

Newsletter

of the Faculty of Science PU

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Introductory word

Dear readers,

There are currently about a hundred researchers, academic workers, and Ph.D. students from abroad working at the Faculty. The international feel has been noticeable especially in both regional research centers in Holicice or at the Department of Optics, where cooperation with foreign partners as well as creating suitable conditions for hosting the “cream of the crop” of scientific world is an absolute normality. According to the University’s Annual Report, there were 170 academic workers with foreign citizenship in 2013 working at UP. Our faculty was responsible for as much as one third of them. This could lead to an assumption that we have contributed enough to the internationalization process desired by the University Management. If only the situation was that simple.

One of the very important components of international cooperation is student mobility. Thanks to Erasmus and other programs about 80 students of the Faculty are headed abroad this year. Coming from abroad to stay and study at our Faculty are only 16 students. To try to balance this rather unfavorable ratio will be one of the most important tasks of the new Vice-dean for International Matters – Zdeněk Hradil, who has been appointed a month ago. He started preparing a list of courses available in English language. It is each department’s responsibility what they have to offer to international students. These courses may be a first step leading to accrediting complete study programs in English, which are currently very limited on the bachelor’s and master’s level, and there are only 4 paying international students. Both steps should foster the Faculty’s reputation in the world.

We not only need to lure students and researchers from abroad to Olomouc, however also provide suitable conditions for them to enjoy their stay and perhaps want to stay here for longer periods of time. “We have to further develop international atmosphere, so that foreigners do not feel left out. It means communicating both in Czech and English, and make information easily reachable” the Vice-dean announced. The next important step will be improving the English version of the Faculty website.

Martina Šaradinová

For Students

- The faculty has announced a **call for ERASMUS program students’ mobilities for the academic year 2015/16**. All students interested shall submit their **typed and printed preliminary applications** to Mrs. Dana Gronychova at the Study Department till **9th February**. Please note that handwritten applications will not be accepted. Mobility coordinators in cooperation with responsible departments will select successful candidates till **18th February**.

International Matters

- **Institute of Physiology AS CR offers free training courses for students of medicine and natural science**. Academy of Science has prepared interesting courses focused on **Function and Structure of Cell Membranes**

or **Basics of Receptor Neurophysiology** as a part of Biomedical Research Center program. Both courses will be held from 13th to 17th April in Prague, they are prepared for **Czech speaking students**. The courses, travel expenses, accommodation and meals are fully covered. For more information, feel free to contact Ivana Sýkorová, e-mail: Ivana.Sykorova@fgu.cas.cz, cell: +420 776007130. Electronic applications are accepted till 12th February.

☐ **Want to study in Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein?**

The project call for **EEA Grants and Norway Grants 2015 –Cooperation between schools** and a list of scholarships has been announced on 26th January. Applications may be submitted by 26th March. **Mobility projects** (applications may be submitted by schools, students and staff at schools individually) and **Institutional cooperation projects** (request may be submitted by schools only) will be supported within this program. Detailed information about the call can be found [here](#).

☐ **Norway Grunts and AMVIA information seminar**

We again cordially invite our employees and students to a seminar focused on possibilities of project cooperation support and mobilities within:

- **Cooperation among schools and staff internships program (EEA Grunts and Norway Grunts)** – more information about the program is available [here](#).
- **U.S. – Czech S&T Cooperation (AMVIA)** – detailed information is available [here](#).

The seminar will be held on 19th February 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the **Dean's Office boardroom** on the 6th floor of our faculty. If interested, please confirm your participation as soon as possible to Alena Jarošová due to limited capacity, e-mail: alena.jarosova@upol.cz.

☐ **Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation is looking for internship students and eco-volunteers for Dolphin Research in Croatia**

Scientific research focused on biology and ecology of bottlenose dolphins and other cetaceans in the Adriatic Sea takes place at two Croatian locations. Detailed information on the involvement of eco-volunteers in the north of Dalmatia research can be found in [Attachment no.1](#). The second research team operates in location of Veli Lošinj Island. Further information is available in [Attachment no.2](#). Students of biology and ecology may undertake scientific internship focusing on research, education, public awareness and conservation of cetaceans and other organisms in Adriatic Sea. Information about internship possibilities are listed in [Attachment no.3](#).



