

Newsletter

of the Faculty of Science PU

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Introductory word

Dear colleagues, dear students,

„Christmas is all around us“ is sung in a famous song from a popular British film. And Christmas is here with all the crazy hustle and bustle represented by annual monitoring reports, grant and financial deadlines, evaluations, and early exam dates, all inseparably linked to the end of the year in faculty environment. I hope that at the time you are reading these lines, all the troubles are forgotten for a moment, and you are fully enjoying the festive atmosphere with your families, relatives and friends.

Even in a festive time of Advent the faculty management keeps thinking about activities and changes that await us in the new year. One change ahead of us is connected to PR of the Faculty of Science. We all know that our scientists achieve excellent results in the field of science and research. It is necessary to present our success more emphatically now within our university and also outside of the institution to maintain awareness in the general public, to address and attract potential applicants and partners from the commercial area. Therefore Martina Šaradínová whom you might have worked with already on promoting and popularizing science and research will change her working position in Rectorate and will start to work at our faculty from 1st January 2015. Our aim is to further improve PR of the faculty and I believe that you will be of a great assistance to our new colleague and will provide her with interesting information about your work.

I wish all of you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I am looking forward to seeing you on the performance „Najdeme se na Ztracené“ in the Moravian Theatre in Olomouc on 3rd January 2015.

On behalf of the faculty management
Ivo Frébort

For Students

□ Evaluation of teaching

A new test version of teaching evaluation program will run from January 2015. Students can evaluate teaching in subjects registered for the semester after logging into the system for evaluation "evUPOL". The system is available on the webpage of PU. You can also download it for free from "Google Store" using an application for smartphones and tablets with Android operation system. Questions offered in the current version of evaluation can be extended. Any contributions and suggestions are welcome; please address them to Vice-dean for Study, Social and Educational Matters, Roman Kubínek.

□ We would like to inform you that **Department of Study will be closed from 22nd December 2014 to 2nd January 2015.**

Faculty Operation

□ **The registry at the Faculty of Science Envelopa and in Holiche premises will be closed due to the weekend mode operation in faculty buildings from 29th December 2014 to 2nd January 2015.**

- ❑ **A new Bibliobox has been installed** near the entrance to the building of the Faculty of Science Envelopa. You can use it to return books borrowed in the university library outside opening hours of the library. Returned books are deducted from the reader's account the next working day. Books from bibliobox are collected each working day in the morning.

Miscellaneous

- ❑ **“Cherish our Alma Mater”**
The Dean of the Faculty of Science has announced a call for proposals „Cherish our Alma Mater“ to support projects focused on popularization of scientific fields of our faculty, increase of public awareness of our faculty, improvement of the faculty environment, creation of a new educational tool, arranging a photographic exhibition, particular cooperation with high-school students etc. Projects shall be submitted by students of the full-time Bachelor, Master or Doctoral study programs at the Faculty of Science to Mrs. Dagmar Petrželová, The Dean's Department, office no. 6.011, e-mail: dagmar.petrzelova@upol.cz. Further information including the application form is available [here](#).
- ❑ **We would like to extend our warmest thanks to all of you for contributions to the Fund for Children Christmas collection to help children from Klokánek residences in Olomouc and Dlouhá Loučka.** Photographs of all collected presents which will brighten up Christmas Eve in residences are posted on noticeboard near the staircase on the first floor of our faculty.
- ❑ **An extraordinary success of students and graduates of Protection and Creation of the Environment field of study at our faculty**
Two research teams of students and graduates of Protection and Creation of the Environment study field were very successful in the second annual **Quarry Life Award 2014 competition announced to support biodiversity in mining areas. The project "Research of the Biodiversity of Tovačovský lakes" submitted by the research team of Jan Ševčík has won the second place and the amount of 3.000 euro in the national round of the competition.** The jury appreciated the amount of biological data collected, thoroughness and systematic surveys as well as feasibility of the proposed measures. The project was so successful to get among nearly one hundred projects from 22 countries that advanced to the international round of the competition. The project elaborated by the winning team consisted of Jan Ševčík, Vladislav Holec, Filip Trnka, Ondřej Machač and prof. Bohumil Trávníček is available [here](#).
The second winning research team of **Gabriela Skoupá and Roman Kalous has won the Award of the General Director of the HeidelbergCement Czech Republic and the amount of 20.000 CZK for their project "Proposal for rehabilitation of Tasovice sand pit"**. The project is available [here](#). Congratulations on success!
- ❑ **The next Newsletter will be released on 16th January 2014**
- ❑ **As of 10th December 2014 the following provision of PU came into effect:**
[B3-14/17-RR](#) – Scholarship in cases of special significance at PU in the academic year 2014/2015
[B3-14/9-MPK](#) – Implementation of the annual accounts for the year 2014 PU
[B3-14/18-RR](#) – Rector's day off on 31st December 2014
[B3-14/19-RR](#) – Rector's day off on 2nd January 2015



*We would like to thank all our readers on behalf of Newsletter editors for their patronage.
We would also like to thank our colleagues for their valuable suggestions and contributions.
We wish all our employees and students Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

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