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## Introductory word



Dear colleagues, dear students,

The first quarter of the year at the Science and Research Department is typically filled with administrative tasks of grant projects. In January the regular and final reports of GACR and other agencies project grants were submitted; in February we were busy with the evaluation process for internal grants of Palacký University IGA2014 and FRUP2014; defending of the terminating FRVS projects; second round of the Dean's Award for 2013; contract provisions of beginning and running projects, and finally in March the administration connected to final IGA2013 project reports and their defense will be on our plate. Even though I have many years of experience with various grant projects investigation, the beginning of my functional period as a Vice-dean has been rather hectic. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Dean, Prof. Frébort for having faith in me, which I really appreciate. I would also like to thank my predecessor Prof. Opatrný for a professional handover of the Science and Research Department's agenda, which has contributed to the smooth transition.

The effectiveness of the Science and Research Department will surely be improved by the establishment of a new registry of the Faculty of Science on the Holic campus. Since my stable office is also located in Holic, you will be able to find me there most of the week. My business hours at the Deanship of the Faculty of Science are all day every Tuesday.

There will be some organizational changes within the Science and Research Department. As of 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2014 the "Third Age University" and "Window to Practice" will be in competence of the Vice-dean for external cooperation Prof. Molnár. B. Krausová will be transferred from the Science and Research Department to the OP RDI project Stronghold of Knowledge, and M. Kratochvílová will fully take over the department's agenda.

I would like to stress out that since we started publishing the Newsletter of the Faculty of Science, it has become the primary source of information. I would like to invite the academic staff to read it thoroughly, since the information will not always be sent by emails or listed on the department's website.

As for future plans of the Faculty management and for the Science and Research Department in 2014, we will tackle the establishment of new rules for the Dean's Award. It has shown that the current system of awarding is rather problematic and needs substantial systematic changes. Awarding of the so-called first-last-corresponding or multi-author papers or developing a set of rigid criteria for field-specific papers with the major role of VPRO are just a few of the problematic issues.

Thank you for your encouragement and I wish you all the best.

On behalf of the Faculty management

Zdeněk Dvořák, Vice-dean for Science and Research

## Science and Research

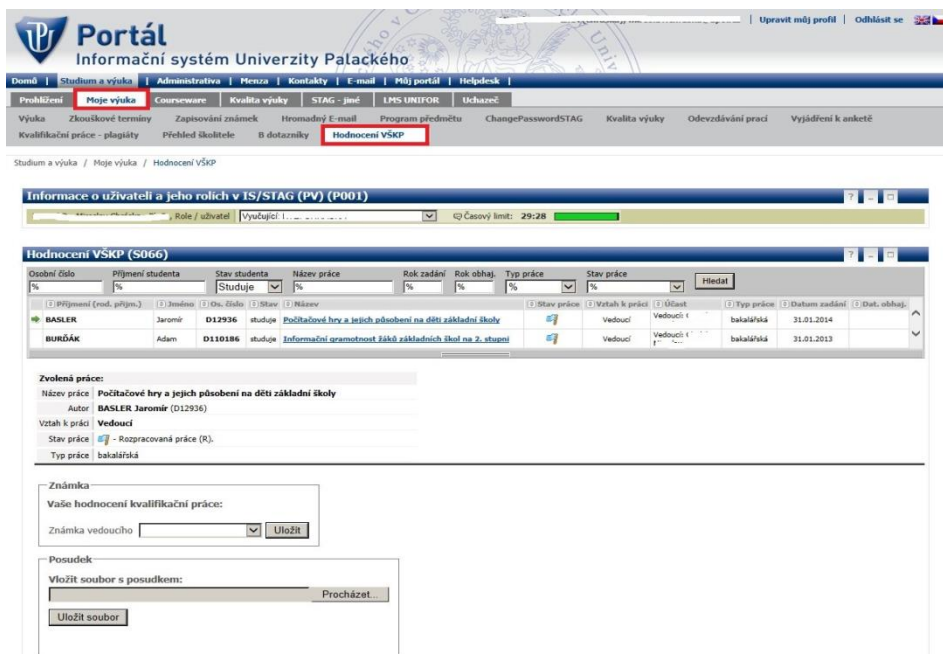
- ❑ The international cooperation House enunciates an open appeal for project grant proposals within Norwegian funds – School cooperation and scholarship program. More information available [here](#).
- ❑ **On 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2014** the Commission for **Dean's Award 2013** decided on the second round recipients of the Award. **Congratulations to all awarded**. The evaluation results can be found [here](#).
- ❑ **The Internal Grant Agency of Palacký University (IGA UP – competition 2014)** will be initiated on **1<sup>st</sup> March, 2014**.
- ❑ **On 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2014** the terminating **IGA UP – competition 2013** projects will be defended. The exact time and place will be announced to the investigators by Science and Research Dept., as well as a reminder in the next Newsletter.
- ❑ **The Grant Agency of the Czech Republic has announced a public call for International, Standard, and Junior Projects 2015**, more information available [here](#). The deadline for submitting applications at the Department of Science and Research is **4<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 10.00 a.m.**, required documents will be sent through data box of the Rector's Office. The deadline for submitting applications at GACR is **9<sup>th</sup> April, 2014**. An applicant or co-applicant whose proposal will not be recommended for funding in the first phase of GACR assessment procedure this year, will not be able to submit a project proposal in any of the calls announced by the GACR as an applicant or co-applicant within the same project category (standard, junior, international) next year.
- ❑ **The Database for Applied Research Results** was created at the Faculty of Science last year. The future of the database is currently being discussed, especially its maintenance and its virtual location. There is a future possibility of implementation of the database across the University and potentially even beyond the University within the state administration. It is undoubtedly a vital project of the applied research results maintenance, and I therefore invite all departments of the Faculty of Science to fill the database with its accomplishments using this [link](#).
- ❑ **Great UK-Czech Life Science Conference**  
The British Embassy in Prague, in co-operation with the agency CzechInvest and other partners, would like to invite you to Great UK-Czech Life Science Conference focused on the latest developments and innovations in financing of life sciences in the UK. The conference will also provide a platform for creating new professional and business partnerships. The Conference will be held on **5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in Brno, at Holiday Inn Hotel**. The official language of the conference is English. More information is available [here](#). There is no registration fee, however, the number of spaces is limited. Therefore we recommend you to register as soon as possible: **RSVP: uktiprague@gmail.com / Tel.: 00420 257 402 700**.  
All participants of the Great UK-Czech Life Sciences Conference are also cordially invited to a **reception hosted by the British Ambassador Jan Thompson**. The Reception will take place at **the observatory on Kraví hora in Brno on Tuesday, 4th March 2014 at 7pm**.

