

# Newsletter

of the Faculty of Science PU

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## Introductory word

**Faculty of Science has a stable number of applicants each year. This year was no exemption with about 3,900 applications delivered to the Study Department for the upcoming academic year. The idea for the future, however, is to slightly decrease the number of enrolled students and focus on picking the most qualified applicants.**

High-school graduates have in the long term been interested in majors such as Biochemistry, Biotechnology, and Genetic Engineering. This trend continued also this year plus there has been a record high increase in applicants to study Molecular and Cell Biology. There were 213 applicants last year, this year 248 applications have been turned in. Other popular majors are Computer Science, Applied Mathematics in Banking and Insurance Business, or some majors from Earth Sciences. Combined majors of teaching and Biology still continue to be quite attractive.

“We are very pleased that there has been an increase in the key teachers’ combination Mathematics – Physics. It seems like the popularizing activities are starting to pay off, as we received 27 applications this year compared to 13 last year. However, we are aware of the fact that this is a long distance race,” Roman Kubínek (Vice-Dean for Study, Education and Social Matters) summarized.

The Faculty plans on enhancing the quality of enrolled students, not mere quantity. Approximately 900 students fall under the “excessive” category for which there is no government subsidy. Even though some students leave after the first year of their studies, they bring financial and administrative burden to the Faculty for the time they are studying.

“We strive to choose the best applicants who come with a particular interest already, e.g. those who participated in high-school competitions and Olympiads, and they wish to successfully complete their studies here,” Kubínek confirmed. According to him it is more frequent for students of majors which do not require an entrance exam to drop out.

Every year there are more than 1,400 students enrolling into the first year of Bachelor and 500 into the first year of Master study programs. The Faculty is accounting for the second round of admissions procedure, however, this year only at study fields which do not have a filled capacity.

## For Students

### □ Dean’s Award for student scientific papers

Once again we remind students about the opportunity to compete for an exceptional scholarship and also valuable awards on **13<sup>th</sup> May**. Papers may fall under one of the following sections: Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Ecology, Earth sciences and Teaching natural

sciences. In order to participate in the competition students shall submit their research paper by **30<sup>th</sup> April** on [the website](#) where further information is also available.

☐ **Instructions for outbound Erasmus students**

Outbound Erasmus students shall send the Learning Agreement or Changes to Learning Agreement to the relevant coordinator of the department for an approval. The coordinator will then forward the document to the Head of the Department of Study to secure the Vice-Dean signature. Student will receive the scan of the signed document.

- ☐ Students travelling abroad to work or study shall report the day of their departure and arrival to the Head of the Department of Study.

## **I**nternational Matters

☐ **Scholarships for university students and academic staff**

If you are interested in an abroad scholarship, find the current offer of international scholarship programs on the website of the [Center of International Cooperation](#).

## **A**cademic Senate

- ☐ **Academic Senate of the Faculty of Science approved this year budget** on its last meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Contribution from institutional funds will be about 23 million higher compared to the previous year. The faculty may calculate with the amount of 481.9 million CZK in total. Institutional funds which are divided by the Academic senate form roughly a half of the amount of the Faculty budget for each year. Other financial means are gained from purposive financial resources, projects, and grants. Last year the faculty was managing the amount of CZK 1.25 billion.

## **M**iscellaneous

☐ **Young Scientists Conference**

Dear colleagues, if you work with high school students, please motivate them to participate in the **Young Scientists Conference** which will be held on **14<sup>th</sup> May**. Authors of the best papers will be rewarded. The Dean's Office of the Faculty of Science has released the funds for evaluation of tutors as well this year. Application forms and abstracts should be sent by email to: [mkubala@prfnw.upol.cz](mailto:mkubala@prfnw.upol.cz) by **24<sup>th</sup> April**.

☐ **Summer science camps for children at the Stronghold of Knowledge**



The registration for children holiday camps in the new Science Museum Stronghold of Knowledge has been opened recently. Gates of the stronghold will be open **for children from 6 to 12 years every week from 6<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July**. The experts from different faculties of Palacký University have prepared interesting program; children will experience an adventurous journey full of science, fun and information complemented by sports activities or science art.

Premises of the new science museum will serve as background for most of the camp activities.

Children will try out a variety of interactive exhibits, visit a digital planetarium as well as laboratories and workshops. Healthy snacks and lunches will be provided during the camp days. The program begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. but you can bring your children an hour earlier and pick them up an hour later at children's playroom where your children will be taken care of. The prize for one week of the science camp is 1900 CZK.

For more information and registration please contact the main coordinator Lenka Oprštná at: [oprstena.lenka@gmail.com](mailto:oprstena.lenka@gmail.com).

☐ **The next Newsletter** will be released on **24<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

☐ **As of 1st April 2015 the following provision of UP came into effect:**  
[B3-15/2-MPK](#) – Tangible and intangible assets at UP

**As of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 the following provisions of UP came into effect:**  
[B1-15/1-HN](#) – Organizational Regulations of UP

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