

## **Process of the Diploma (Master's) Thesis Defense at the Department of Genetics and Microbiology, Faculty of Science, Charles University**

For a smooth and efficient defense process, it is best if all students scheduled to defend their theses in the respective time block arrive 10-15 minutes before the start of the morning and afternoon defense sessions to upload and test their presentations. If students cannot or do not wish to arrive at this early time, they must come at least 5 minutes before the start of their defense to upload their presentation and ensure the smooth continuation of subsequent defenses.

The defense is chaired by the committee chair, who will first introduce the student and commence the thesis defense.

The student will then present the content of his/her thesis in a 15-minute presentation (objectives, a brief introduction to the topic, methodology, key results, and conclusions). **It is crucial to adhere to (not exceed) the time limit!!**

The supervisor and reviewer will then present their assessments of the submitted thesis. The student will respond to the reviewer's questions only after the assessments have been read, as prompted by the committee chair. If the questions allow, the student may also prepare brief visual documentation.

This is followed by a discussion with the audience. The student will respond to the questions/comments posed.

After all questions have been addressed or the time limit has been reached, the defense is concluded.

The result of the Master's thesis defense will be announced to students collectively after the morning or afternoon defense blocks have concluded.

The total time limit for each defense is 45 minutes!!