## For Students

- ❑ **Summer semester subject registration for the academic year 2013/2014**  
Last changes into the subject entry in the database STAG for summer semester 2013/2014 is possible only at the Department of Study **until 31<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**. Students must complete all subscribed courses in accordance with the Study and Examination Regulations of Palacký University. Additional registrations or any additional changes of subjects in the database STAG after 31<sup>th</sup> March 2014 will be performed by the Department of Study only based on a written request of the student, a statement of the Department which guarantees the subject, and a Vice-dean approval.
- ❑ **Notice for employees working in IS MAGION**  
**A new registry was established in the Faculty of Science campus in Holice on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014**. The registry is located on the ground floor of the building A on Šlechtitelů 11, Olomouc – Holice. **The opening hours of the registry are from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** The registry of the Faculty of Science at 17. listopadu street is therefore

opened only in the morning. The Rector's office will hold a course on incoming and outgoing mail in IS Magion within the next 2 weeks.

- There has been a **new version of STAG** uploaded to the Palacký University portal. Under the tab Moje výuka – Hodnocení VŠKP you should find a new link, which enables these supervisors, opponents and trainers to insert grades and evaluations to these, see figure:



- Scholarships**  
We kindly request all teachers to use the official payment form for exceptional as well as regular scholarships available on [the Faculty of Science website](#). All required information has to be filled in the form, e.g. the type of scholarship and SPP. The reimbursement requests should be sent to the Department of Study to Ms. Ludmila Mozgová by 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month at the latest.

## International Matters

- Scholarships in China**  
The Chinese government is offering **19 scholarship positions** for candidates from the Czech Republic for Master study programmes and Ph.D. study programmes in People's Republic of China starting from academic year 2014/2015. There is also an opportunity to go on a study or research internship in the People's Republic of China for one or two semesters. The deadline for submitting applications is **21<sup>th</sup> March 2014**. More information is available [here](#) and in the [attachment 1/2](#).
- Scholarships in Poland**  
There is still open capacity for students of Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. programmes, as well as for academic employees to apply for a **study or research scholarship or internship in Poland**. The deadline for submitting applications for scholarships in Poland based on international contracts was extended **until 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2014, 4.00 p.m.** or until reaching the full capacity of particular internships offered. Further information available [here](#).

