

Newsletter

of the Faculty of Science PU

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Introductory word

Science museum Stronghold of Knowledge has been opened and tested in several successful days of operation. According to Rector Jaroslav Miller this occasion may be linked to three stories – a historic building has been preserved, a center for popularizing science has been founded, and in cooperation with the City of Olomouc the premises of the Crown Stronghold and the nearby botanical garden has the potential to become another significant point of interest of the Haná metropolis.

Dean of the Faculty of Science Ivo Frébort explained how difficult the road to the opening ceremony has been. “About a year ago when we took over this project, we discussed with the Rector whether we should stop the project and return the funding. We decided to go through with it and finish what had been started. It took a lot of effort and sacrifice, but in the end we have made it to this ceremonial moment,” Frébort summarized. He also joked about the opening ceremony being a small miracle because of the difficulties along the way.

In the future the museum should in larger amount present research work of the Faculty of Science. “We achieve many excellent scientific results. However, it seems to me that we are sometimes not able to communicate them to the public. This is what Stronghold of Knowledge should assist us with,” Frébort added.



The new science museum has been visited by many celebrities already, including two of the very special guests of this year’s AFO - a British biologist Richard Dawkins, and an American theoretical physicist Lawrence M. Krauss. The museum also attracts the attention of general public. There were over 2,000 visitors during the opening weekend. Among the exhibits from natural science and humanities there is a large model of the human brain, a six-meter tall digital planetarium, or an enlarged model of the human eye. “Thanks to Stronghold of Knowledge the University has an opportunity to fascinate and inspire the young generation. In these unique premises we can clearly demonstrate the importance of science to our society,” Matěj Dostálek, Head of the museum, concluded.

The best thing to do is see it yourself. Therefore, the management of the Faculty cordially invites all students and employees with their families and friends to visit the Stronghold of Knowledge.

Science and Research

- ☐ **Nominate woman scientists for Milada Paulová's Award**
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports in cooperation with Women and Science Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences has announced a call for Milada Paulová's Award nominations for a woman scientist rewarding lifelong contribution to the Czech science in the field of Physics, Astronomy and other related fields. Milada Paulová's Award is connected with a financial reward in the amount of 150 thousand CZK. Nominations for the award can be submitted by an individual, group of individuals or institutions. Nomination letters shall be sent to email: cena@soc.cas.cz by **20th May**. Festive awarding will be held this year in fall.
- ☐ **Where is research and development in the field of Life Sciences heading?**
Experts in the field of Life Science will open the question at a conference organized by the Institute of Molecular and Translational Medicine of Medical Faculty of Palacký University in cooperation with CzechInvest in Olomouc on 5th May. Participation is free of charge for registered participants only. Please confirm your attendance on email: roman.pasek@czechinvest.org by **1st May**.
- ☐ **Drug synthesis and analysis Conference**
44th Annual Drug synthesis and analysis Conference of will be held at the Pharmaceutical Faculty of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno on **2nd – 4th September**. Participants can look forward to papers and posters communicating current topics in the field of synthesis and analysis of pharmaceuticals. The active and passive participation is possible; contributions of Doctoral study program students are accepted. Deadline for submitting contribution is **30th June**. Further information and online registration is available [here](#).

For Students

- ☐ **Finish your studies on time if you want to take the state final examination!**
The Department of Study reminds the third year students of Bachelor study programs and the second year students of Master study programs of the obligation to conclude their studies at least three weeks before the date of their state final examination. To conclude their studies, students must submit their student credit book with all their learning results written and confirmed in it at the Department of Study. The learning results must also be recorded in STAG system.
- ☐ **UP Foundation Fund supports our students**
Palacký University is currently establishing the foundation, whose goal is to support excellent research activities of our talented students and to support the university internationalization. Students of the Master and Doctoral study programs can already apply for a contribution to their research activities with international outreach thanks of the great financial donation of Česká spořitelna. The deadline for submitting applications is **15th May**. UP Foundation Fund will periodically announce calls for distributing the money received from private donors such as companies or alumni to finance exceptional student projects.
- ☐ **International electronic conference QUAERE**
Students of Doctoral study programs can present their scientific and research results online at the interdisciplinary scientific conference QUAERE 2015 which will be held on **25th – 29th May**. The participants will get the chance to confront their own research with current knowledge in their respective field. Expert contributions will be published in ISBN proceedings; selected papers will appear in cooperating journals.
The conference is divided into several specialized sections including management, marketing, economics, banking, insurance, public administration and macroprocedures, natural sciences and informatics. More information can be found [here](#).

