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ntroductory word

The investment plan for 2015, which was approved at the last meeting of the Academic Senate of the faculty, accounts mainly for projects of further development of the faculty in the upcoming three years. There are plans such as shading the western and southern facade of Envelopa building or studies on possible development of Holice campus. Among things that will be done this year there is the reconstruction of the roof of Joint Laboratory of Optics, reconstruction of the lightning rod of Envelopa building, finishing the park, parking lot, and creating an outside orientation system in Holice. The total amount of investment this year comes to about CZK 128 million.

The Senators have approved the distribution of capital assets as well as operational resources. They have agreed to grant departments additional funding for technical equipment from National Sustainability Program and other projects. They have also approved investment which will start this year, but will be completed in the years to come.

Such projects include for example the shading of the western and southern façade of Envelopa facing 17. listopadu. "Offices and classrooms on this side of the building are overheated. That is why we have started negotiating with the building's architect Jan Hájek who will in cooperation with air-conditioning experts suggest ways to shade the façade. The project should be finished next year," Jana Zimová explained.

This year however the reconstruction of the lightning rod of Envelopa should be done, since the current one is inappropriate and causes frequent failures of electronic devices in the building. "Electronic devices may be damaged by the excess voltage that is why we have to repair it. We have filed a complaint by the contractor, but it is not sure whether the claim will be recognized. In any case we are going to fix the problem this year. There is a similar problem in Holice, where we are going to install a new large reserve generator in order to protect the expensive equipment," Zimová clarified. This year there will also be a few minor reparations for example of the electricity supply in the basement of the Geoinformatics and Zoology Departments. The roof of the Joint Laboratory of Optics building is in catastrophic conditions. Along with its reparation, the workers will also add insulation to the fourth floor.

Regarding the campus in Holice, there will be the following adjustments: finishing the parking lot by the entrance gate including a fence, adding new benches and other urban furniture to the park. The project preparation of a new building F1 should also move forward. This building should expand the current F2 building. "We suppose that we will generate funds from one of the operational programs in the next programming phase. The building should primarily serve the needs of both regional centers whose capacity has been filled. We have accounted for this building in the original project, however the subsidy has been cut," Zimová explained.

The territorial study for completing the development of the whole campus in Holice should also come to life this year. It should include communications and technical infrastructure reparation, creating a system of cartage points, additional urban furniture, landscaping adjustments around the main road leading from the entrance gate to Menza. Also the outside seating area of Menza should be improved. The study should also suggest solutions to the lack of teaching facilities and facilities for students to use when not in lectures. "One idea is to modernize the auditorium and build a bistro on the ground floor of building A. Another option would be building a completely new building in the empty area between both entrance gates. The former building of Crop Research Institute should be reconstructed and turned into a storage for the Department of technical support, Economic Department, or a registry," Zimová outlined possible adjustments.

In 2014 the faculty granted CZK 75,1 million out of which CZK 60,6 million were used to purchase technical equipment, the rest was used for construction work. This year the investment for new equipment will amount to CZK 111,8 million, and construction work will come to CZK 16,2 million.

#### **T**or Students

#### Dean's Award for students' scientific works

All students of our faculty may compete for an exceptional scholarship and also valuable awards on  $13^{\text{th}}$  May. To participate in the competition they shall submit their research paper by  $30^{\text{th}}$  April on the website where further information is also available.

#### The Heidelberg Forum for young Life Scientist

The fourth Annual international symposium for young researchers in the field of life science will be held in German Cancer Research Center in Heidelberg, Germany on  $21^{st}$  and  $22^{nd}$  May. Participants can present their scientific results in four sessions, such as cancer control, host vs pathogens, neuropathology, and intracellular conflicts. Confirmed Keynote Speakers include Mariano Barbacid, Gerry Wright, Mathias Jucker and Nick Lane.

Present your own research in a poster and Network with the speakers and other participants at the symposium and its social events. The abstracts shall be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The participation at the symposium is **free of charge.** Detailed information can be found <u>here</u>, you can register <u>here</u>.

Students may now adjust their timetable only upon request, confirmed by the head of the department or a teacher.

Mrs. Marcela Vykydalová is in charge of study matters of Geography doctoral study program.

#### **Submission of forms for scholarship payments**

We kindly request the heads of departments and teachers to submit all required documentation for scholarship payments solely to Mrs. Ludmila Mozgová at the Department of Study. Mrs. Mozgová will secure Dean's signature on the documents. If you submit documents at the Dean's Office first, the Department of Study can't guarantee payment of scholarship within required date.

All scholarships shall be entered in STAG system in order to allow the Department of Study to provide accurate and complete information to courts, Czech social security authorities or the police, etc. in case they require certificates of expenditure and income of students. This does not apply to students from other faculties. Their scholarships can be paid only at the Economics Department.

We once again kindly request all responsible employees **to submit applications for scholarship using the correct form**. All required information shall be filled in the application including the correct account center as a source of payment and the correct personal student number. Some departments fill in invalid students' numbers from previous bachelor or master's studies.

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#### Change in purchasing office paper and envelopes

To facilitate and speed up purchasing of office paper and envelopes, an order over CZK 5000 may be placed without drawing an order in SAP. Purchase of paper is based on the current framework agreement with Micos spol. s r.o. Prostějov.

#### The Park in Holice premises is open

Although there remains to be a fence around the newly built park in Holice, it is open for a walk or exploration. It is accessible through a gate, which has to be closed again carefully. Fencing around the park protects young plants against hares, which could damage it. It will remain in place until spring 2016 at least.

The Dean of the Faculty of Science grants a day off to the employees and academic workers of the Faculty on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015. We wish all of you Happy Easter and sunny and pleasant spring days.



#### Science and Research Fair

This biggest popular scientific event in the region will be held in the new interactive science museum Stronghold of knowledge on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June this year. A lot of science fair activities will take place at the faculty building and surrounding premises as well, where the Science and research fair originated fourteen years ago and gradually found its fans. If you feel like joining the event and helping with organization or offer a scientific program to let visitors reveal visitors secrets of science and research, please contact the coordinator Lenka Oprštěná, e-mail: <u>oprstena.lenka@gmail.com</u> by 15<sup>th</sup> May. The coordinator can provide all the information concerning organization of the Fair.

United Nations General Assembly has declared this year the international year of light and luminous technologies. We would therefore appreciate, if you could focus your science fair presentations on related topics.

#### Bridge of music between Olomouc and Vienna

We gladly pass on an invitation of our faculty golden graduate Vladimír Žůrek to the performance of Stupkovo kvarteto, which will be held in Olomouc Archdiocesan Museum **on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 19:00**. The program includes Isa Krejci, Egon Kornautha and Antonin Dvorak music works.

Stupkovo kvarteto will receive the Olomouc Region Award for its contribution in the field of culture for the year 2014. We congratulate the artists to the success.

#### The next Newsletter will be released on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015

#### As of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 the following provision of PU came into effect: <u>B3-15/3-RR</u> - Plan of auditing activities at UP in 2015

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