#### ❑ Scholarships in Korea

The embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Czech Republic is offering **2 scholarship positions** for Czech students of the Master's or Ph.D. study programme at a University in Korea. Eligible candidates shall be under the age of 40, and hold a Bachelor's degree as of 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2014 at a minimum. More information and all required forms are available [here](#) (link: 2014 Korean Government Scholarship Program Guideline for Czech Students Enrolled in Graduate Programs). The deadline for submitting applications and other requirements is **18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, 4.00 p.m. at the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth.**

- ❑ Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT) is offering up to **5 Scholarships** for students of Palacký University in Olomouc to pursue Master's degree or a Ph.D. s or **10 positions for a short-term exchange program** or Chinese language program (1-2 semesters). Eligible applicants with recommendation of the Faculty of Science will automatically be admitted to the relevant programme. For further information please contact Ms. Yiyi Zhao, email address: [yiyizhaobitstudy@gmail.com](mailto:yiyizhaobitstudy@gmail.com). A brief introduction of internships is available [here](#) and in the [attachment 2/2](#).

#### ❑ Scholarships in Republic of Macedonia

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia is offering **scholarships for undergraduate students for the academic year 2014/2015 at the University of Information Science and Technology "ST. Paul the Apostle" in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia.** One full scholarship for the complete bachelor program will be awarded to a candidate from the Czech Republic. The scholarship is available to outstanding students not older than 22 years of age. The deadline for submitting applications is **1<sup>st</sup> August, 2014.** Further information is available [here](#) and in the [attachments 3/2](#) and [4/2](#).

## **F**aculty Operation

**The following changes in the structure of the Dean's Office will become effective by 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2014:**

- ❑ Petr Velecký, Ph.D. will join the Economic Department as an independent financial expert. The position of the Dean's Secretary is entrusted to Jana Zimová.
- ❑ Our employees are kindly requested to address the Legal Department of the Rector's Office through the Dean's Office with all legal matters. The Dean's Assistant will file your request, and pass it on to the Legal Department of the Rector's Office to be processed. Ms. Pavelková will no longer be working at the Faculty of Science starting 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2014.
- ❑ As of 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 there will be a new Grant Support Department created within the Dean's Office. The Head of the new Department will be Michaela Holecová. Dagmar Zlámalová, Alena Jarošová, and Eva Jungová will become new officials of the Department. This department will be responsible for preparation and supervision of the faculty's grant project implementation. The current projects are, e.g. CENBIOL, POST-UP, in the next period the Department will focus especially on the new OP for Research, Development and Education projects.
- ❑ The structure of the HR Department is being modified as well. Dagmar Petrželová will become the new Head of the HR Department. Věra Poláková and Tea Pražáková will continue to be the HR officials, and Jarmila Hilšerová together with Libuse Pěčková will continue to work as Payroll Accountants.
- ❑ Michaela Kratochvílová will work as an independent official of the Department of Science and Research.
- ❑ The Department of Technical Support was newly created as a part of the Building Administration Department. Michal Karták will become the Head of the Department. Milan Sigmund and Vladimíra Gužiaková will be the department officials. This Department will provide professional support to all Faculty sections regarding operational and project issues related to the new and existing investment constructional works, and technical systems (HVAC, refrigeration). They will also be in charge of solving complaints, the Faculty buildings maintenance and landscaping of outdoor areas and other related issues.

## Miscellaneous

### ❑ The Faculty of Science Ball

We are pleased to invite you once again to the **Ball of the Faculty of Science**. This traditional social event will be held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Clarion Congress Hotel, Olomouc**. Tickets are available at the office number 6.012, 6 floor of the Faculty of Science, 17. Listopadu 12, Olomouc; tel: 585634011; e-mail: [plesprf@upol.cz](mailto:plesprf@upol.cz)

❑ Our faculty has taken another step to support our students who fulfill their parenting role on top of their student duties. There are changing tables for babies on the premises of the main buildings of the faculty, and we are also planning to arrange a **playing area for moms or dads with children**. We would therefore like to ask you to help us select an appropriate place for the children's playing area. If you have any suggestions, please send them to the following email address: [dagmar.zlamalova@upol.cz](mailto:dagmar.zlamalova@upol.cz)

### ❑ Photo Exhibition CLOSE

The Department of Geoinformatics and Botanical Garden of the Faculty of Science, Palacký University in Olomouc in collaboration with Flora Olomouc Exhibition Grounds are organizing an **exhibition of plant photographs taken by Hana Martinková**. The **exhibition opening ceremony will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at 3.00 pm** with musical performance by Lubomir Holzer in the common area of the Faculty of Science on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. The exhibition will be on display **until 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2014**.