Faculty Operation

☐ **An alert about entering the premises of the faculty using electronic cards and permission to enter and park your vehicle**

Anonymous electronic cards which used to secure entrance to the faculty building at Envelopa and in Holicе and were given out to external co-workers or tenants who have terminated their cooperation with the faculty will be deactivated as of January 31st. If you wish to re-activate this card, send a written request to petr.krnac@upol.cz (for all buildings in Holicе) or to filip.zlamal@upol.cz (for Envelopa, VLD, SLO).

Please include the following information:

- 1) Card number
- 2) First and last name of the person to whom the card was issued
- 3) Name of the department/employer
- 4) Which areas you wish to have access to (door number/room number/building)
- 5) Validity of the card (expiration date)

☐ We also wish to inform about the change in door security passwords in Envelopa. Secretaries of each department will be asked to provide the current password and to define a new one during February. The change in coding will happen in the afternoon, however the specific date will be announced ahead of time. Entrance to the departments may be activated also on students' cards as well as part-time workers. Access may be limited to certain time periods of the day, or certain days of the week. CVT is in charge of issuing and activating electronic cards upon approval by the Head of the department.

- ❑ Vehicle pass to the underground garage of the faculty (Envelopa) and parking permits (Envelopa, Holice premises) shall be authorized upon request in writing submitted to the respective person (petr.krnac@upol.cz – Holice, filip.zlamal@upol.cz – Envelopa).

Please include the following information:

- 1) Name of the authorized person
- 2) Name of relevant department
- 3) License plate number
- 4) Office phone number
- 5) Mobile phone number

- ❑ **Information for users of the auditorium**

We kindly request all teachers to check if the projector in the auditorium is switched off properly at the end of their lesson. Please make sure to be the last one to leave the auditorium and turn off the lights. The door in auditorium will lock automatically after leaving the place and the auditorium will be accessible only using staff card or keys that are available at the reception. Any malfunction or failure of the technique during lessons shall be instantly reported at the reception or Help Desk.

- ❑ **Mark to your calendars**

Gaudeamus Fairs 2015 will take place on the following dates:

27th - 28th January – Gaudeamus Praha

6th - 8th October – Akadémia & Vapac Bratislava

14th - 15th October – Gaudeamus Nitra

3th - 6th November – Gaudeamus Brno

Scheduled Open house of the faculty will be held on **20th November 2015 and 16th January 2016**.

- ❑ The faculty has agreed on **terms of cooperation with RS Components** in 2015. You can use a **flat discount of six percent on all purchases**. Higher discount may be individually arranged for larger orders. Mrs. Zofia Cholewińska (Zofia.Cholewinska@rs-components.com) is in charge of price quote processing. In business and technical matters please contact Alexander Plch (Alexander.Plch@rs-components.com).

The purchases of goods and services are subjected to the Public Procurement Act and the Rector's Amendment B3-13/12-SR. In case of any doubts or queries, please contact Miroslav Ježek from the Department of Optics or Secretary of the faculty.

Miscellaneous

- ❑ **The Faculty of Science Ball**

We are pleased to invite you to **the Ball of the Faculty of Science**. This traditional social event will be held on **Saturday 7th March at 7:00 p.m. in Clarion Congress Hotel, Olomouc**. Tickets are available at the faculty, 17. Listopadu 12, Olomouc, the office number 6.012; tel: 585634011; e-mail: plesprf@upol.cz.

- ❑ The University will have a trial access to the IET.TV database, the world's largest collection of videos from [the Science and Technology Institute of Engineering and Technology](#) in February. To learn how to use this source of information you may attend webinar, which will take place on **5th February from 11 to 12 a.m.** A registration form is available [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact the library manager Jiří Mazal, e-mail: jiri.mazal@upol.cz.

- ❑ **Modern social board games at our faculty**

Faculty Board Games Club meets **every Thursday in classroom no. 1.128 at 4 a.m.** on the ground floor of Envelopa faculty building. Seasonal players as well as newcomers are welcome, game rules are explained on site. For current information please visit the club's [Facebook](#).

- ❑ **The next Newsletter** will be released on **13th February 2015**

- ❑ **As of 23rd January 2015 the following provision of PU came into effect:**

[B3-15/1-PR](#) - Academic year 2015/2016 schedule and schedule of registration for courses in STAG Information System in the academic year 2015/2016

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