

# Newsletter

of the Faculty of Science PU

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## Introductory word

Dear colleagues, dear students,

it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our Alma Mater in the new academic year! I trust you feel well-rested after pleasant holidays and that you will tackle the tasks of the upcoming semester with great energy. I also welcome our new students and wish them to enjoy their studies, be successful and obtain necessary foundation for their future career.

However not all our employees could relax during holidays. Technical Support Department and Project Support Department staff experienced rather hectic summer. They were preparing projects for individual calls of Operational Programme Research, Development and Education under the guidance of the faculty Secretary. Our faculty was involved in preparation of a large university project, we have also submitted three faculty projects focused on strengthening infrastructure and two projects targeted at modernization of doctoral study programs. Given the quality of our employees and careful preparation we have quite a high chance to succeed and realize among other things planned modernization and extension of the ground floor of building 47 in Holice premises as well as reconstruction and extension of the greenhouse behind building 53, laboratory of soil biology construction including. I would like to thank everyone who participated in for their work and energy. The Building Maintenance staff kept themselves busy during summer as well. Further information about their activities is available on the following pages of the Newsletter.

I am glad that neither due to the declining number of high school graduates the interest in studies at our faculty among applicants is not significantly decreasing. However about 250 students less has enrolled to the first grades of Bachelor and Master Study programs as compared with the previous year. The reasons might be either tightening criteria for admission or introducing entrance exams in certain fields for the first time which has been our reaction to the relatively high drop-out in the first grades. Therefore we intend to focus on selecting the strongest applicants capable of manage the studies.



A number of tasks is waiting for us in the upcoming academic year; in addition to teaching and research activities we will continue in project preparation of additional investments which are essential for the development of our faculty. Planned investments include among other things reconstruction of infrastructure networks and communications as well as reconstruction of administrative building no. 52 in Holice. We would also like to finish repair of vent hood system and install air conditioning in workrooms in Envelopa premises. I am looking forward to your support and cooperation in resolving all these challenges.

Ivo Frébort  
Dean of the Faculty of Science

## Science and Research

- ❑ All project proposals shall be submitted only through Department of Science and Research of the Faculty of Science. Thank you for complying with the regulation.
- ❑ The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has announced the first public tender in research, development and innovation of **the INTER-COST (LTC17) program**. Project proposals for an international cooperation in research and development shall be submitted by **October 31**. Detailed information is available [here](#).
- ❑ The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has announced a public tender in research, development and innovation of **the INTER-ACTION LTAUSA17 program**. The deadline for submitting project proposals of the Czech-US cooperation in research and development is **October 31**. Detailed information is available [here](#).
- ❑ The Rector of Palacký University has announced the sixth call to support **the Proof-of-Concept** activities at our University. Any projects which are not funded from other sources maybe funded, if they have a high commercial potential and existing relevant market. Proposals for projects of a functional prototype, tested technologies, industrial-legal protection or commercial subject license shall be submitted by **October 26**. For further information please contact Petr Kubečka, email: [petr.kubecka@vtpup.cz](mailto:petr.kubecka@vtpup.cz).
- ❑ **Honorable mention of the Rector of UP to authors of scientific books 2016**  
In order to increase the prestige of research work, the Rector grants an honorable mention to authors of scientific books to the University employees again this year. All employees of UP including the author himself may submit a proposal by sending the book and covering letter to the faculty Science and Research Department. Publications aimed at wider public, textbooks and study materials are explicitly excluded from the list of proposed publications. The deadline for submitting proposals is **September 30**. Detailed information including the covering letter template may be found [here](#).
- ❑ **Fulbright Scholarship Programs**  
[The Fulbright Specialist Program](#) will enable Czech universities and research centers to invite experts from the US to their workplaces for 2-6 week stay. The deadline for submitting application is **October 1**.

Applications to [the Fulbright Core Program](#) shall be submitted by **November 1**. This scholarship supports visits of Czech scientists and academics in the United States to lecture or carry out research in any field except for clinical medicine. The same deadline applies for submission of applications for [the Fulbright-Masaryk Program](#) for postdoctoral and senior category. This scholarship supports outstanding experts in their scientific field who are also active in public life of their institutions or communities.

Based on [the Inter-Country Travel Grant](#) you can also invite Fulbright scholarship participants operating in Europe in this academic year to your conferences, lectures and workshops.

There are also Fulbright scholarship participants based in Czech Republic whom you can also invite to your institution or events. The list of candidates is available [here](#).

## For Students

- ❑ Curriculum for the academic year 2016/2017 is available on the website of the faculty. Lists of lectures for Bachelor and Master Study Programs are available [here](#), lists of lectures for Doctoral Study Programs are available [here](#).

## ❑ Courses registration for winter semester

We would like to inform students that the pre-registration of courses is possible until **September 25**. Students may **adjust** their **timetable at the Department of Study till October 27**. Modifying the timetable after this deadline is possible only upon request, confirmed by the head of the respective department or a teacher.

