

BSRUN Members' News

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BELARUS STATE ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY

Visit of the Minister for Taxes and Duties to BSEU

On 10 November, the Minister for Taxes and Duties of the Republic of Belarus **Sergei Nalivaiko** met with students of the Faculty of Finance and Banking. In his speech, Sergei Nalivaiko focused on the active transition to digital methods of information processing in the work of the tax authorities of the republic. BSEU actively cooperates with the Ministry of Taxes and Duties both in the field of scientific activities and in the training of qualified personnel. Among the fourth-year students of the Faculty of Finance and Banking, three students were noted who became holders of the Ministry's scholarship and were guaranteed to get a job in the tax authorities of Belarus.

Source: <http://bseu.by/russian/news/202011110.htm>

BELARUSIAN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER MAXIM TANK

Art space BSPU HALL was opened in BSPU

On 12 November, the opening of a modern art space BSPU HALL took place at BSPU. It is a platform for realising the creative talents of students, which consists of a spacious assembly hall with amphitheater for 150 seats and a stage for performances and rehearsals, dressing rooms and a recording studio. Minister of Education **Igor Karpenko** and BSPU rector **Alexander Zhuk** participated in the opening ceremony. Also, the opening of BSPU CAFÉ took place, which is designed for 108 dining places with a VIP-hall for 15 places. In the new cafe, the Minister of Education Igor Karpenko and BSPU rector Alexander Zhuk had a meeting in the “open microphone” format with students.

Source: <https://bspu.by/news/universitet/art-prostranstvo-bspu-hall-otkrylos-v-bgpu>

BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

The results of the work of the joint institutes of BSU and DPU, plans for the current academic year were discussed at the Belarusian and Chinese universities

The working meeting on the stated issues was held online with the participation of rectors **Andrei Karol** and **Guo Dongming**, directors of the joint institutes BSU-DPU (SIBD) **Igor Solodukhin** and DPU-BSU (SIDB) **Di Shunying**, as well as members of the governing council. Among the important achievements of SIDB's work, BSU Rector Andrei Karol named the opening of the Scientific and Innovation Centre, the launch of a joint master's and postgraduate studies, the organisation of Summer School for Belarusian students. There has also been an increase in the number of teachers at SIDB. Over the past year, 18 BSU employees have conducted 23 courses in mechanics, mathematics, physics and the Russian language. DPU Rector Guo Dongming thanked the leadership of the BSU for the work done to implement joint projects. The negotiations resulted in the signing of the protocol of the working meeting by the heads of the two universities to improve the educational process of the joint institutes.

Source: <https://bsu.by/en/news/the-results-of-the-work-of-the-joint-institutes-of-bsu-and-dpu-plans-for-the-current-academic-year-w-d/>

YANKA KUPALA STATE UNIVERSITY OF GRODNO

The team of Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno became the winner of the VIII Interuniversity Ecological Cup-2020

The event was held online on 10-11 November at the Novosibirsk State University of Economics and Management. The Interuniversity Ecological Cup-2020 was organised with the support of the Department of Energy, Housing and Utilities of Novosibirsk, Centre for Laboratory Analysis and Technical Measurements in the Siberian Federal District and Novosibirsk Regional Association of Waste Management Enterprises “Ecology of Siberia”. Seven students of the Faculty of Biology and Ecology of Kupala University took part in the competition. Before the start of the main tests of the Eco Cup, the participating teams had to conduct local environmental actions and send a video report to the competition jury. Then the teams presented projects and participated in an intellectual game. According to the results of the Ecological Cup, Yanka Kupala State University team was recognised as the best of the twelve participating teams.

Source: <https://www.grsu.by/component/k2/item/35388-komanda-grgu-imeni-yanki-kupaly-stala-pobeditelem-viii-mezhvuzovskogo-ekologicheskogo-kubka-2020.html>

ESTONIAN UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES

New approaches to the university's waste management

Changes are taking place in the waste management of the Estonian University of Life Sciences, the aim of which is to harmonise the collection of waste at the university, make it compliant, convenient and understandable. On the new Green University waste management website www.emu.ee/jaatmekaitlus there is information about university's waste management in Estonian and English. The most noticeable change is the new stickers on the garbage containers. The color and image solutions for waste types developed by the Ministry of the Environment have been adapted to university's circumstances. All waste-related materials have a QR code, which is linked to the Green University website will all information. IT solutions are implemented to increase waste recycling in Estonia by raising consumer awareness. The university intends to meet the targets: by 2025, each Member State of the European Union must recycle at least 55% of mixed municipal waste; at least 65% of packaging waste must be recovered.

