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Introductory word



Dear colleagues, dear students,

it seems to be perfectly clear what is on the agenda of my colleagues the Vice-dean for Science and Research as well as the Vice-dean for Studies, Social and Educational Matters. At first it seemed to be clear also in my position – Vice-dean for External Cooperation, however, the reality has proved me wrong. The agenda of my resort covers pretty much all the remaining issues that my colleagues are not in charge of, i.e. the changing table for babies; looking for a place for breastfeeding and a playground for children; the Faculty's kindergarten as well as the Children's University; cooperation with elementary and high schools; cooperation with employers; taking care of students, alumni, employees and their children, as well as seniors in the Third Age University; promotional activities of study programmes at the Faculty of Science as well as at Universities abroad; organizing study abroad for our students and employees through projects like Erasmus, Socrates, Comenius or CEEPUS. The Vice-dean for External Cooperation falls under the resorts of the Vice-rector for External Relations, the Vice-rector for International Cooperation, the Vice-rector for organization and development as well as the Vice-rector for Studies.

Thanks to the teachers and students of our faculty who work as coordinators of cooperation with high schools, there have been several successful grant applications turned in and mutual projects taking place. An essential part of the cooperation are the internships of our students who major in study programmes combined with teaching; the recruitment of scientifically talented pupils of elementary and high schools; or the joint leadership of projects such as "Badatel" ("The Explorer") or "Věda je zábava" ("Science is fun"). Various Natural Scientific Olympics and other high school competitions of The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports are well represented at the Faculty of Science. We devote a lot of time and energy to promotion and popularization of the study of Nature Sciences among high school students of course with the aim of bringing the best students to study at our faculty. We have been taking part at student fairs such as Gaudeamus, or organizing our own Open House, Science and Research Fair, or Physics Kaleidoscope as well as promoting the faculty through social media.

We have been creating more opportunities for students to study abroad and vice a versa. We have been trying to secure internship positions for our students as well as their permanent employment options through *Window into Praxis*, *Nourishing our Alma mater*. We do not want to neglect our employees, and organize events such as POSPOS or the recent celebration of the International day of Women in Metropol movie theatre. Taking care of our alumni is also one of our top priorities; the number of alumni in our database is envied by other faculties of renowned universities. The Golden and Silver Graduations have become very popular, and similar events have started taking place at other faculties. We take good care of senior citizens by organizing University of Third Age and we support the families of our former colleagues who have passed away.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank my predecessor prof. Miloslav Dušek for all his efforts and achievements in the previous term. Even though there is no separate department of the deanship assigned to the External cooperation and relations, I would like to thank other employees of the deanship and building maintenance who participated at the above mentioned events or even initiated them. And last but not least I would like to thank all students and employees of the faculty who have in any matter contributed to the successful organization of the above mentioned events.

There is of course always room for improvement, for example in attracting better students from high schools, making the cooperation with high schools more intense, approaching other schools in the Czech Republic and Slovakia; support, motivate and financially award pupils, students, and especially teachers involved in high school scientific competitions; attracting more international students as well as supporting our students' internships abroad.

We have been searching for ways for the profession of teaching to regain its prestige, ways to cooperate with alumni more closely, ways to renew the student organization POSPOL, and ways to keep the feeling of belonging to our Alma mater and fellowship with each other. It is up to us, and we know nobody else will do it for us.