## ❑ Recognition of credits

We kindly request students who want to apply for credit recognition for courses from previous studies to fill in the relevant application and submit the document including the list of accomplished courses, the approval of the teacher, and the guarantor of the course to the Department of Studies **by October 27**.

## ❑ First year students' matriculations will be held on **October 6 and 7**. Their schedule will be posted on the Faculty webpage at the end of September.

## ❑ Graduation Ceremony

We kindly ask students who completed their studies by taking a state final exam and wish to participate in graduation ceremony to come to Department of Study and confirm their presence at the ceremony. It will be held on **November 11 and 12**. Graduation schedule will be posted on the website of the Faculty and published in our Newsletter.

## ❑ The first year students of **Doctoral study programs** are obliged to deliver their learning plans and specification of their dissertation theses signed by their tutor to Department of Study by the end of the months. All required materials shall be printed from Stag.

## ❑ Scholarship for students with disabilities

A non-profit organization European Disability Forum has announced a competition for EUR 8000 scholarship. Students of information and communication technologies with disabilities can submit their projects focused on access improvement to ICTs for persons with disabilities by **October 31**. The jury will evaluate an originality and scientific quality of project proposals as well as consideration of the different needs of the handicapped. Further information is available [here](#).

## ❑ Academia Student Award

Students can nominate their Master's thesis in the fields of Life Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences for the competition by **October 20**. Academia Publishing will issue the winning work in book form. For further information please write an email on [bohmoiva@academia.cz](mailto:bohmoiva@academia.cz).

## ❑ Farming by Satellite Prize

Students and young people under 32 years of age can register to a new competition aimed to support expansion of satellite technology in agriculture. Project proposals should demonstrate using of satellite technologies to improve agriculture and reduce negative impacts on the environment. **Registration** is open till **October 31**. **Proposals written in English** are accepted till **December 15**. Further information is available [here](#).

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## **I**nternational and outer University Information

## ❑ Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna

Application forms for short and long-term stays in JINR Dubna are available in [Attachment No. 1 and 2](#). An application form for a stay of JINR staff at institution in the Czech Republic is available in [Attachment No. 3](#). Completed forms shall be sent to the Committee for the Coordination of Cooperation with the Czech Republic at JINR Dubna on: [dubna@ujf.cas.cz](mailto:dubna@ujf.cas.cz) by **October 10**.

- ❑ The web portal [www.researchjobs.cz](http://www.researchjobs.cz) gathers information about job vacancies in the field of science, research and innovations or about available academic positions which could be of interest for post-graduates looking for a job as well as departments searching for young scientists.

## **F**aculty Operation

- ❑ We kindly request departments which implemented **written entrance exams in this academic year to send a full version of tests including results to Jitka Mayerová**, email: [jitka.mayerova@upol.cz](mailto:jitka.mayerova@upol.cz). Materials will be posted on the faculty website.
- ❑ **Personal changes at HR Department**  
As of September 1, **Veronika Vašková**, e-mail: [veronika.vaskova@upol.cz](mailto:veronika.vaskova@upol.cz), tel: 585634032, alternated Mrs. Věra Poláková at HR Department. We would like to thank Věra Poláková for her hard work and dedication and wish her the best in the next chapter of her life. Detailed information about department's activities is available in [Attachment No. 4](#).
- ❑ **Personal changes at Department of Study**  
As of September 1, **Martina Karásková**, e-mail: [martina.karaskova@upol.cz](mailto:martina.karaskova@upol.cz), tel: 585634026, has been in charge of the Doctoral study programs agenda. Mrs. **Jitka Mayerová**, [jitka.mayerova@upol.cz](mailto:jitka.mayerova@upol.cz), tel: 585634149, has been responsible for classroom booking. The agenda of archiving has been entrusted to Mrs. **Jitka Hanzlíková**, e-mail: [jitka.hanzlikova@upol.cz](mailto:jitka.hanzlikova@upol.cz), tel: 585634013.
- ❑ **Personal changes in the management of the Faculty Library**  
**Michaela Vepřeková** is the Head of the faculty library, you can contact her on e-mail: [michaela.veprekova@upol.cz](mailto:michaela.veprekova@upol.cz), tel. 585 634 996. As of October 1, a new employee **Michaela Molinová** will join the team.
- ❑ The Head of Building Maintenance Mrs. Dagmar Zlámalová terminated her employment at the end of August. Her position won't be alternated for the time being; working competences were divided into three new sections – Envelopa Technical Department, Holice Technical Department and Building Operation. The faculty secretariat will be responsible for a part of new working responsibilities as well.  
**Ondřej Kolář** has been entrusted with the manager position of the new department in Envelopa, the Fortress of Knowledge including. **Ladislav Huslar** has been entrusted with the manager position of the new department in Holice. Both of them will take care of technical problems, complaints procedures as well as construction issues. Position of the Building Operation manager has been entrusted to **Věra Holišová**. The senior person for all three sections is the faculty secretary Jana Zimová.  
An inclusion of file services under the faculty secretariat is another significant change. Mrs. **Silvie Polánková** is newly in charge of commercial and non-commercial space renting, claim events and registry. Since January, the organizational structure of the Secretariat will also include the archiving agenda.
- ❑ **Operation of Building Maintenance during summer months**  
Building Management used summer months for regular maintenance and general cleaning of the buildings and also for an implementation of several large-scale repairs, which required an investment of more than CZK 4.6 mil. considering faculty Envelopa premises only. The first stage of corroded galvanized hood pipes replacement was the most significant repair; the investment amounted to CZK 2,8 mil. Workers also made adjustments of exhaust ventilation. "There should be no more leakage of chemical vapors into shafts and their subsequent release into offices, classrooms and corridors. I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation" said the manager of Envelopa Technical Department, Ondřej Kolář. Workers managed to lead a draft from storage of dangerous non-combustible material to the roof as well during summer. Air conditioning system in classrooms on the first floor of the main faculty building was also adjusted. It will be in operation 24 hours a day to ensure basic ventilation, when switched on it will allow a hundred percent air exchange.

