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of the Faculty of Science PU

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Introductory word

Rector Jaroslav Miller together with the Head of the Department of Development Studies Pavel Nováček arrived from Bhutan with specific proposals for cooperation with Royal University of Bhutan. The Faculty of Science will play a significant role in the relations between both universities, since it will host local students and teachers.

The Royal University founded in 2003 has eight faculties in different regions of the country, and about 3000 students. "We went there to further develop our cooperation because the formal cooperation agreement has already been signed. The fact that a rector of a European university, which dates back more than 400 years and has over 24 thousand students, came to visit their country was taken very seriously by the locals," Nováček said.

During their week-long stay both parties agreed on specific points of cooperation. Palacký University will accept at least one doctoral student from Bhutan and will cover its travel and living costs. "After negotiating with the Dean of the Faculty of Science, this student will study at this faculty. It is a great achievement for their university," Nováček explained.

Another student and a teacher from Bhutan should arrive to the Department of Development Studies thanks to the Erasmus Mundus program. The department will in exchange send out one student and one teacher to this South Asian kingdom. In September of next year, Mr. Nováček will be in charge of organizing a workshop in Bhutan. "There are no specific topics yet, but the main theme will be will be sustainable growth. There should be about three or four people from our department taking part in this workshop, and the Rector has again promised to contribute to the travel costs," added Nováček.



Palacký University also plans to set up an office at the Royal University with the condition that at least three departments will share its costs. "If we were able to create this office, I would consider it a great asset. Our students and teachers, who would study, teach, or conduct research, could use this office. I can imagine Bhutan as quite an intriguing destination for example for botanists or zoologists," Nováček explains. The Rector would like to welcome representatives of the Royal University of Bhutan at the Department of Asian Studies at the Faculty of Arts.

Bhutan is a constitutional monarchy. The kingdom is located in South Asia, at the east end of the Himalayas. Its size is comparable to Slovakia, however, it has only 700 thousand inhabitants. It is one of the poorest countries in the world. “Palacký University has a chance to help the local university to bring up elite young adults. It is a fascinating exotic country with its own concept of measuring the quality of life – the index of gross domestic happiness. Bhutan has been opening to the world in the recent past which brings about opportunities as well as risks. We will be able to watch this exciting development,” concluded Nováček.

Regional Centre of Advanced Technologies and Materials will welcome another guest from the world’s scientific elite. Distinguished chemist Peter Sadler from the University of Warwick in the UK will be presenting a lecture on Thursday, October 29 at the Faculty of Science within Rudolf Zahradnik Lecture Series. Peter Sadler has shown a new direction of bioinorganic chemistry and medical research due to his discovery of complex compounds with antitumor activity, which are derived from non-platinum transition metals and operate in yet undescribed mechanism of action. The lecture entitled Antitumor Compounds Based on Transition Metals with New Action Mechanisms will be held in the Faculty auditorium at 12:15.

Science and Research

☐ Marie Sklodowska-Curie scholarships for PostDocs

[PEGASUS]² is a new program of a Vlamish Research Foundation-Flanders (FWO) founded in order to support PostDoc researchers’ mobility. The scholarship is offered to foreign researchers and covers their research and living costs at Vlamish universities for up to 3 years. Eligible candidates may be of any citizenship and they may conduct research in any field. Deadline for submitting applications is **February 1, 2016**. Application form as well as its attachments and contact information are available [here](#).

☐ German Ministry of Education and Research has launched a new program for cooperation with EU 13 countries

On October 6 an information meeting for EU 13 states (the “new” member states) was held at the Standing Commission of the Federal Republic of Germany. A representative of the Ministry of Education and Research Evelina Santa-Kahle presented the proposed program offering up to 12 weeks of internship for researchers from EU 13 member states at one of the prestigious German research institute. The goal of these internships is a mutual exchange of experience and facilitating the process of establishing new partnerships for German institutes in the new EU member states. Topics of internships will relate to European research policy and include e.g. IPR, knowledge transfer, problems of public orders, Open Science, H2020, etc. The pilot call for applications will take place in November, internships should start in September 2016. Eligible candidates should be employed by a university of a research institute with at least 3 years of experience at a manager position. Communication language for the internships is English.

☐ OneStart 2016

OneStart program call intended for young scientists under the age of 35 from the life sciences and healthcare fields has been announced. You can submit your project, a business plan or a scientific research focused on improving the quality of human health (pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, software, instruments, research tools etc.) till **December 1**. Assemble a team of young professionals from different sectors by yourself or through an extensive OneStart network of young scientists from all over the world and get financial support as well as professional mentoring for the development and implementation of your idea. More information can be found [here](#).

For Students

☐ Graduation Ceremony

Graduation ceremony of Bachelor and Master Graduates will be held on **November 13 and 14**. We kindly ask students who wish to participate in graduation ceremonies to come to Department of Study after state examinations and confirm their presence at the graduation ceremony. Graduation schedule will be 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. Please send a scanned copy of the proof of payment to the relevant employee at the Department of study.

