of J. A. Comenius' birth their idea was initiated by Josef Klika at the Literary Union meeting held in 1889. The collection was successfully presented at the Regional Jubilee Exhibition in 1891 in the Municipal Museum in Prague in 1892 and at the Ethnographic Exhibition in 1895. The Comenius Museum was then transferred under the collective stock of Permanent Exhibition of Education (Stála výstava školská) to stay there until a new pedagogical museum could be established in Prague. Finally, in 1916 the newly founded Pedagogical Museum of J. A. Comenius was presented at its opening ceremony. According to the request of its founders the collection (enriched by Slavin archives) was brought under the authority of PMK. After a short period of time of 1919 - 1925 during which some of the competencies of the museum had been overtaken by Pedagogical Institution of Comenius, both the Institution and the Museum were abolished. The need for restoration of the Pedagogical Museum arose again along with the international communication in a field of pedagogy. The right impulse for the restoration of the Museum was Comenius' 300th anniversary of his work publication *Opera Didactica*.