### ❑ The Green University

❑ Students and all university employees are cordially invited to participate in a project of the Philosophical Faculty called The Green University. The main focus of the project is an increase in safety of the traffic situation, quality of life, and an ecological sustainability in the university surroundings for our students, employees, as well as other citizens of Olomouc who are affected by our University. You can participate in the project by filling out an electronic questionnaire which can be found [here](#). For further information please use the following email address: [matus.sucha@upol.cz](mailto:matus.sucha@upol.cz)

❑ **United Nations Information Centre Prague** is offering an **internship position for university students or graduates of IT fields** experienced in web design and web maintenance. The internship will take three months from April – June 2014. Further information available [here](#). Candidates should send their CV and a motivational letter to the following email address: [info@osn.cz](mailto:info@osn.cz)

### ❑ Student Science Conference of Faculty of Science, University of Ostrava

The Faculty of Science, University of Ostrava invites all **students of Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. study programmes** to participate at the Student Science Conference, which will be held on **6<sup>th</sup> May, 2014** on the University campus. The main focus of the conference is to establish closer cooperation and also to allow students to present their research results and compare them with the results of their peers. Further information available [here](#). Registration deadline is **30<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**.

### ❑ University student Olympics in Mathematics and Chemistry in Tehran, Iran

❑ The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Mathematics and the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Chemistry Olympics for university students will take place on **17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2014** in Teheran. **Any third or fourth-year student majoring in mathematics or chemistry including students from abroad** are welcome to participate in the competition. Students from abroad can create national teams consisting of a maximum of five students and one or two academics. Only one team from each country is allowed to participate in the Olympics. The Iranian party will cover the costs of an accommodation and local transport. Participants shall travel to and from Iran at their own expenses. The tasks will be given in English. Further information available [here](#) or at the following contact email address: [Olympiad@Sanjesh.org](mailto:Olympiad@Sanjesh.org)

❑ The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic is announcing an update of information about the **3 scholarship positions for summer language courses of Spanish language and Mexican culture**. The courses will be held from **3<sup>rd</sup> July to 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 in Mexico**. The deadline for applications is **16<sup>th</sup> April 2014, 5:00 pm at the Embassy of Mexico in Prague**. More information available [here](#).

☐ **Examples of a good practice**

Department of Ecology and Environmental Studies of the Faculty of Science, Palacký University in cooperation with other organizers have prepared a week-long internship for students of our partner High School of Technology and Agriculture in Nový Jičín, more information here. **We challenge you to share more examples of a good practice!**

☐ Marek Lewinson bookshop is now offering books from Cambridge University Press with **up to a 60% discount** from **1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2014**. You can find their list [here](#). We will be glad to arrange purchase of books for you, please contact Mr. Mazal, e-mail [jiri.mazal@upol.cz](mailto:jiri.mazal@upol.cz)

☐ The next Newsletter will be released on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

☐ **As of 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 the following provisions of PU will come into effect:**

B1-14/10-HN – The Operation Instructions of The British centre in the UP Library  
link: [http://www.upol.cz/fileadmin/user\\_upload/dokument/2014/HNB1-14-10.pdf](http://www.upol.cz/fileadmin/user_upload/dokument/2014/HNB1-14-10.pdf)

B1-14/9-HN – Novel no.1 to the main provision of PU no. B1-12/4-HN PU Library order  
link: [http://www.upol.cz/fileadmin/user\\_upload/dokumenty/2014/HNB1-14-9.pdf](http://www.upol.cz/fileadmin/user_upload/dokumenty/2014/HNB1-14-9.pdf)

B3-14/2-PR – The Annual Report of the PU for 2013  
link: [http://www.upol.cz/fileadmin/user\\_upload/dokumenty/2014/PRB3-14-2.pdf](http://www.upol.cz/fileadmin/user_upload/dokumenty/2014/PRB3-14-2.pdf)

B3-14/2-RR – Novel no.1 to the Rector's decision no. B3-12/2-RR Announcement of a PU regulation for setting a fine for extending the standard time for completing studies relevant to academic year 2012/2013  
link: [http://www.upol.cz/fileadmin/user\\_upload/dokumenty/2014/RRB3-14-2.pdf](http://www.upol.cz/fileadmin/user_upload/dokumenty/2014/RRB3-14-2.pdf)

B3-14/3-RR – Novel no.2 to the Rector's decision no. B3-13/1-RR Announcement of a PU regulation for setting a fine for extending the standard time for completing studies relevant to academic year 2013/2014  
Link:[http://www.upol.cz/fileadmin/user\\_upload/dokumenty/2014/RRB3-14-3.pdf](http://www.upol.cz/fileadmin/user_upload/dokumenty/2014/RRB3-14-3.pdf)

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