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ntroductory word

Having breakfast or snack in the morning or eating lunch at 2 or 3 p.m.? It used to be just idyllic dreams of those who work or study in Holic. However, now all of these things have been made possible by the cafeteria (Menza) because of its new opening hours from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except for Friday when it closes at 2:30 p.m. There have been other changes brought about by the cafeteria management. You may now create your own meal choosing the main and side dishes to your liking, you may see the daily menu displayed on new flat screens both in Czech and English, there is a wider offer of cold buffet, and a new salad bar.

“We have been trying to encourage improvement of services in the cafeteria. That is why we have been discussing changes with the cafeteria management. The changes should bring about a larger variety of food so that it may cater to a wide spectrum of people working on campus. People have to get used to the changes, and it will depend mostly on their feedback and willingness to communicate with the cafeteria and faculty management about their requirements,” Jana Zimová stated (Dean’s Secretary).

Customers of the cafeteria have so far been adjusting to changes very slowly. Few people take advantage of the extended opening hours to buy breakfast or to have a late lunch. The cafeteria is capable of serving up to 700 meals a day. However, it is currently serving less than 300. “We plan on keeping the extended opening hours until May 15. Then we will evaluate the impact of the implemented changes and decide how to proceed in the following semester. Most people who come for lunch are gone by 12:30 p.m. But even if you come later there is still plenty to choose from, we guarantee availability of pre-ordered lunches until 2:30 and the composed meals are available until closing,” Leoš Jurásek (Head of the university Dormitories and Cafeteria) explained.

Any comments or ideas for improvement will be welcomed. You may send them via email at menza@upol.cz. The faculty management also intends to extend the outside seating area behind the cafeteria. This investment is planned for next year.

Martina Šaradinová

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cience and Research

- ❑ **The second announcement of public call - Technology Agency of the Czech Republic TA CR**
The GAMA program public call has been announced on **26th February**. Detailed information on the conditions of the call is published on [the website of TA CR](#). The program is focused on supporting the verification of the results of applied research and experimental development in terms of their practical application and preparation of their subsequent commercial use.
- ❑ **Grant Agency of the Czech Republic public call 2016**
Grant Agency of the Czech Republic has announced a public call in standard, junior and international project categories. Detailed information can be found [here](#). Proposals should be sent to michaela.kratochvilova@upol.cz by **25th March**.

- ❑ The Rectorate Department of Science and Research requires all research projects which need to be signed by the Rector/Vice-Rector to be submitted via the respective Departments of Science and Research only. Mrs. Michaela Kratochvílová provides the service at our faculty; e-mail: michaela.kratochvilova@upol.cz, tel: 585634022.
- ❑ **Neuron Impuls – Neuron supports young scientists**
Researchers up to 40 years of age can submit their research projects to the Neuron Impuls competition and obtain support up to 1 million CZK for the project implementation. More information about the competition can be found [here](#).
- ❑ Project Service Palacký University (PSUP) has prepared a complete overview of information on grants and subsidies. The project service also offers assistance with the preparation of project applications. Detailed information can be found on the website of PSUP but only in Czech. For the information in English please contact the director of PSUP Mrs. Gabriela Pokorná; e-mail: gabriela.pokorna@upol.cz, tel: 585631403.

For Students

- ❑ Students may **adjust their timetable at the Department of Study till 20th March**. Modifying the timetable after this deadline is possible only upon request, confirmed by the head of the department or faculty and delivered to the Department of Study.
- ❑ Mrs. Marcela Vykydalová is newly in charge of students' matters of Geography doctoral study program.
- ❑ **The Faculty Senate approved scholarships for students of our faculty**
At the meeting on 18th February, senators agreed the amounts and conditions of the faculty scholarships. A pleasant novelty is the increase of motivational scholarship to support medium and long-term mobility to the amount of 3000 CZK.

