

Newsletter

of the Faculty of Science PU

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Introductory word

Seven heads of departments of the Faculty of Science has received letters of appointment

Roughly a third of the faculty departments will have old-new department managers since September. The leading staff who has resulted from selection procedures received letters of appointment from Ivo Frébort, the Dean of the Faculty of Science on Tuesday. While six of them have many years' experiences, it will be the first term of office for Marian Halás, the new head of Department of Geography.

"I am glad that we have personalities who are willing to lead their departments, for the most part repeatedly. It is often associated with a certain amount of self-sacrifice for the workplace and a reduction of their scientific output. I would like to thank everyone and say that they may anytime approach the faculty management with problems related. We all know that things aren't always easy and we face many problems that must be solved however, Palacký University progresses in international evaluations steeply, above all due to the Faculty of Science. It is also a merit of the heads of Departments," said the Dean.

I want to move department further, in line with the direction of the faculty. Our department has been dominantly financed from contributions for teaching students. Students will remain of a great importance to us of course, but I would also like to focus more on science and research now," said Marian Halás.

Libor Machala, the head of Department of Experimental Physics also intends to place greater emphasis on scientific work. "I would like to follow up on the previous period and concentrate more on science and research. Previously, the department was focused more likely on teaching and research work was carried out in Holiche laboratories; now we perform research at our department again. Continuing this trend is my main task, as I promised at the selection," said Machala, who will lead the department for the second term of office.



Vladan Ondřej has led Department of Botany since the year 2010. "Another period of operational programs lies ahead, we plan further reconstruction in Holiche and I hope it turns out well," revealed Ondřej.

The old-new head of Department of Development Studies, Pavel Nováček, is a little more experienced in leading department. "We have already acquired all necessary accreditations and therefore we can expect a period of stabilization," said Nováček.

The leading management position for further term was also entrusted to Jan Hlaváč from Department of Organic Chemistry, Radomír Halaš from Department of Algebra and Geometry and Radim Bělohávek from Department of Computer Science.

For Students

□ **Graduation Ceremony**

We kindly ask students who will complete their studies by taking a state final exam in May or June and wish to participate in graduation ceremonies to come to the Department of Study and confirm their presence at the graduation ceremony. Graduation ceremony will be held from **June 27 to July 1**. Graduation schedule will be posted on the website of the Faculty. Graduation fee is CZK 500 and can be paid using a money order 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 means of payment please send a scanned copy of the proof of payment to the relevant employee at Department of study.

Students, who completed their studies by taking a state final exam in January and February, can collect their diplomas at the Department of Study. We kindly request faculty alumni, who will take part in the graduation ceremony (June 27 – July 1) to deliver their diplomas back to the Department of Study before the graduation in order to obtain them during the ceremony.

□ **Doctoral study program student evaluation**

We kindly request students of Doctoral Study Programs to deliver their student evaluation for past academic year to the Study Department of the Faculty of Science **by June 30**. It must include the signature of the student and statement of his/her supervisor that recommends/doesn't recommend proceeding to the next year.

□ **Information about the registration into higher grades of study programs**

Students must complete their study obligations **by September 5** in order to register into higher grades of study programs or to apply for study extension. However, they shall not submit their credit list and registration list A this time. All study results must be written and confirmed in their credit book and also recorded in Stag system by the same date. It is no longer possible to take any exams or make any records to Stag after the deadline.

Department of Study will consequently revise fulfillment of study obligations. Students who will not meet the obligation for advancement into higher grades must submit an application to dropout otherwise proceedings on expulsion will be initiated. Students who meet the obligation for **study extension** shall submit their application at Department of Study by **September 5**.

□ Students of the second and the third year of Bachelor study programs and students of the second year of Master study programs can obtain their **confirmation of studies for the next academic year** at Department of Study **from September 6**. It is not possible to get the confirmation prior to the date due to ongoing registration of the first year students.

□ We kindly request students of Doctoral study programs in credit system to continuously check whether their study results have been recorded in STAG.

International and outer University Information

□ **Erasmus + for students with special needs**

Students who wish to apply for a grant designed for participants with special needs can submit their applications by June 28 at Rectorat, Department for International Relations. For more information please contact Simona Černá, e-mail: simona.cerna@upol.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 August 22 to August 28**. For further information please contact Martin Halva, cell.: +420 604 760 628.

Faculty Operation

- ❑ The faculty management kindly requests employees of individual departments to cooperate with designers of a new university website if they are addressed regarding support or information.
- ❑ As of June 10, 2016 an amendment no. 1 to the Dean's Guideline A-14/5/SD came into force implementing certain provisions of the Study and Examination Regulations of UP. The document will come into effect on September 1.
- ❑ Based on application submitted by the Coordination Council of Trade Unions operating at Palacký University, the Rector has agreed on three per cent wage tariffs increase from July 1, 2016. The proposal was approved by the UP Academic Senate on June 8. According to Paragraph 36, Article 4 of the Law on Higher Education, changes to the internal wage regulation of Palacký University shall come into effect on the day of registration by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic, presumably on July 1.

Miscellaneous

- ❑ **PosPos**
The Dean of the faculty cordially invites all University staff, Ph.D. Students and seniors of the faculty to the summer **Pospos gathering** which will be held at **the Fortress of Knowledge on Thursday June 23 from 1:00 p.m.** Come and enjoy good company, refreshments, petangue tournament and live music performed by 3+n band. Families of our employees and students can visit interactive expositions and planetarium in the Fortress of Knowledge for free.
- ❑ **Science and Research Fair**
Olomouc town center will again pulse for science and education **from June 17 to 18**. Fifteenth annual Science and Research Fair invites general public to the Fortress of Knowledge, to the Faculty of Science and to the old baroque powder room too. Dozens of interactive expositions will have a potential to excite visitors of all ages about science once again. More information can be found [here](#).
- ❑ **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 academic year 2016/2017. Students, staff, seniors and alumni may send their original art works to: dagmar.petrzelova@upol.cz **by June 17**. Author of the winning design will receive a financial reward amounting up to CZK 5000 and a voucher for a three-day stay for two people in the faculty cabin in Karlov. For further information please contact Dagmar Petřelová.
- ❑ **The next Newsletter** will be released **on June 24, 2016**

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