

Newsletter

of the Faculty of Science PU

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Introductory word

Dear students, dear colleagues,

it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the new academic year! I trust you feel well-rested after a pleasant summer holiday, and that you will tackle the tasks of the upcoming semester with great energy.

I suppose that especially our new students are eager to start learning and discovering new things. There will be almost 1400 freshmen in the Bachelor studies, 380 first year students in Master studies, and 64 first year doctoral students. Despite the fact that there they had to pass entrance exams, many students were interested in fields such as Molecular and Cell Biology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, as well as Optrometry. Numbers of enrolled students are comparable to last year's data, however, next year we intend to focus on selecting the strongest applicants even more.

Even though summer months are usually devoted to deserved break, the Faculty staff kept themselves pretty busy.



Several investment projects have been completed. Students as well as teachers of biological fields have started using newly reconstructed facilities on campus in Holice. The cost of the CenBiol project reached almost CZK 95 mil. There are new laboratories, offices, greenhouses, a hutch for animals, and a herbarium with 150 thousand items. This project came as a logical solution to the efforts to secure complex education and research in Holice campus which the University acquired from the Vegetable Research Institute in 1996. We have informed you in the past about other plans to develop this campus. We can mention for example the new parking lot and fencing on the north-east side. These new facilities for accessing and parking on campus cost CZK 2,7 million.

There are plenty of news in the main Faculty building. I suppose that the upgrade of the audiovisual technology in the auditorium will make members of staff and also students happy. The two former screens have been replaced by one stationary screen more suitable for presenting. Also the projectors from the ceiling have been removed and replaced by only one projector in the directing room in the auditorium. There have also been some changes made in rooms 2.001 and 5.007. The air-conditioning should function smoothly after the air-conditioning units have been checked in lecture rooms and offices. This was the first time after six years of the building's operation. There have also been some changes in the wiring in the building of the Department of Geoinformatics, and a repair of the roof and insulation of a part of the building of the Joint Laboratory of Optics. Employees of the Zoology department, and other offices and study rooms for Ph.D. students should experience some changes for the better.

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The summer has also brought about numerous achievements in research. Students have represented our Faculty at conferences, and we can proudly announce new papers in scientific journals. But that would take up space of a completely new editorial. We will keep you updated on the most recent events of the Faculty not only in this newsletter, but also on the Faculty website, its Facebook page or at the website of Žurnál UP. I believe that you will continue to spread the goodwill of your alma mater and support its thriving and development.

I wish you a successful start of the new semester,

Ivo Frébort

Science and Research

For Students

Information about registration into higher years of study programs

Students are obliged to submit checked and signed Registration list A and completed and signed Registration list for the next academic year 2015/16 in order to register. We kindly request students to put all the required documents in an envelope, and insert them into the white box in front of the Department of Study or post them but only after all their learning results are recorded in STAG system. After submitting Registration list A it is no longer possible to make any records to STAG.

Graduation Ceremony

Graduation ceremony of all graduates will be held on **23rd – 26th June**. We kindly ask 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 and confirm their presence at the graduation ceremony. Graduation schedule is posted on the website of the faculty. Graduation fee is CZK 500 and can be paid using a money order (blank order is available at Department of study) or a bank transfer. The account number is 19-1096330227 / 0100, payment reference number is 99310031. Write a word "Graduation" in message for recipient, please. In both cases of payment please send a scanned copy of the proof of payment to the relevant employee at the Department of study.

- We kindly request students of Doctoral study programs to deliver their student evaluation signed by the supervisor to Department of Study by **30th June**. It must include Registration list for new academic year 2015/2016.

- We kindly request **the first year students of Doctoral study programs** to check whether they have registered all of their exams in STAG and have fulfilled an obligation to acquire at least 40 credits. Please make sure that apart from student evaluation signed by the supervisor and Registration list for new academic year 2015/2016 you shall submit signed specification of your dissertation thesis at the same time.

International Matters

- **The Biomania Student Scientific Meeting 2015**

A one-day conference organized by Masaryk University and a student organization Biomania is designed for students of Bachelor, Master and Doctoral study programs whose scientific work is connected to the field of molecular biology and genetics. Active participants can present their research results and test their presentation skills in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. The Conference will be held in the premises of the Brno Observatory and Planetarium on **22nd September**. Active participants shall complete their **registration by 31st July**, passive participation shall **register by 31st August**. Don't hesitate with your registration, the number of participants is limited. The conference will be held in English. Click [here](#) for further information.