International Matters

- ☐ **Scholarships in Japan**
Based on intergovernmental agreements, students can apply for post-graduate scholarships with duration from 18 to 24 months and scholarships for Master Study programs in Japan. Candidates must submit their applications with all required documents in English or Japanese at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports,

Department of International Relations Karmelitská 7, 118 12 Praha 1 **by 15th May**, 2:00 p.m. Each candidate shall provide a letter of recommendation from his/her university. The consignments shall be identified as JAPONSKO - STIPENDIA.

Faculty Operation

- As of 1st September based on the open competition, which took place on 7th April, **the following candidates were elected as Heads of departments** for duration of three years:

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| Jan Andres | Department of Mathematical Analysis and Mathematical Applications, FS UP |
| Jaromír Fiurášek | Department of Optics and Quantum Optics Laboratory, FS UP |
| Zdeněk Trávníček | Department of Inorganic Chemistry, FS UP |
| Lenka Luhová | Department of Biochemistry, FS UP |
| Stanislav Bureš | Department of Zoology and Anthropology, FS UP |

As of 1st January 2016 the following candidates shall be Heads of departments for duration of two years:

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| Miroslav Strnad | Laboratory of Growth Regulators, FS UP, Institute of Experiment Botany AS CR |
| Ondřej Haderka | Joint Laboratory of Optics, FS UP and Institute of Physics AS CR |

As of 1st September the position of the Head of Cabinet of Foreign Languages, FS UP was entrusted to **Lucie Vaňková** for duration of one year period with possible extension for two more years without an open competition.

- Faculty address Šlechtitelů 11 is wrong!**

Faculty Management has found that the commonly used address of Faculty buildings in Holicе is wrong. The correct address is Šlechtitelů 27 and it must be corrected on web pages, business cards, in letterheads and other documents. All our employees are furthermore requested to make sure that the incorrect address will not be used in upcoming papers or publications or in communication with partners, the integrated rescue system, etc.

"Currently the only faculty building in Holicе with assigned house and street number is building A. The property's house number is 241 and orientation/street number is 27. Since the other faculty buildings in Holicе have no assigned numbers already all buildings in the premises should use address **Šlechtitelů 27**," Dean's Secretary Zimová said.

The address Šlechtitelů 11 is in fact address of a private family house. Although it was a part of the complex in the past it is now a detached property outside the campus.

"We found out about the address discrepancy when the emergency service was called. Because the wrong address was stated, janitor had to find the ambulance and navigate it to the right place. If similar situation happened again for example during fire, incorrectly stated address could have more far-reaching consequences for the University. We have to remedy the situation immediately," Zimová notified.

Everyone who needs to change the address on contracts, projects, etc. may contact the assistant of Dean's Secretary Mrs. Silvie Polanková who consults the situation with University Legal Department.

Miscellaneous

- Faculty event calendar**

Faculty event calendar is our traditional promotional material which is issued for each academic year. Preparation of the year 2015/2016 edition is in charge of the Department of internal and external relations in cooperation with the Stronghold of Knowledge. Please send all updated information about planned events of your department or additional interesting happenings that shall be included in the booklet to Mrs. Petřelová on dagmar.petrzelova@upol.cz by **4th May 2015**.

All secondary and grammar schools in the Czech and Slovak Republic will receive the calendar. It will also be available to general public at Science and Research Fair and other faculty events. An electronic version of the calendar will be available on our website.

- ❑ **One minute's silence on Monday, 27 April 2015, 12:00 CET**

The European University Association has asked all universities across Europe and beyond to observe a minute of silence to remember 147 students killed at Garissa, Kenya on 2nd April and all other attacks directed against education, and to express the need to prevent similar attacks in the future.
Based on Dean's decision our faculty will join this initiative. Prof. Frébort leaves to the heads of individual departments to decide the course of the action.
- ❑ **Fifth Anniversary of Palacký University Majáles**

Traditional student happening will be held on 4th – 8th May. This year's program includes more than a hundred events for general public. The highlight of the event is going to be a celebration of the fifth anniversary of re-renewed student Majáles on Tuesday May 5th. More information is available on www.majales.upol.cz.
- ❑ **The next Newsletter will be released exceptionally on Thursday 7th May 2015**
- ❑ **As of 13th December 2014 the following provision of PU came into effect:**
[B3-15/4-SR](#) – Supplement no. 4 of the UP Rector's regulation no. B3-13 / SR-7 Rules of Student Grant Competition at UP (full text) Change in the list of projects funded in 2015

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