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Introductory word

Study fields of our faculty will be presented in the Stronghold of knowledge during the following five weeks. High-school students, their parents as well as other visitors may get acquainted with activities of various departments, learn information about admission procedure, and last but not least about the great achievements of local researchers. The series called “Month with Natural Sciences” will start with Biology and Ecology and finish with Physics in mid-December.

“The goal of this event is to closely link activities of the faculty and the Stronghold of knowledge and introduce them to the public. We will present our study fields to visitors in a different environment than up to now. They will find out that at our faculty they can not only receive high-quality education, but they can become a part of top research teams. We hope to motivate talented high-school students to study natural sciences,” the Dean, Ivo Frébort, explained.

Biology, Ecology, Earth Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, or Physics will be consecutively presented in the interactive museum of science. In many cases these so called “study field weeks” will be interconnected with other promotional activities of the departments, e.g. Open house at the Centre of the Region Haná or GISday at the Department of Geoinformatics.



Each of the five weeks will be devoted to one study field which will have a bulletin board and a stand on the ground floor of the museum. Thursdays will always be dedicated to presentations for high-school students where they may learn information about admissions, meet young scientists, listen to lectures on intriguing topics, and see exciting experiments. On Saturdays, there will be Science Café – lectures popularizing science for the general public taking place in Laudon’s hall from 2 pm. Visitors will among other things learn that Mathematics is the language of natural sciences, get acquainted with the newest research results of Olomouc Ecologists from Borneo or with the climate in Olomouc. Babysitting will be available during these lectures.

“Interconnecting the Stronghold of knowledge with the Faculty of Science is visible also when visiting the exhibitions, which were for a large part created with the help of scientist from the faculty. We want people to know that we attend to popularization of science throughout the whole year,” the Program Director of the museum, Jakub Ráliš stated.

The “study field weeks” should not substitute for the traditional open house events. On the contrary, they should serve as an invitation to these. An open house where student candidates may get to know the authentic environment of the lecture rooms and laboratories will take place on November 20 and January 16.

Science and Research

Public tender in research, experimental development, and innovation

Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic announced a public tender in research, experimental development, and innovation within program VI - Security Research of the Czech Republic 2015 - 2020. The deadline for submitting proposals is **December 16**. The expected date of project commencement is January 1, 2017.

New grant program to support gifted students

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic will financially support organizers of extracurricular educational activities for gifted pupils and students from 13 to 19 years of age who will provide innovative forms of education for example summer schools, research activities, special projects, workshops, etc. in the next school year. Universities, public research institutions, non-governmental organization or leisure centers may apply for the subsidy of up to CZK 10 million. The deadline for submitting application is December 15. Detailed information about the call may 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.

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

☐ Erasmus Info Day

Are you thinking about studying abroad with one of Erasmus+ programs? Would you like to know how to apply and how to get through the selection process successfully? All you need to know before you leave and when you get back from abroad will be presented during Erasmus Info Day on **November 25** at the auditorium of the Faculty of Science from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

☐ ČEZ Innovation Marathon 2015

The innovation marathon is an intense 24-hour challenge for students or graduates in all fields who like to look for unusual solutions, create and move things forward. Under the leadership of innovative and coaching experts the participants shall undergo a comprehensive innovation process, learn about the wide range of innovative techniques and learn to use them in finding solutions to a given real problem. The winning team will be invited for breakfast with ČEZ Group strategists. In order to register, participants have to submit an application, their CV and one A4 page essay about any successful Czech company. The task is to describe why the company excels and what could possibly be improved. The registration is open until November 10. The event will be held at the headquarters of ČEZ in Prague on December 3 and 4 from 9:00 a.m. on Thursday to 9:00 a.m. on Friday. For more information please contact Mrs. Lucie Ehrlichová, e-mail: lucie.ehrlichova@cez.cz.

I International Matters

☐ International Scholarships based on bilateral agreements

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic has published a list of countries offering scholarships for students. Detailed information about general conditions of participation including the application procedure is available [here](#).

☐ Scholarships in Germany

We would like to inform our students and teachers who are interested in research and education scholarships and research fellowships in Germany that applications for the majority of Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) programs for the academic year 2016/2017 shall be submitted by November 15 and for summer courses by December 1. Detailed information including an application form is available [here](#)

F Faculty Operation

☐ The newly reconstructed bistro on the first floor of the faculty building on 17. listopadu has been opened this week. You can choose from a wide selection of fresh fruit and vegetable salads, baguettes, sandwiches, pastry and dairy products every working day from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Friday. The Friday operating hours will be shorter reflecting customers' requirements.

☐ Get acquainted with different faculty departments

Students, staff and seniors of the faculty can now visit different departments on 17. listopadu street and on Holice premises as well. The first tour will take place on November 12, the last one on November 26. The exact tour schedule is available upon request on pospol@upol.cz where you can also book your tour.

☐ The footbridge over "Mlýnský potok" next to Olomouc Crown Fortress in Bezručovy sady Park is closed due to poor technical conditions. Construction work will be finished on November 27.

M Miscellaneous

☐ The Dean of the Faculty of Science announces a competition for the best faculty New Year card design for 2016. Students, staff, seniors and alumni may send their original painted, drawn, sculpted, photographed

or computerized art works to: karolina.zavoralova@upol.cz by **November 20**. For posting your art piece please use the following address: Mrs. Karolina Zavoralová, The Faculty of Science, Palacký University in Olomouc, 17. listopadu 12, 77146 Olomouc. It is also possible to submit the design personally after making an appointment, tel: 585634775. 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.

☐ **The next Newsletter** will be released **on November 20, 2015**

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