

# BSRUN Members' News

21-31 July 2020



## **BELARUS STATE ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY**

*Hexi University students got BSEU Certificates of education*

This year students from Hexi University who came to study at BSEU were unique – despite the fact that many efforts were aimed at learning Russian, Belarusian language also took a lot of attention. It was for the first time in BSEU history that the group of students studied Belarusian, read Belarusian poems and sang Belarusian songs.

In addition, thanks to Chinese students' team, BSEU has become the winner of International foreign students' essay contest "Russia and East: cultures and traditions tolerance". Moreover, BSEU got II and III degree diplomas in reciters contest held by Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno.

NB: BSEU and Chinese Hexi University are connected by partnership. Since last year Belarusian and Russian Languages Department has been receiving Hexi University students for the 3rd year according to 2+1+1 Programme at the School of International Business Communication.

Source: <http://bseu.by/english/news/202007210.htm>

## **BELARUSIAN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER MAXIM TANK**

*BSPU has completed a volunteer project “Children of the capital”*

The volunteer project “Children of the Capital” has been held online from 6 July to 31 July, 2020, at BSPU. Its goal was to organize leisure activities for children and adolescents during summer holidays.

This season, 37 volunteers – students from 9 faculties and institutes of BSPU – were trained counseling skills and psychology and took part in the project. They conducted 16 thematic sessions for children on effective communication, safe behaviour in the Internet, environmental education, healthy lifestyle, non-standard drawing methods, etc. Educational quizzes, intellectual games, Belarusian folk and sports games, flash mobs were organized as well. At the end of the project a roundtable was organized to discuss project results and reward the volunteers.

Source: <https://bspu.by/news/studenchestvo/v-bgpu-zavershilsya-volonterskii-proekt-deti-stolicy>

## **BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

*A working meeting on 100th anniversary of the university foundation was held at BSU*

On 27 July, BSU hosted a working meeting on the preparation and holding of events in 2020-2021 dedicated to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the university. The meeting was chaired by **Igor Sergeenko**, the head of the Presidential Administration. **Igor Karpenko**, Minister of Education, **Andrey Korol**, BSU rector, vice-rectors and heads of university departments participated in the meeting as well.

The meeting considered and approved the concept of celebrating the 100th anniversary and a detailed plan of anniversary events in the field of education and science that could form a positive image of the university.

In addition, after the meeting a visit to the renovated canteen in the Main Building, the renovated Faculty of Geography and Geoinformatics, and the Museum of Geosciences was organized.

Source: <https://bsu.by/news/obsuzhdenie-podgotovki-i-provedeniya-meropriyatij-v-2020-2021-godakh-posvyashchennykh-prazdnovaniyu--d/>

## **YANKA KUPALA STATE UNIVERSITY OF GRODNO**

*Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno held a summer methodological school of the environmental initiative “HURRAH, Grodno!”*

The 5-days Summer methodical school was held by Yanka Kupala Grodno State University with the support of Association “Education for Sustainable Development”. Among participants there were 30 teachers of various educational institutions of the country gathered in order to improve their skills and environmental awareness. Participants learnt to design effective educational programmes on environmental monitoring and inclusive environmental management, organize educational process using modern technologies and methods, implement project activities to solve local environmental problems.

NB: “Hurrah, Grodno!” is an environmental initiative which is being implemented by UNDP in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus.

Source: <https://www.grsu.by/component/k2/item/34375-grgu-imeni-yanki-kupaly-provodit-letnyuyu-metodicheskuyu-shkolu-ekologicheskoi-initsiativy-ura-grodno.html>

## **BERLIN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND LAW**

*Politeia Prize is awarded at the HWR Berlin*

Four female students were honored for their work on current issues in women's and gender studies. The award winner **Paulina Girke** dealt with female entrepreneurship in her bachelor's thesis.

Three other students were awarded Politeia medals for their outstanding work: **Laura Sophie van Beek** with her bachelor's thesis on gender problems in criminal law, **Denise Bode** with her term paper on strategies that independent women entrepreneurs develop to reduce the gender income gap, **Felicitas Jalsovec** with her master's thesis on reasons and barriers of the underrepresentation of women in management positions in the field of sport.

NB: Since 2001, the HWR Berlin has awarded the Politeia Prize for the establishment and promotion of women's and gender studies to the best student work on a corresponding topic.