Czech Space Day 2015

Czech Space Office together with the Faculty of Electrical Engineering is organizing **Czech Space Day 2015 Conference**. This conference is open to all students and young people interested in astronautics. Attendees will gather information about the study programs, job internships, competitions, projects and other activities in the Czech Republic and abroad. They will also have the opportunity to present their own projects and ideas and get to know other young people with the same interest. The Conference will be held **at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Prague on 3rd July from 2:00 p.m.** For further information please write an email at kunes@czechspace.cz.

Czech Space Competition 2015

Czech Space Office and its partners Space Generation Advisory Council, Gisat and Serenum have announced a competition designed for students from 18 to 26 years of age. Participants shall send a short professional article related to astronautics and present it at the Czech Space Day 2015 Conference. The most successful candidate will win return air tickets, accommodation and two conference fees for the International Astronautical Congress and the Congress of SGAC in Jerusalem, Israel, which will be held **from 8th to 16th October**. The deadline for submitting applications is **28th June**. For further information please write an email at kunes@czechspace.cz.

- **Summer school of statistical methods**

Students of Doctoral study programs or academic staff can participate in summer school where they can learn easier ways to work with data either for their research, evaluation of experiments, dissertation theses or even for teaching statistics. The course will be held traditionally **in Brno from 24th to 28th August**.

Final year students and recent graduates can also participate at last year's novelty **Summer School of Lean Design and Design for Six Sigma**, a short and intense practical training on the slender design of new and innovative products. It will be held **from 18th to 20th August**. For further information about both courses please contact Martin Halva, cell.: +420 604 760 628.

Faculty Operation

- As of 1st July Petr Nádvorník has been entrusted with handling hazardous chemicals and chemical preparations classified as highly toxic at the Faculty of Science. Dr. Nádvorník has replaced Dr. Robert Prucek in this responsible position. We would like to express our gratitude and thanks to dr. Prucek for his work.

❑ **Parking your bicycle in Holice**

A new temporary "parking lot" for bicycles with a capacity of 26 parking spaces has been set up on Holice premises. You can find it between the gatehouse and building no. 53. Lack of parking spaces for bicycles will be finally solved during construction of new infrastructures next year. Bicycles parked in the temporary parking lot will be under constant supervision of janitors. We kindly request our employees to stop parking their bikes in corridors or outside of restricted area where they disrupt the fire escape routes and zones.

❑ **New collection point for electronic waste**

A new collection site for WEEE will be in operation on Holice premises starting next week. It is intended for dispose of large household appliances (TVs, computer monitors, copiers), small household appliances, information technology and telecommunications equipment, consumer equipment (excluding solar panels), lighting equipment, electrical and electronic tools (except large stationary industrial tools), medical devices (with the exception of all implanted and infected products), instruments for monitoring and control, regardless of the date on which the instruments has been placed on market. It is even possible to postpone thinks like fluorescent lamps, used cartridges and toners, accumulators and batteries at this place. Asekol a.s. provides the collection of waste under the contract with our University Asekol company. All materials and devices listed above shall be delivered via HelpDesk and upon an agreement with the maintenance staff of Department of Technical Support at the gatehouse of the collection site behind the building no. 54.

❑ Please note the changes in operating hours and closing of university canteens in the summer months. The schedule can be found [here](#). If you need to change the order of Cheque Dejeuner meal coupons for July due to the closure of operation inform the respective employee at your department by **24th June**.

❑ **English language courses for employees and students of doctoral study programs**

Department of Foreign Languages of the Faculty of Science offers English courses for employees of the Faculty of Science and Ph.D. students in the winter term 2015/16. Find the complete list of available courses in [Attachment no.1](#).

❑ **Czech for foreigners**

Department of Foreign Languages at the Faculty of Science is opening a **new language course "Czech for foreigners"**. The course is **free of charge**. **All foreign staff and Ph.D. students at the Faculty of Science** are welcome to learn the basics of Czech grammar and everyday communication. The course will take place in room LP 1.030 (17.listopadu 12) every **Monday from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.** starting on Monday 21st September. If you are interested, contact the course lecturer **Mgr. Helena Kadlecová** at helena.kadlecova@upol.cz. Click [here](#) for further information.

Miscellaneous

❑ With effect from 29th May Ministry of Education Youth and Sports has registered XI. Change in the Statute of UP and III. Change of the internal wage regulation UP.

❑ **Opportunity to play sports**

Faculty staff and their family members may use the court on Holice premises. The area meets standards for most ball games; you can borrow a net for tennis, volleyball and foot-tennis. Keys from the sport field are constantly (including weekends) at the gatehouse, where you can reserve game time.

❑ **The next Newsletter will be released on 9th October.**

❑ **As of 11th June 2015 the following provision of UP came into effect:**

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