❑ **Graduation ceremony of Doctoral graduates** will be held on **December 11**. Graduation fee is CZK 500 and shall be paid to the account number: 19-1096330227/0100, payment reference number is 99310031. Write a word "Graduation" in message for recipient, please and send a scanned copy of the proof of payment to Mrs. Faltýnková and Vykydalová at the Department of study.

❑ **Modifying timetables** is now possible **only upon request confirmed by the head of the department or a teacher until November 25, 2015**.

❑ Announcement for the **first-year** students of the Master study program in teaching
A teaching internship for the first-year students as well as students of the parallel complementary study of teaching will be taking place next year **from February 29 to March 18**. An application form for teaching internship is available on the website of the Centre of Pedagogical Training, the Faculty of Science. Registered students only may enter the continuous teaching internship. Applications shall be submitted **by January 22**.

The center of Pedagogical Training places students to schools in Olomouc and nearby towns (Šternberk, Přerov, Prostějov, Uničov, Litovel). Students do not have to ensure the internship at these schools by themselves; however, they may specify the name of the preferred school in Olomouc region in the application. Students who wish to practice their skills in different regions shall ensure their internship position by themselves. It is necessary to ask the director of the school to approve the internship on their application form.

The Centre of Pedagogical Training provides teaching internship only in the above mentioned period of time. In case you have any questions please send an email to: jana.slezakova@upol.cz

International Matters

❑ **Scholarships for foreign students in the Czech Republic**

The Ministry of Education Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic has announced a scholarship program to support study and research stays of foreigners from selected countries at universities in the Czech Republic in 2016/17. List of countries and conditions for submitting an application is available [here](#). If you are in contact with prospective students from countries listed, please inform them about the opportunity.

Faculty Operation

❑ **New scanning equipment in the faculty registries is in operation**

Scanning devices have been installed in both faculty registries. All invoices have to be scanned into an information system Magion and secured with electronic signature. For this reason it is no longer possible to register invoices on the spot. We kindly request our employees to submit invoices without any accompanying documents, on separate sheets, without any notepads or labels and mark with corresponding name or number of department or cost center.

Miscellaneous

❑ Academic Sport Center of Palacký University cordially invites all employees and their family members to the **Day of Sport on Wednesday October 28**. Members of the center have prepared a wide range of sport activities listed in [Attachment no.1](#). If you want to fully enjoy your sport activities you can pre-book participation of your children in sport activities in the area of shipyard behind UP sport hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. but you can also take part in joint sport activities together with your children.

☐ **Touches of paper - a creative contest on a theme of the Summer Olympic Games 2016**

We repeat the call of Antalis company for participation in the contest. **Create your original paper creation, design, project from special graphic papers B1 format provided and submit it by November 20.** If interested in participation, please contact Mrs. Dagmar Petrželová, e-mail: dagmar.petrzelova@upol.cz,

☐ **Khan's Academy Translation Marathon**

Biochemistry student Olga Ryparová cordially invites you to the third annual Khan's Academy Translation Marathon within the project „Cherish our Alma Mater“. Marathon will take place on October 31. The main objective of the event is to provide access of high-quality video tutorials to Czech audience of all ages. During the last Saturday in October the supporters of Khan Academy will get together trying to translate as many videos from an American server into Czech as possible. Refreshments for participants will be provided. For more information and pre-registration click [here](#).

☐ **Rise and Shine**

The third annual conference of student personal development **Rise and Shine 2015** will be held at **Czech Technical University in Prague, Department of Telecommunication Engineering on October 24 and 25**. The conference is intended mainly for students and graduates of technical, life science and economic fields. The event connects inspiring speakers, prestigious companies, and active young people interested in self-development. Inter alia participants will learn how to master their studies quickly and acquire more time and more chances to do what really fulfils them whether it's a dream job, or owning a successful business; they can also find out how to get a job in a top enterprise, how to gain leading positions at work or how to balance career success with a harmonious relationship. For more information write an email: vojtech.kouba@riseandshine.cz.

☐ **Little Noah Foundation organizes an annual benefit concert in Reduta hall of Moravian Philharmonics on November 6, at 7:00p.m.** The following artists will perform during the evening: Hana Maciuchová, Alfréd Strejček, guitarist Štěpán Rak and Gamavilla quartet with playlist of familiar songs by the Beatles. A social gathering will be held in Mozart Hall after the concert; the artists, sponsors, partners and other supporters of the foundation will be participating.

Tickets for the event are available for CZK 250, 190 or 100 according to location of the seat in the hall. Please contact Mrs. Zavoralová: karolina.zavoralova@upol.cz till **October 27**.

☐ **Eye surgery - 10% discount for our employees**

The Gemini Eye Clinic in Zlín has offered our students and employees 10% discount cards for an eye surgery. Cards are transferable; they are valid also for the family members and friends. If you are interested in using this discount, send an email to Mrs. Petrželová: dagmar.petrzelova@upol.cz. The card will be delivered to you via internal mail.

☐ **The next Newsletter** will be released on **November 6, 2015**

☐ **As of September 27, 2015 the following provision of UP came into effect:**

[B3-15/2-MPR](#) – Framework Agreement for office paper and envelopes supply + order form

As of September 30, 2015 the following provision UP came into effect:

[B1-15/2-HN](#) – Constitution of the Commission for Information Technologies UP

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