Source: <https://www.emu.ee/ylikoolist/uudised/pressiteated/uudis/2020/11/16/uued-tuuled-maaulikooli-jaatmekaitluses>

LAB UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Registration for the spring studies of the Open University of Applied Sciences starts on 1 December

In the spring of 2021, dozens of study courses and path studies from different fields of study at LAB University of Applied Sciences will begin at the Open University of Applied Sciences. There is also an extensive coverage of studies at the LAB Language Centre, e.g. German, Russian, French and Spanish courses. The study offer will be published soon. There are two options: contact teaching at Lahti or Lappeenranta campus and study in LAB's online campus. Online information session to introduce the event will be organised on 26 November. Registration for spring studies starts on 1 December.

Source: <https://www.lab.fi/fi/uutiset/ilmoittautuminen-avoimen-amkn-kevaan-opintoihin-alkaa-1.12.2020>

UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

Funding for two new projects of the University of Turku

The Strategic Research Council of the Academy of Finland decided on new consortia to be funded. Of the nine new research consortia, the University of Turku leads two and is involved in the third as partner. Therefore, the University of Turku is leading two new projects. The LITERACY programme combines research in psychology, neuroscience, education and the social sciences, the project will create new knowledge about the emotional and neurocognitive mechanisms of smooth science learning and knowledge-based decision-making. The CLIMATE-NUDGE programme deals with Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Strengthening Carbon Sequestration through Community Behavioral Science. The project utilises behavioral science knowledge, particularly nudge thinking, in environmental design to make it easier for communities and individuals to make better environmental choices while maintaining freedom of choice. The project develops and tests scaffolding interventions aimed at both reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport and optimising the use of carbon sinks in forestry.

Source: <https://www.utu.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/uutinen/uusissa-stn-hankeissa-kasvatetaan-suomalaisten-tiedepaamaa-ja-tehdaan>

BERLIN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND LAW

HWR Berlin receives Total E-Quality Award 2020

The jury praised the high proportion of women, the strategic funding for the appointment of women to professorships, the gender research at the HTMI and the re-auditing of family-friendly universities. For the successful promotion of equal opportunities for women and men and personnel policy, the HWR Berlin received the title Total E-Quality for the seventh time in a row.

Source: <https://www.hwr-berlin.de/aktuelles/neuigkeiten/neuigkeit-detail/1795-hwr-berlin-erhaelt-total-e-quality-praedikat-2020/>

RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

RTU business and management education has a constantly high international assessment

For the fifth year in a row, Faculty of Engineering Economics and Management and Riga Business School of Riga Technical University are included in the Eduniversal ranking of the world's best business schools in a four-palm league, which means extremely high academic level, excellent quality and strong international influence. Overall, the rating consists of a five-palm league. The international ranking of universities and business schools "Eduniversal Business Schools Ranking" brings together the best higher education institutions that provide business and management education. It is rated by the French rating agency and consulting firm SMBG, which specialises in higher education and career guidance. Each year, it ranks the top 1000 universities and business schools, as well as a ranking of master's and MBA programmes in 50 different specialisations in 154 countries. The aim of the ranking is to create a list of the best universities to help students choose the most suitable universities and business schools in East Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa, Central Asia, Eurasia and the Middle East, Latin America, Oceania, Western Europe and North America. Promoting the mobility of students and academic staff is also an important goal of the rating.

Source: <https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-biznesa-un-vadibas-izglitiba-nemainigi-augsts-starptautisks-novertejums>

UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

Development plan of the Academic Centre of the University of Latvia

Currently, it can be concluded that the establishment of the Academic Centre of the University of Latvia in Torņakalns and the opportunities offered to students, lecturers and researchers at the House of Nature and Sciences have already proved their contribution to the development of the university. The use of modern research laboratories and new technologies has strengthened the scientific reputation of the University of Latvia on an international scale. It is a recognised practice of the world's best universities to concentrate studies and science in academic centres with modern infrastructure and equipment. The work on developing Academic Center continues. The technical project of the House of Letters is currently being developed and the construction process will begin in the near future, their feasibility studies for future development projects have been completed in cooperation with European Investment Bank (EIB) experts and their implementation planning has begun. Some of the projects are planned to be implemented by attracting public and private partners. LU has also submitted an application to attract funding from the European Union Recovery and Sustainability Promotion Mechanism. The projects of the Academic Centre meet the criteria set by this recovery and sustainability mechanism, their implementation will not only heat the Latvian

economy during the crisis, employing builders and related workers, but will ensure technological development and new innovative products and services transformation. As the training of high-level specialists and scientists is not possible without the appropriate infrastructure, the University of Latvia continues to implement its development plans.

