uses after the Jews were expelled from Spain. Of course, both ceased to be synagogues in the 15th century, but survived in other incarnations until being recently restored as museums of a vanished Jewery. The main church was in the Spanish tradition, but the architecture of the old city with its winding streets was a delight.

Norm was pick-pocketed twice in Madrid. The first time, the thief dropped the wallet after an unsuccessful attempt. The second time the ploy was more elaborate, involving at least two people to create a distraction while the wallet was fingered. Somehow, a complete stranger who did not stop to explain returned the wallet. Amazing! We have been too lucky for too long and Norm’s guard was down. Not so, thereafter!

There were a few good talks at the meeting, but the logistics of commuting were a burden. The convention center is on the edge of town, requiring two train changes and more than an hour’s time. Norm gave two talks. The meeting banquet was a highlight, located at a villa outside of Madrid, with wandering minstrels and a flamenco stage. This was a wonderful chance to connect with friends and colleagues in the European exploration geophysics community.

After this meeting, we were off to Prague, wandering around the city for a day, dinner with the Cerveny’s and then off to the castle at Hruba Skala. Great meeting; Norm gave two talks there, as well.

Home to Denver after Hruba Skala. We had been home for a short ten days early in May for a consortium project review meeting at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park. Other than that, we had been in Europe from March 15 to June 27.