Source: <https://www.hwr-berlin.de/aktuelles/neuigkeiten/neuigkeit-detail/1607-politeia-preis-an-der-hwr-berlin-vergeben/>

## **RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**

*RTU has signed Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of the European Digital Innovation Hub association*

On 22 July, **Tālis Juhna**, Vice-Rector for Science of Riga Technical University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of RTU on the establishment of the European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH) association. The aim of the Hub is to promote the digital development of small and medium-sized enterprises in Latvia. RTU will be one of the partners in this association who will invest in the promotion of society's digital skills.

The Digital Innovation Hubs and their network, which will cover the whole European Union, will enable public administrations and private companies to exchange information, receive support, and try and test digital innovations. The initiator of the Memorandum of Understanding is the Latvian Information Technology Cluster.

Source: <https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-paraksta-memorandu-par-eiropas-digitalas-inovacijas-centra-apvienibas-izveidi>

## **UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA**

*International study will find the level of citizens' competence of Latvian school students*

Researchers from the Institute for Educational Research of the University of Latvia are starting work on International Civic and Citizenship Education Study (IEA ICCS 2022) in Latvia. The study that is envisaged by cooperation agreement concluded between the Ministry of Education and Science and the University of Latvia will run from mid-2020 to the end of 2023. The research takes place in the framework of European Social Fund project no. 8.3.6.2/17/I/001 "Development and implementation of education quality monitoring system".

The IEA ICCS 2022 basic study will be conducted between 2021 and the first half of 2023 and will involve almost 4000 students and about 3000 teachers from 150 Latvian schools. International and Latvian results,

as well as a broader analysis compared to other countries, are expected in the second half of 2023. 38 countries from four continents have expressed interest in the IEA ICCS 2022 study.

NB: The IEA ICCS is the world's largest international and the only civic education study of this scale. It aims to study the readiness of young people to fulfill their civic responsibilities and to find out the level of knowledge of school students in civic education. The study allows the European Union and UNESCO to be included in reports and to monitor the country's progress towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Source: <https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/60194/>

## **GDANSK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

*Gdańsk University of Technology opens a new faculty: Mechanical Engineering and Shipbuilding*

In order to raise scientists' competences and research capabilities and to meet the trends in the maritime industry, GUT decided to create a new Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Shipbuilding based on integration of two departments functioning so far separately.

The new faculty may become one of the scientific and research pillars of Gdańsk University of Technology, intending to consolidate its research and teaching activities in areas that are potentially the strength and distinguishing feature of GUT compared to other technical universities in Poland. Thanks to the location of the university in the immediate vicinity of the sea and significant seaports in Gdańsk and Gdynia, the stably managed department may also be an important player on the map of European mechanical and ship departments, preparing multi-faceted and qualified personnel for the dynamically developing maritime industry.

Source: [https://pg.edu.pl/aktualnosci/-/asset\\_publisher/hWGncmoQv7K0/content/politechnika-gdanska-otwiera-nowy-wydzial-inzynierii-mechanicznej-i-okretownictwa?redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fpg.edu.pl%2Faktualnosci%3Fp\\_p\\_id%3D101\\_INSTANCE\\_hWGncmoQv7K0%26p\\_p\\_lifecycle%3D0%26p\\_p\\_state%3Dnormal%26p\\_p\\_mode%3Dview%26p\\_p\\_col\\_id%3Dcolumn-1%26p\\_p\\_col\\_count%3D1](https://pg.edu.pl/aktualnosci/-/asset_publisher/hWGncmoQv7K0/content/politechnika-gdanska-otwiera-nowy-wydzial-inzynierii-mechanicznej-i-okretownictwa?redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fpg.edu.pl%2Faktualnosci%3Fp_p_id%3D101_INSTANCE_hWGncmoQv7K0%26p_p_lifecycle%3D0%26p_p_state%3Dnormal%26p_p_mode%3Dview%26p_p_col_id%3Dcolumn-1%26p_p_col_count%3D1)

## **MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK**

*Biotechnology of the UG and MUG with the highest rating from PKA*

The process of education in the field of biotechnology conducted at the Intercollegiate Faculty of Biotechnology of the University of Gdańsk and Medical University of Gdańsk received a positive assessment for the maximum duration of 5 years.

The Polish Accreditation Committee (Polska Komisja Akredytacyjna, PAK) awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Education. The innovative curriculum at the first level of studies, based on concept-based learning, was highly rated. Attention was also paid to the close connection of the education process with the subject of research.