International Matters

- ❑ **Microinjection and Advanced Microscopy Spring School**
Veterinary Research Institute in Brno cordially invites Master and Doctoral students majoring in Biology to the spring school focused on microinjection and advanced microscopy which will be held from **23rd to 27th March**. More information can be found in [Attachment no.1](#). Applications shall be sent on e-mail sebestovaj@vri.cz till **16th March**.
- ❑ **International Scientific Conference CER 2015**
We pass on the invitation to the third International Scientific Conference for Doctoral students of EU countries. The virtual conference will be held **from 23th to 27th March**. You can register [here](#) till **16th March**. Detailed information is available [here](#). All conference papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

Faculty Operation

- ❑ **Are you satisfied with public transport lines to faculty premises in Holicе?**
Based on the comments of our staff and students, referring to inadequate capacity and frequency of bus lines to Holicе, we have prepared a questionnaire measuring satisfaction with public transport services mentioned above. You can find it [here](#). Its completion will take maximum five minutes and can have a great impact. The survey results will form the basis for negotiations with municipality and public service provider and support the faculty request to change the inconvenient situation. Please fill in the questionnaire and forward it to your colleagues and students, everyone's opinion is important.
- ❑ **The training for drivers of company vehicles**
If you were unable to attend the training at our faculty at the beginning of the year, there is another opportunity to undergo **the training at the Faculty of Physical Culture** in classroom NA 401 or NA 209 (information at the reception) **on Tuesday 10th March from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

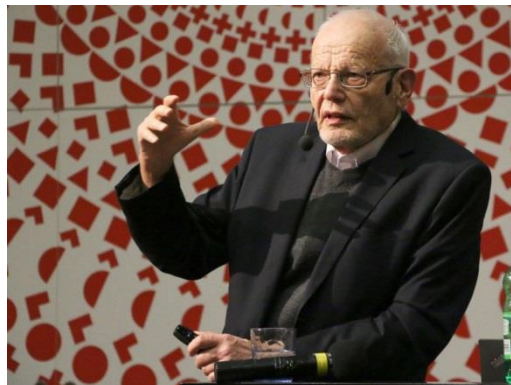
Miscellaneous

Contemporary Chemistry and Rudolf Zahradník's Lecture Series

The Faculty of Science will welcome Czech and global leading experts in Chemistry in the upcoming days and weeks. The tenth annual Contemporary Chemistry course started on Wednesday led by Pavel Hobza from the Department of Physical Chemistry. The introductory lecture of the next edition of Rudolf Zahradník's prestigious Lecture Series is coming up as well. It is organized by the Regional Centre of Advanced Technologies and Materials (RCPTM). It will take place on 10th March.

This year's course of Contemporary Chemistry, which is devoted to the Czech Head Award winners, has been initiated in a completely filled auditorium by the pioneer of electrochemistry of nucleic acids Emil Paleček of the Institute of Biophysics, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in Brno. The lecture series continue on 11th March, when Zdeněk Havlas, a former colleague of Antonín Holý will talk about successful story of antiviral drugs research. A founder of inland Pediatric Oncology Josef Kouček will have a lecture "Chemistry of Life" about a month later on 15th April. Pavel Hobza will close the series with contribution involving the world of non-covalent interactions on 22nd April.

Rudolf Zahradník's Lecture Series connect internationally recognized scientists, primarily in the field of chemistry, nanotechnology and material research. Another important guest of the series is Adi Eisenberg from Canadian McGill University. Audience can look forward to a lecture entitled "Block Copolymer Self-Assembly in Solution and Morphological Wonderland with a Range of Potential Applications". It will be held in the auditorium of the Faculty of Science on 10th March at 1:00 a.m.



Connected world - art in technology, technology in art

Technology Agency of the Czech Republic with its partners has announced an art competition inspired by connecting the world of art with the world of new technologies and materials. Artistic interpretations of research projects of university students shall be submitted till **30th September**, so you have plenty of time to look at your research from an artistic perspective, unleash your imagination and create a timeless masterpiece. Details of the competition can be found on the website of [TACR](#).

Window to practice

We would like to thank the teachers for allowing participation of their students in "Window to practice", which was held on 17th and 18th February. A total of 34 companies and 300 students met at the event to discuss requirements concerning possible future employment. All addressed employers clearly confirmed that they are interested in employing our graduates, which is supported by the number of internships, temporary jobs, trainee programs offered to our students. It is also possible to cooperate with companies on writing students' Bachelor and Master theses during their study. All participating companies anticipate recruiting new professional staff among our graduates. Because of growing interest "Window to practice" will be moved to larger premises next year. Photographs and further information about the successful event are available [here](#).

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