

Austrian Officer Cadets of the Theresian Military Academy

visiting the Winter Ball of Czech Republic's University of Defence in Brno



Samba-performance at UoD-Ball
Source: Eva Ludvikova & Jana Sleisova

During their leisure-time and at own expenses some 30 Officer Cadets of the Theresian Military Academy followed the invitation of BG (ret.) Prof. Ing. Rudolf Urban, CSc., Rector of the University of Defence in Brno, to visit the annual university-ball in Brno on 17th of February, 2012.

A very close cooperation between UoD and TMA has begun in 2011, when an ERASMUS-Agreement was signed. Students were and will be exchanged on a formal and an informal basis following the idea of the “**European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus**” of harmonizing European Basic Officer Education. The UoD-Ball was another informal frame to continue friendships among students as well as among officers being responsible for students' education.

Col Ing. Jaroslav Průcha, Ph.D., Vice-Rector for External Relations of UoD and Col Dr. Gell,

Head of International Office at TMA organised all the administrative work in the



Czech-Austrian friendship

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background; designated students of both institutions executed basic work on



Dancing-break
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voluntary basis among themselves. On Austrian side OCdt Gehr, OCdt Wolf and OCdt La Regina were the main actors for organising the visit, on Czech side OCdt Ludvikova, OCdt Sglundova and OCdt Sleisova.

The excellent planned university-ball took place at a hotel in a very nice environment. High-level guests underlined the importance of this social event. The Austrian Officer Cadets from all three classes spent a nice evening with their Czech friends proving their dancing and good

behaviour knowledge learned in the first year of TMA's education. Almost each hour the "dancing competition" was interrupted by great performances.

The UoD-Ball was another possibility for young military students – not only to talk about – but to **live Europeanization**; all of these voluntarily.



Austrian Officer Cadets enjoy the UoD-Ball
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