

Newsletter

of the Faculty of Science PU

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Introductory word

Thanks to excellent scientific results the Faculty of Science will be better off again

Faculty of Science will this year be better off financially mainly due to its top scientific performance. The contribution of institutional resources has increased by CZK 27 million compared to last year. The Faculty can count on a total amount of approximately CZK 509 million. On Wednesday's Faculty Academic Senate meeting 17 out of 19 present Academic Senate members voted in favor of the distribution of funds.

"The rise of scientific performance of our Faculty is very distinctive in comparison with other faculties which I am truly happy about. In most workplaces, there is a slight increase in funding compared to the previous year. Thanks to this increase we will also be able to secure operation of the Stronghold of knowledge and ensure its sustainability in the upcoming years," said the Dean - Ivo Frébort. The Centre of popularization will this year manage the budget of approximately CZK 11 million, with almost CZK 5 million from the Dean's Office funds.

The largest part from the obtained institutional contribution is for results in science and research. While last year the Faculty received CZK 225.3 million, this year the contribution for science and research amounted to CZK 254.8. The Faculty received roughly CZK 1 million higher contribution for teaching according to coefficient K (quality, performance), which comes to about CZK 77 million. On the contrary, the contribution for funded students has decreased again by roughly CZK 3 million to CZK 177 million. Contribution of the Faculty to University activities will increase. While last year it was less than CZK 90 million, this year it will come to CZK 91.5 million.



The Academic Senate has approved the report on the Faculty's economy in 2015 as well as the methodology of division of the funds, which compared with the previous year has undergone only small adjustments. When allocating contributions for teaching, the total number of students shall be decreased by first-year students of the Bachelor's and follow-up Master's programs who fail to obtain any credits by February 15 of the respective year. A novelty comes also in form of a one-off contribution to the salary costs of Post-doc staff from a project called "Sustainability of Post-doc positions at UP". "This contribution is about 80,000 crowns, which should cover three months-worth of salary at the beginning of the calendar year, when the workplaces do not have grant funds at their disposal," explained Frébort.

The report on Faculty's economy in 2015 and the budget for 2016 have been recommended for approval also by the Economic Commission of the Faculty Senate. "The Economic Commission states that the Division of funds is in accordance with the approved methodology, and therefore recommends its adoption," said the Commission's Chairwoman Irena Smolová.

Institutional funds redistributed the Academic Senate make up for about half of the amount the Faculty disposes of. The additional money comes from special purpose funds, projects and grants. In 2014 the Faculty operated on a budget of CZK 1.25 billion, last year with about CZK 1.1 billion.

Science and Research

□ Dean's Award for students' scientific papers

All students of our faculty may compete for an exceptional scholarship and also valuable awards in the following sections: Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Ecology, Earth sciences and Teaching natural science. To participate in the competition they shall **register on the new website by April 25. The deadline for submitting their scientific papers is May 2**, the competition will be held on **May 5**. For further information please contact Dagmar Petřelová on dagmar.petrzelova@upol.cz.

□ Award of the Minister of Agriculture

The Ministry of Agriculture in cooperation with Czech Academy of Agricultural Sciences has announced a public competition for the best experimental development research results in 2016. Nomination for the award shall be submitted in writing by April 22 at 3:00 p.m. at the Secretariat of Research, Education and Consultancy Department of the Ministry of Agriculture (Těšnov 65/17, 110 00 Praha 1 – Nové Město). Further information is available [here](#) (only in Czech).

□ Cooperation with Austrian universities

Program AKTION Czech Republic - Austria has been extended until the year 2019. Project proposals shall be therefore submitted by April 15. The current version of the application form is available [here](#). For further information please contact Mrs. Helena Hanžlová, tel. +420 221 850 506, 602 169 216, e-mail: aktion@dzs.cz.

For Students

□ Students may now **adjust** their **timetable** at the Department of Study **only upon request, confirmed by the head of the respective department or a teacher**.

□ Finish your studies on time if you want to take the state final examination!

The Department of Study reminds the third year students of Bachelor study programs and the second year students of Master study programs of the obligation to conclude their studies at least three weeks before the date of their state final examination. To conclude their studies, students must submit their student credit book with all their learning results entered and confirmed therein at the Department of Study. The learning results must also be recorded in STAG system.

International and outer University Information

□ Moscow State Institute of International Relations Scholarship

Moscow State Institute of International Relations has offered one scholarship position in the bachelor study program in the academic year 2016/2017 to candidates with very good knowledge of Russian and

an additional world language. The deadline for submitting an application and other documents required is **April 30**. For further information click [here](#) or contact Mrs. Karla Benešová, tel .: +420 221 850 504, email: aia@dzs.cz.