Source: <https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/62030/>

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK

MUG Scientist with a prestigious award

Dr. **Blanka Seklecka** from the Department and Clinic of Oncology and Radiotherapy of MUG, head of the Early Phase Clinical Research Centre of the University Clinical Center, was the winner in the international Christine Pierre Clinical Trials Lifetime Achievement Award in the field of clinical trials. This award goes to researchers revolutionising clinical research. The organisers of the competition appreciated the work of Dr. Seklecka, emphasising that after one year of operation, the Centre conducts research on 23 new drugs in cooperation with a number of modern laboratories. Dr. Seklecka also trained the team herself in such a way that it would be able to fully and reliably analyse the tested substances.

Source: <https://gumed.edu.pl/62288.html>

UNIVERSITY OF LODZ

Council for the Development of Young Scientists at the University of Lodz

Rector of the University of Lodz, prof. **Elżbieta Żądzińska** established the Council for the Development of Young Scientists. The council is to ensure the conditions in which researchers begin their research careers and help them conduct their research. The aim is to minimise the situation in which a young researcher defends a doctorate, has excellent scientific achievements, but must leave the University of Lodz. The second thing is to involve young people in grant activity. The Council for the Development of Young Scientists for the term of office of the University of Lodz 2020-2024 will include 12 representatives of the university.

Source: <https://www.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosc/szczegoly/rada-rozwoju-mlodych-naukowcow-na-ul>

UNIVERSITY OF WARMIA AND MAZURY IN OLSZTYN

UWM has received new powers

The University of Warmia and Mazury was authorised to confer the academic degree of habilitated doctor in the field of social sciences in the discipline of politics and administration. The UWM application for granting new rights in the discipline of political science and administration was submitted at the end of June. The Central Commission for Degrees and Titles made the decision on 29 October. The Faculty of Social Sciences is ready to start the first habilitation proceedings. Among the 18 people submitting statements for the application, as many as 15 are employees of the Institute of Political Sciences, including 2 holding the title of professor. This shows that the staff condition more than exceeds the statutory requirement of 12 employees with the degree of at least habilitated doctor.

Source: <http://www.uwm.edu.pl/egazeta/uwm-otrzymal-kolejne-uprawnienia>

UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

The University of Warsaw Dean' Academy has started

The Academy of Deans of the University of Warsaw is a programme aimed at improving the competences of leaders of individual university units in the field of broadly understood management. The inauguration of the programme took place online on 13 November. The members of the rector's and chancellor's teams, deans and directors of university research and development units, lecturers attended the event. The Dean's Academy plans for the future include conducting at least two training cycles. The first, addressed to vice-deans for student affairs, will concern regulations in the field of higher education and the code of administrative procedure, as well as formal and technical issues, including issuing administrative and internal decisions. The second training course will be intended for administrative staff of teaching units, including managers and employees of dean's offices. It will cover similar issues, but more technical aspects will be covered there.

Source: <https://www.uw.edu.pl/akademia-dziekanow-uw-rozpozneta/>

IMMANUEL KANT BALTIC FEDERAL UNIVERSITY

Consortium Agreement signed at IKBFU

In accordance with the agreement on "University Consortium" between the IKBFU, Far Eastern Federal University and Sevastopol State University, new teaching programmes for marine research will be introduced at the universities. The universities will form an effective training system with many teaching programmes that will help future professionals to gain competence useful to achieve goals set to ensure economic and social growth and development. It is also planned to create a cutting-edge education and research cluster on the World Ocean studies. The priority directions of the University Consortium will be implementation of joint educational programmes, scientific and practical conferences, seminars, Olympiads, contests and exhibitions, formation and implementation of programmes aimed at supporting talented young people. The scientific activities of the consortium members will be focused on the study of the World Ocean through the integration of research and educational potential of universities with the involvement of leading research organizations. It is also planned to implement a large and sophisticated research framework that would include opportunities for conducting marine expeditions.

Source: <https://eng.kantiana.ru/news-events/news/consortium-agreement-signed-at-ikbfu>

PSKOV STATE UNIVERSITY

Pskov State University will train specialists for work at the enterprise Yura Corporation Rus

On 10 November, the head of the region, **Mikhail Vedernikov**, held a meeting with the Consul General of the Republic of Korea in St. Petersburg, Kwon Dong Seok. The parties discussed the prospects for cooperation in the field of economics, culture and education, as well as discussed issues related to the expansion of the factory premises of Yura Corporation Rus, which is successfully operating in the region. It is planned to open additional production sites for the Korean investor. The head of the region also invited the Korean side to pay attention to the fact that Pskov State University is ready to cooperate with the company in terms of training personnel for work at the enterprise.