A repair of the elevator in the Joint Laboratory of Optics building, whose technical condition is no longer in compliance with current technical standards will be finished in mid-October. Realization of a new access system for employees of SLO and VLD will be completed at the end of October. On the contrary reconstruction and repair of sanitary installations on the first floor of VLD building were finished in August. Hot and cold water supplies and pipe circulation were replaced, construction works on side staircase and access stairs in the atrium completed reconstruction of the building.

Complete reconstruction of floors in building H took place within the Complaints Procedure in Holice premises during summer. The reconstruction was challenging because it involved intensive coordination, the whole building had to be moved out and staff was relocated to temporary premises. Along with floor reconstruction other minor adjustments were made in the building. "I would like to thank the staff for their patience, they had to work in quite difficult conditions," said the manager of Holice Technical Department, Ladislav Huslar.

## Student Organizations

### UP Crowd

Would you like to get involved in the activities of student association UP Crowd and help with popularization of science? You can find us on our [Facebook](#) or contact us on [upcrowd@upol.cz](mailto:upcrowd@upol.cz).

## Miscellaneous

### English language courses for employees and PhD students

Department of Foreign Languages at the Faculty of Science, Palacký University offers English courses for employees and PhD students of the Faculty of Science in the winter semester 2016/17. The complete list of courses is available in [Attachement No. 5](#).

- ❑ **We cordially invite our students and staff to the Grand opening of the Faculty of Science Geological Park** which will be held on the faculty park premises behind the main building on Friday, **October 7 at 1:00 p.m.**



### Pozvánka na slavnostní otevření Geoparku Přírodovědecké fakulty Univerzity Palackého v Olomouci

dovolujeme si Vás co nejsrdečněji  
pozat na slavnostní otevření Geoparku  
PřF UP v Olomouci, které se bude konat  
v pátek 7. 10. 2016 ve 13 hod. v parku  
před budovou Přírodovědecké fakulty na  
Envelopě (ul. 17. listopadu 12).  
Těšíme se na Vaši účast!

☐ **Run with Kangaroo**

The Faculty of Science along with its partners cordially invites students and staff to participate in 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Run with Kangaroo which will be held **in Olomouc-Hejčín on Saturday, September 24**. Apart from sports, entertainment and information this events will offer a novelty – a kangaroo educational path and financial collection, which will start a sponsorship of a kangaroo from Olomouc ZOO. UP students and staff can register for 3 km run. Further information and registration form is available [here](#).

☐ **Faculty Board Games Club DoUPě Olomouc** is looking for new members! We meet every Thursday in classroom no. 1034 on the ground floor of the Envelopa faculty building at 4:30 p.m.. Seasonal players as well as newcomers are welcome, game rules are explained on site. You can also bring your favorite game and arrange teammates on the spot. For current information please visit the club's [Facebook](#) or contact us on: [kdholomouc@seznam.cz](mailto:kdholomouc@seznam.cz).

☐ **The next Newsletter** will be released **on October 7, 2016**

☐ **Provisions of UP**

[A-1/2006](#) - Statute of Palacký University in Olomouc (XIII. Consolidated text of the UP Statute from August 18, 2016)

**As of September 1, 2016 the following provision of UP came into effect:**

[B3-16/5-RR](#) – Specific Social Scholarships at UP in the academic year 2016/2017

**As of October 1, 2016 the following provision of UP came into effect:**

[B3-16/6-RR](#) - Accommodation Scholarships at Palacký University in Olomouc from October to December 2016

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