Josef Molnár
Vice-dean for External Cooperation

Science and Research

- ❑ The deadline for submission of proposals to the public call announced by the **Grant Agency of the Czech Republic GA CR** is coming up. Please send your applications to the Department of Science and Research **till 4th April 2014, 10:00**. We kindly ask you to send the documents in PDF file via e-mail to: michaela.kratochvilova@upol.cz. Do not rename the file, overhead expenses are 20% and FKSP is 1%. The required documents will be sent via RUP data box. The deadline for submission of the documents to the GA CR is 9th April 2014.
- ❑ The defences of a total of 32 IGA UP projects solved at Palacký University were successfully held on 20th and 21st March 2014. We would like to thank researchers and members of the evaluation committee for their work.
- ❑ The CESNET Association has announced a **national competition for students and graduates of doctoral programs younger than 35 years** of age on 17th March 2014. All further information is available [here](#). The object of the competition is to elaborate a case study of an innovative use of the national infrastructure CESNET services in science, research and education (or a proposal of new services). The main prize for the best proposal amounts to CZK 100 000.
- ❑ **The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports is announcing a call for proposals for joint Czech-Austrian research projects for 2015–2016** within the international cooperation in science and research to support the research staff mobility. Detailed information can be found [here](#).
- ❑ **Cooperation projects and scholarships for university teachers from the program Aktion Czech Republic – Austria**
The deadline for submitting cooperation project proposals within the program Aktion Czech Republic – Austria, cooperation in science and education, is 15th April 2014. It is possible to start projects from the 1st July 2014. All further information including the current version of the proposal form is available [here](#). The same deadline applies to submitting application of university teachers for a one-month scholarship. More information can be found [here](#).
- ❑ **Nomination for the Sanofi Award**
The Sanofi Award in Pharmaceutics formerly called Research Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences, is an acknowledgement of the doctoral research theses of Czech students and young Czech physicians in the field of pharmacy granted jointly by the French Embassy in the Czech Republic and Sanofi. **You are kindly requested to send your nominations for the award to the Vice-dean for Science and Research prof. Zdeněk Dvořák to: moulin@email.cz till 10th April 2014.** Further information is available [here](#).
- ❑ **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Scholarships**
Sapienza University of Rome invites eligible researchers of any nationality to apply for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Scholarships (IS) promoting the mobility of researchers. The grant provides a salary (minimum 12 months, maximum 24 months) and a mobility allowance, as well as covering the research expenses and overhead costs for the host institution. Further information about the IS call is available [here](#).
- ❑ **Student Scientific Conference of the Faculty of Science**
Management of the Faculty of Science would like to support **the Student Scientific Conference** as in previous years. The conference will take place under the auspices of the Dean of the Faculty of Science **in May 2014**. The main target of the competition is to encourage creative activity of our students. **The best theses in each section will be awarded financially.** We would like to encourage our students in advance to consider their participation in the Bachelor's,

Master's and Doctoral sections of the competition and to begin their thesis preparation. At the same time we would like to invite individual scientific-pedagogical councils of the faculty fields of study (VPRO) to assemble a professional jury for the competition composed of a VPRO chairman and other relevant guarantors of the individual fields.

For Students

- ❑ Please note that any changes to the subject registration can be made **only by submitting an application at the Department of Study until 31st March 2014.**
- ❑ We kindly remind students of the final year of the Bachelor's and Master's study programmes to pay attention to registering the final state examination subjects.