Faculty Operation

- **Student lockers are currently more accessible**

Students who would like to use one of 390 lockers must now observe new rules. The storage spaces are intended solely for one day temporary storage of personal things; keys are available at the faculty front desk upon submission of their ISIC card.

"We are willing to provide more students with storage space. Until recently, many of the lockers were either permanently occupied, or their keys were missing. However, we have introduced a trial operation of our new system. After the trial period, at the end of the academic year, we might consider adjustments," said the Secretary Jana Zimová.

Students may borrow a key after electronic registration using their ISIC card and store their belongings in the locker from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. If a student does not return the key, our system will send a notification to the student's email. Should the student fail to return the key or explain why he/she has not been able to do so, the locker will be opened within two days and the left belongings will be kept in the faculty archive. In addition, the student will lose one of the three credits available for the whole time of study. After their depletion the system won't allow additional lending due to repeated violation of operating rules. Loss of a key is fined by CZK 500.

A similar system has also been implemented at Faculty of Medicine and libraries of the university or the Faculty of Physical Culture. Students' lockers Operating Rules will be available at the faculty front desk, at the lockers and on the faculty website in the upcoming days.

Student Organizations

- **UP Crowd**

UP Crowd cordially invites students and university staff to a "fun-science" party which will be held **on Wednesday April 13 at 8:00 p.m. in 15 Minutes club**. Among other things you will enjoy super-fast science-popularizing FameLab lectures, luminescent "science drinks" at the bar, UV lamps and fun with liquid nitrogen!

Miscellaneous

- **"Cherish our Alma Mater"**

The faculty project „Cherish our Alma Mater“ will again support students' ideas on promoting our faculty or improving its environment. If you have an idea how to increase public awareness of our faculty, brighten up faculty life by organizing various exhibitions, create a new educational tool or organize a particular cooperation with high-school students etc., submit your proposal to Mrs. Dagmar Petrželová, e-mail: dagmar.petrzelova@upol.cz **by October 31** and get CZK 500 to start its realization and another CZK 9500 special scholarship upon a successful final defense. The expert committee will assess creativity and originality of individual proposals, benefits for the faculty or a quality of the final report. For further information please contact Mrs. Petrželová.

- **Stupkovo kvarteto will perform at the Faculty of Science**

We cordially invite our students and faculty staff to a concert of Stupkovo kvarteto, a chamber music ensemble, whose origin and actions are tied with the Faculty through our two alumni; founder of the group and first violin Vladimír Žurek and violist and previous teacher of the Faculty of Science Jiří Kobza.

Fifty-five years have passed since the first concert of these two protagonists. Through this performance Stupkovo kvarteto will celebrate the semicircular anniversary as well as the 35th anniversary of their establishment. Moreover they will commemorate a significant 70th anniversary of the restoration of our university as well. Concert of the quartet composed of Vladimír Žůrek (violin), Martina Fischerová (violin), Jiří Kobza (viola) and David Kostrhon (cello) will be held on **Wednesday, April 13 in the auditorium of the Faculty of Science, tř. 17. listopadu street, at 7:30 p.m.** The admission is free of charge.

☐ **Red Hat Open House 2016**

Once again we pass the invitation of Red Hat to the Open House 2016, which will be held on the premises of the company's branch in Brno, Purkyňova 111, **on April 6**. The organizers has prepared a series of lectures, workshops and coding competitions, during which you can test and extend your knowledge. Detailed information can be found [here](#).

☐ **The next Newsletter** will be released **on April 15, 2016**

☐ **As of March 31, 2016 the following provisions of the Faculty of Science UP came into effect:**

[A-16/2-MPD](#) - Method Guidelines for Setting the Level of indirect Costs in Order to Submit Proposals of Projects with Institutional Support and Targeted Support

[A-16/1-SD](#) - the Dean's Economic Directive of the Faculty of Science, Palacký University in Olomouc UP 2016

As of March 24, 2016 the following provision of UP came into effect:

[B3-16/3-MPK](#) - Amendment no. 2 to Method Guidelines of the UP Bursar no. B3-14/6-MPK – Setting the Level of Indirect Costs in Order to Submit Proposals of Projects with Institutional Support and Targeted Support

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

[B3-16/2-MPK](#) - Amendment no. 2 to Method Guidelines of the UP Bursar no. B3-09/2-MPK – UP fleet services

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