Source: <https://gumed.edu.pl/61305.html>

## UNIVERSITY OF BIAŁYSTOK

*Dr. Tomasz Goliński won nearly 200 000 PLN for international research*

**Dr. Tomasz Goliński** from the Faculty of Mathematics at the University of Białystok has become one of three winners of international MOZART competition for Polish-Austrian research projects. The grant obtained by the scientist from Białystok is almost 200 000 PLN. Dr. Goliński will implement his project together with **Dr. Alice Barbara Tumpach** from the Wolfgang Pauli Institute (Vienna).

The Polish-Austrian duo will analyze Poisson structures and new integrable systems related to the Sato Grassmannian, using modern geometric tools in infinite dimensional spaces.

Source: <https://uwb.edu.pl/nawosci/aktualnosc/mozart-dla-matematyka-z-uwb-dr-tomasz-golinski-zdobyl-blisko-200-tys-zi-na-miedzynarodowe-badania-naukowe-z-geometria-w-tle/48dba50e>

## UNIVERSITY OF ŁÓDŹ

*75 years of Łódź Film – UŁ is a partner of the celebrations*

2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the creation of the post-war film industry and education, whose activities over the decades contributed to the creation of the honorable term “Łódź Film”. The environment of Łódź Film gave rise to many initiatives and productions that are worth talking about, reminding people and encouraging people to visit the city.

Each evening will be accompanied by a short lecture by an invited guest specialist, as well as a screening of a selected “short form” from the rich collections of the Film School, Educational Films Studio and Se-ma-for animation studio.

Source: <https://www.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosc/szczegoly/75-lat-lodzi-filmowej-ul-partnerem-obchodow>

## UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

*TRAIN4EU+ project with H2020 co-financing*

The 4EU+ Alliance received a grant in the Horizon 2020 competition “Science with participation and for society”. The competition was addressed to alliances of universities, which were laureates of the pilot competition of the European Commission “European Universities” organized as part of the Erasmus+ programme in June, 2019. Among the consortia that have obtained the status of “European University” was the 4EU+ Alliance, to which the University of Warsaw and five other research universities in Europe belong (Charles University in Prague, University of Heidelberg, University of Copenhagen, Sorbonne University, University of Milan).

The Horizon 2020 grant for the implementation of the TRAIN4EU+ project (“Transforming ReseArch & INnovation agendas and support in 4EU”) is an additional support that will allow joint development and implementation of long-term research and innovation strategies at 4EU+ universities. The received funding will allow to develop activities that will contribute to strengthening institutional support instruments for research and innovation.

Source: <https://www.uw.edu.pl/projekt-train4eu-z-dofinansowaniem-h2020/>

## **IMMANUEL KANT BALTIC FEDERAL UNIVERSITY**

*Joint project of Kant University and the Higher School of Economics (Perm, Russia) won the competition "Mirror Laboratories"*

More than 30 applications were submitted for the competition from universities from all over Russia. Based on the results of consideration of the submitted application and video presentation, as well as online meetings, the joint project "Migration as a factor of social transformation of the regions of the USSR in the period of post-war reconstruction: analysis by means of digital humanities" was highly appreciated by all members of the competition committee. The implementation of the project will bring the study of the problems of post-war migration to a new level.

Source: <https://www.kantiana.ru/news/universitet/sovместnyy-proekt-bfu-im-i-kanta-i-vysshey-shkoly-ekonomiki-perm-stal-pobeditelem-v-konkurse-zerkaln/>

P.S. Alexander Fedorov was officially approved as rector of Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University for the next 5 years.

## **PSKOV STATE UNIVERSITY**

*Professor from Pskov State University has released a two-volume collection of Pskov legends with scientific commentary*

Dr. Lyubov Yurchuk, Professor at Department of Philology, Communications and Russian as a Foreign Language, presented a two-volume edition "Legends of Pskov Region", which was published with grant support of Russian Foundation for Basic Research.

For the first time legends of the Pskov Territory with scientific commentary, recorded by teachers and students of Pskov State University during folklore expeditions from 1977 to 2016, are published. The first part of the monograph presents popular Christian legends and stories about mystical and religious oddities and miracles in human life; the second one – local legends (about holy stones and springs, religious buildings and icons associated with a specific place in Pskov region; about the Pskov saints). The collection also presents the results of the study of legends, revealing the regional features of Pskov assembly against the background of general, universal features of Russian (more broadly, East Slavic) folk legends.