International Matters

- ❑ **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is announcing the selection process for the Diplomatic Academy of the MFA for the academic year 2014/2015.** The call is open to **talented students** who are interested in working in foreign services. Detailed information can be found on the website of [the Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#). Any additional questions will be answered via email da@mzv.cz.
- ❑ **Scholarships in Turkey**
The Turkish government is offering various types of scholarships for full Masters or PhD study programmes in Turkey. Most study programmes at Turkish universities are in Turkish, but there are also programs in other languages (English, French or German). If necessary, students will be first enrolled in the one-year language course of Turkish language. Free accommodation, travel expenses and health insurance will be provided to accepted students. More information can be found [here](#). Eligible candidates should hold a Bachelor's degree (for Master's study programmes) or a Master's degree (for Doctoral study programmes). They shall have a good knowledge of the relevant language supported by an internationally recognized exam. Taking the Learning Potential Test such as the GRE or GMAT is often required too. **The deadline for submitting applications for the academic year 2014/2015 is 31st March 2014.**
- ❑ **The French Embassy in the Czech Republic is offering students the opportunity to receive a scholarship of the French Government for doctoral studies** under the dual leadership in all fields of science, particularly in the following areas: **Natural Sciences and Earth Science, Exact Sciences and Engineering**, economic and legal science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Medicine. More information can be found [here](#).
- ❑ **Study opportunities and scholarships at the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy**
The Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy is offering various types of partial and full scholarships for the Bachelor's and Master's study programmes for foreign students in the fields of International Relations and Public Policy, Computer Science, etc. **The deadline for submitting applications** (for academic year 2014/2015) **for Bachelor's study programmes and EMBA program is 1st April 2014**, for **Master's degree programmes** (except EMBA program) is **15th April 2014**. The detailed information can be found [here](#).
- ❑ President of the student organization GPFS-CZ, "**Organization for Student and Cultural Exchange in Central and Eastern Europe**" with a focus on **Belarus, Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic is offering scholarships for winter semester 2014/15 at German universities for students of all disciplines (Bachelor's and Master's study programmes)**. The scholarship amounts to € 580 per month and it is granted for five months. More information can be found [here](#). Any questions will be answered via email jan.zahradka@gfps.cz
- ❑ **Cooperative Studies** nonprofit organization helping to arrange an employment of the U.S. academics abroad, mainly in Europe has started to cooperate with Palacký University. Its role is to mediate contact between the candidate and the institution interested in an employing of a teacher. All other requirements of employment are fully under the control and responsibility of the institution required. CS services are free for the institution. More information available [here](#).

Faculty Operation

- ❑ **The Proposal to amend the work and wage classification**
The Proposal to amend the work and wage classification has been added recently to the list of forms which can be found on [the website of the Faculty of Science](#). We kindly request the heads of departments and the main project managers to use this form when changing work and wage classification of their employees. No other application forms will be accepted. Requests for changes of employment contracts and wage assessments must be submitted to the HR Department of the Faculty of Science at least 3 working days before the proposed changes should come into effect. Applications submitted after the deadline will be accepted only in exceptional cases.
- ❑ **The income from the scripts sales of the Faculty of Science in February 2014**, see [the attachment 1/4](#), compiled by Petr Velecký, Ph.D.

Academic Senate

- ❑ The Academic Senate of the Faculty of Science approved the Methodology on Division of Finances at the Faculty of Science and the Faculty budget for the year 2014 at its meeting on 25th March 2014.
- ❑ The elections to the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Science of Palacký University and to the Academic Senate of Palacký University
The list of candidates to the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Science of Palacký University and to the Academic Senate of Palacký University has been published at the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Science website. The elections will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 9th and 10th April 2014. Further information candidates presentations including is available here.

Miscellaneous

- ❑ We would like to ask you to help us with the preparation and realization of the **Science and Research Fair**, the event that follows the long tradition of popularizing science and research at the Faculty of Science. We managed to extend the activities to the whole University last year thanks of the PopUP project. This year it will be similar. The Fair will take place on **Friday 20th and on Saturday 21st June 2014**. Your initiative, creative ideas, and help will be greatly appreciated and you can contribute to the success of the event. For more information call Eva Jungová on 585634011, any information will be answered via email: eva.jungova@upol.cz.
- ❑ **A Neck for Business Competition**
The Science and Technology Park of Palacký University is offering a **unique opportunity to realize your business ideas** in this competition. It is open to all who have an interesting business idea and who are able to draw up a business plan. The winner will receive 50,000 crowns to start her/his business. Science and Technology Park will also provide an office space, facilities for business and consulting services to the most successful candidates. Ten finalists will share prizes worth 609,000 crowns. **The deadline for submitting applications is 17th April 2014.**
- ❑ The date of the next release of Newsletter of Faculty of Science is 11th April 2014
- ❑ **As of 14th March 2014 the following provisions of PU has come into effect:**

[B3-14/8-RR](#) – Accommodation scholarships at UP for the period January–June 2014

[B3-14/9-RR](#) – The deadline for submission of proposals for the František Palacký Award



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