Source: <https://pskgu.ru/page/9258f0a4-694f-4d7e-8b06-3804f866f9a7>

ST. PETERSBURG ELECTROTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

How to turn a negative effect into a positive one: a project of the LETI scientist for the development of photonics

An efficient and economical way of modernising free electron lasers to create high-power terahertz, ultraviolet and X-ray radiation was proposed by Ass. Prof. **Ilya Sheinman** at the symposium “Photonics and Neutron Science in the Baltic Region”. The symposium was the first stage of the international project “Baltic Science Network – A Science Powerhouse”, which is funded by the European Regional Development Fund. The staff of the European XFEL has already expressed interest in joint implementation of Ilya Sheinman’s project. The forum, which will be held remotely, is scheduled for December 2020 and is to be the second stage of the mentioned project. Based on its results, projects will be selected for participation in the third stage (Coaching), which involves obtaining funding, instruction, and access to research equipment.

Source: <https://etu.ru/ru/nauchnaya-i-innovacionnaya-deyatelnost/novosti1/kak-prevratit-negativnyj-effekt-v-polozhitelnyj-proekt-uchenogo-leti-dlya-razvitiya-fotoniki>

ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

SPbSU entered the “Golden League” of the RUR rating in the field of life sciences

St. Petersburg State University climbed 27 positions in the Round University Ranking (RUR) in the field of life sciences and moved from the Silver League to the Golden League. Today St. Petersburg State University is ranked 192nd among the best universities in the world in this area. The RUR subject ranking assesses the performance of more than 800 of the world’s leading universities in six broad subject areas: humanities, life sciences, medical sciences, natural sciences, engineering sciences and social sciences. It should be noted that among Russian educational institutions in the life sciences, St. Petersburg State University is the second best in Russia after Moscow State University.

Source: <https://spbu.ru/news-events/novosti/spbgu-voshel-v-zolotuyu-ligu-reytinga-rur-v-oblasti-nauk-o-zhizni>

ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

Annual meeting of the International Advisory Board was held in UNECON

On 13 November, the annual meeting of the International Advisory Board of the UNECON took place. Due to the unfavorable epidemiological situation, the members of the Council were forced to hold a meeting online. Rector **Igor Maksimtsev** spoke about the measures to combat coronavirus infection taken by UNECON, as well as the latest achievements of the university. Vice-Rector for Strategic Development **Nikolai Toivonen** announced the main provisions of the university’s application to the Strategic Academic Leadership Programme, and Vice-Rector for International Relations **Dmitry Vasilenko** reported on the current position of the university in national and international rankings, and presented an action plan for the near future. The Council members gave a number of specific recommendations on both agenda items. Chairman of the meeting, TU Munich prof. **Rudolf Faltermeier** highly appreciated the readiness of UNECON to face the challenges of the pandemic and promised maximum assistance from all members of the Council.

Source: <https://unecon.ru/info/ezhegodnoe-zasedanie-mezhdunarodnogo-nablyudatel'nogo-soveta-spbgeu>

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

Gaidar Forum “Russia and the World after the Pandemic” will be held on 14-16 January, 2021

The events of the Gaidar Forum – 2021, which will traditionally open the business agenda of the year, will focus this time on topics that are relevant for Russia and for the whole world against the backdrop of the pandemic and its consequences. This time, the forum will be held at the Presidential Academy in a joint format: experts and speakers will take part in panel discussions on-site at RANEPA central campus, and participants will follow the discussions online. The Gaidar Forum has been held in Russia since 2010. Traditionally, representatives of federal and regional authorities, leading Russian and foreign experts take part in it. The Forum is an important source of information on the main trends in socio-economic and political development, the state of the business environment and the investment climate in Russia. The organisers of the Gaidar Forum are RANEPA, Institute of Economic Policy named after E.T. Gaidar and the Association of Innovative Regions of Russia.

Source: <https://spb.ranepa.ru/sobytiya/novosti/gaidarovskij-forum-rossiya-i-mir-posle-pandemii-projdet-14-16-yanvarya-2021-goda>

YAROSLAV-THE-WISE NOVGOROD STATE UNIVERSITY

Service robots will be created at NovSU

Students of the Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University will have the opportunity to learn how to create service robots. The Service Robotics course is designed for students of the Polytechnic College of NovSU. The course begins in 2021. The university will create a digital laboratory based on the Russian robot Promobot. The Promobot is a service robot that can work as a consultant, administrator, guide or employee of certain organisation. In 2019, Promobot robots became the main export product of Russia in the IT field. On the basis of the Promobot, students will study both programming and electronics with mechatronics. The goal of the Service Robotics programme is to teach students how to create and programme robots that will help people perform various tasks, from processing requests in banks to delivering goods. To do this, students will get acquainted with robot control, face recognition, scenarios of communication between people and robots, human-machine interaction using the example of the latest Promobot model.

Source:

<https://www.novsu.ru/news/r.121596.0.2.returnUri.L25ld3MvaS4xMjE1OTYv/i.121596/?view=90844>