Source: <https://pskgu.ru/page/765447a4-535e-4419-a4d0-c38067b38fb1>

## **ST. PETERSBURG ELECTROTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**

*St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University students develop an approach for recycling used solar panels*

One of the main areas of students' research at the Department of Engineering Environmental Protection is development of methods for recycling components of used solar panels. Students take part in an innovative project entitled "Recycling and Disposing of Solar Panel Components at the End of Their Lifecycle". The project is implemented jointly with the University of Cadiz (Spain). The project aims to increase non-waste nontoxic recycling of photovoltaic elements while producing polycrystalline silicon of maximum purity using new technologies and complex methods of evaluating the quality of the resulting product and reducing environmental impact.

Two years have passed since the start of the project, but it is developing rapidly uniting more students and expanding the field of research.

In October 2019, the project received grant support from the Verinsur landfill (Cadiz, Spain), and in December 2019 was recognized as the best international environmental project of the University of Cadiz in 2019.

Source: <https://etu.ru/en/university/news/etu-leti-students-develop-an-approach-for-recycling-used-solar-panels>

## ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

*A chemist from St Petersburg University is awarded a medal of the Russian Academy of Sciences*

**Andrei Shishov**, PhD in Chemistry, Associate Professor at St. Petersburg University, has become the winner of the award for young scientists of Russia in the development or creation of devices, methods, technologies and new R&D products of scientific and applied significance.

For several years, Andrei Shishov has been carrying out research on new possibilities for using deep eutectic solvents in the development of chemical analysis procedures. These new types of environmentally friendly solvents, as a rule, are made from safe natural ingredients and have great potential in many scientific fields. Andrei Shishov's project to detect the concentration of phenols in food products using vitamin B4 was included in a series of ten works, for which the scientist was awarded the prize of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Andrei Shishov has twice been a medallist of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Earlier, in 2012 when he was student at St. Petersburg University, he won a medal and a prize from the Russian Academy of Sciences for a series of works devoted to the development of methods for quality control of petroleum products.

Source: <https://english.spbu.ru/news/3825-a-chemist-from-st-petersburg-university-is-awarded-a-medal-of-the-russian-academy-of-sciences>

## ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS (90th anniversary in 2020)

*Teleconference with China – UNECON participation*

On 31 July, a teleconference "International Promotion of Innovative China: Jiangsu Province" was successfully held. It was organized by the Centre for International Exchange in Science and Technology of China under the guidance of UNECON partner – Association of the PRC for Science and Technology.

On the Russian side, the teleconference was attended by **Tatyana Urzhumtseva**, director of the Centre for the Study of China and Asia-Pacific Countries, **Anastasia Kovaleva**, Deputy Director, and **Valentina Larionova**, President of the Association of Specialists in Molecular Medicine, Medical and Laboratory Genetics.

The purpose of the meeting was to present the science and technology innovation parks of Jiangsu province, present the innovation activities of individual enterprises and discuss the possibilities of joint innovation. As a result, an agreement on scientific cooperation was reached.

Source: <https://unecon.ru/info/telemost-s-kitaem-nashe-uchastie>

## THE NORTH-WEST INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMY OF NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

*NWIM RANEPa and ITMO university will launch an all-Russian cyberquest for applicants*

NWIM RANEPa and ITMO University will launch the first cyberquest in Russia for applicants. School graduates will have to become participants of a large-scale digital game and save the world from an impending technological disaster. Only those who will be able to solve difficult tasks and find answers to the most unpredictable questions will be able to win. The project will be implemented on the platform of a specially created application "Cyberpriem 2020" in the VK Mini Apps environment with the support of the social network "VKontakte".

According to legend, the main characters of the quest, applicants from all over the country, will have to save the world that has gone through the global changes of 2020. To prevent an impending technological disaster and change the course of history, participants will need to solve unique tasks. Hints and code words will be encrypted on information platforms of the RANEPa and ITMO University: on official websites, on social networks and messengers.

The winners of the cyberquest will receive valuable gifts, as well as the opportunity to get higher education in one of the leading universities in Russia. The results will be summed up in the second half of August.

Source: <https://spb.ranepa.ru/sobytiya/novosti/ranhigs-i-itmo-zapustyat-vserossiiskij-kiberkvest-dlya-abiturentov>