

# Newsletter

of the Faculty of Science PU

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## Introductory word

A Development project to support international staff, first contributions to support a more international environment paid out to departments, Czech language for foreigners, and creating an independent position of an Officer for international study affairs. These are examples of concrete steps of the Faculty management in order to make studying and working here more accessible.

Faculty of Science has been successful with the sustainability project of supporting existing post-doc positions. Thanks to this project, the faculty has obtained roughly CZK 7.8 million for financing the stays of foreign post-docs until the end of the year. "It gives us the opportunity to maintain positions of foreign academic staff participating in education since 2010 when they started working at Operational programs for Education and Competitiveness and Development and Innovations projects. These funds will cover half of the salary costs, the other half will be paid by the relevant "mother" department, "Zdeněk Dvořák (Vice-Dean for Research and Development matters) explained. Supported post-docs have to teach at least 30 hours and publish a paper in an impacted journal from July to December 2015.

This year's faculty budget accounts for about CZK 7.6 million to be spent on the support of internationalization. It is 10 % from the total amount of institutional funds acquired by the faculty in the K factor (quality, performance). The money is designated for departments actively involved in the internationalization program. First departments have already applied and received financial support for their teaching or employing foreigners. According to Z. Hradil (Vice-Dean for International Affairs) the subsidy has been paid out to the Department of Molecular Biology, C. R. Haná; Department of Analytical Chemistry, and Department of Developmental Studies. The total amount is CZK 660,000. There is also a selection of courses available in English language for foreign students – [here](#). "We have welcomed two delegations from China – Soo-chow University and Southwest University, which are both keen to start student exchange programs," Hradi informed.

Foreign students will have a specialized officer for international study affairs at their disposal. The current Head of the Department of studies Mrs. Dana Gronychová will take over this agenda starting 1<sup>st</sup> July, and the current Head of the Library Jiří Mazal will take over the Department of studies.

In the following academic year, there will be a course of Czech language designated mainly for foreign employees and students of Doctoral study programs. "We are planning to form one group of 18 – 20 persons. We have an experienced instructor who has taught Czech for foreigners at the Medical faculty, and I sincerely hope her teaching style will soon attract further students," Lucie Vaňková from the Department of Foreign Languages stated.

## Science and Research

- **An international grant competition of Russian National University of Science and Technology**  
Russian National University of Science and Technology has announced an international grant competition designed to provide support to new research projects in the following fields: advanced materials,

innovative technologies, information technology and mining and metallurgy. Applicants may compete in four categories: [New Laboratories](#), [Infrastructure](#), [Visiting Professors](#), [Post-docs](#). The deadline for submitting applications is **14<sup>th</sup> May, for Post-doc category by 29<sup>th</sup> May**. More information is available [here](#).

## **F**or Students

- ❑ We kindly request our teachers and subject guarantees to comply with conditions of PU Study and Examination Regulation, Article 20, especially with the following parts:
  - publication of examination dates in the STAG system no later than one week before the end of semester, paragraph 5
  - sufficient number of examination dates/exams, paragraph 6
  - an announcement of make-up exams for students who have not completed the subject in the subsequent examination period, paragraph 7
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ We kindly request our students who will complete their studies by taking a state final exam and wish to participate in graduation ceremonies to come to Department of Study immediately after state examinations in order to ensure the successful organization of graduation ceremony of individual fields of study. Graduation ceremonies will be held on **23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June**, and their schedule will be published on the website of the faculty.
- ❑ **Graduation ceremony of Doctoral study programs will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June in the auditorium of the Faculty of Law**. The time schedule will be announced.

## **I**nternational Matters

- ❑ **Erasmus+ foreign mobility in Germany**  
The Czech-German Youth Exchange Coordination Centers “Tandem” is looking for three candidates for one-year international mobility of European Voluntary Service in Germany **from 1<sup>st</sup> September**. Stay of participants is fully covered. Eligible candidates are people under 30 years of age with legal residence in the Czech Republic. Participants can choose from four different positions, for more information please call +420 377 634 755 or contact Tandem via e-mail: [tandem@tandem.adam.cz](mailto:tandem@tandem.adam.cz)

## **A**cademic Senate

- ❑ The forthcoming council of Academic Senate of the Faculty of Science UP will be held on **27<sup>th</sup> May at 1 p.m. at the Dean's Office boardroom**. Conditions of admissions for academic year 2016/17 are one of the topics on the agenda.

## **M**iscellaneous

- ❑ **The best faculty birthday card design competition**  
The Dean of the Faculty of Science announces a competition for the best faculty birthday card design for the next academic year. Students, staff, seniors and alumni may send their original art works to:

[dagmar.petrzelova@upol.cz](mailto:dagmar.petrzelova@upol.cz) by 5<sup>th</sup> June. Author of the winning design will receive a financial reward of CZK 3000 and a voucher for a three-day stay for two people in the faculty cabin in Karlov.

#### ☐ Children's Day with Natural Science

We are happy to invite children of faculty employees to a fun afternoon event which will be held on the outside premises of the Faculty of Science on 28th May at 3.00 p.m. Playing games and doing little sport and art activities we will celebrate the upcoming International Children's Day. To be able to properly reward athletic and artistic achievements of our small participants, please RSVP by 20th May by sending an email to: [romana.cuprova@upol.cz](mailto:romana.cuprova@upol.cz).

#### ☐ A Neck for Business Competition 2015

The Science and Technology Park of Palacký University has announced the sixth annual competition for the best business plans. Authors of interesting business ideas may submit their application by 24<sup>th</sup> May. Winners will receive not only a financial reward and valuable prizes but also a guidance of experts and facilities for starting the business. More information is available [here](#).

#### ☐ Analytical creativity course

In cooperation with University of Ostrava, we offer a course of Analytical creativity focused on statistics and data processing presentation in a simple form to public. The course aims to support and develop creative analytical approach to solving problems, creating strategies, evaluating the situation in transforming society, early identification of risks, potential threats and their solution.

Participants will learn how to solve nonstandard tasks and look for new solutions, even in crisis. The course content will be adapted according to wishes and needs of participants. The course will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the faculty premises (room to be specified). To confirm your participation please write an email to: [romana.cuprova@upol.cz](mailto:romana.cuprova@upol.cz) by 15<sup>th</sup> May. Participation in the course is free of charge, small refreshment will be provided.

#### ☐ The next Newsletter will be released on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015

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