

BSRUN Members' News

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BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Memorandum of understanding was signed between BSU and Airlangga University (Indonesia)

The Memorandum of understanding was signed by the rectors of universities **Andrei Karol** and **Mohammad Nasikh**. This is the first document regulating the interaction of a Belarusian university with Indonesia. According to the memorandum, academic exchanges, joint educational and research projects, consultations, conferences, seminars, symposia, exchange of scientific and methodological materials will be organised. The first step in the implementation of the official agreements will be the participation of BSU teachers in the DECOTA educational programme. It is focused on attracting renowned scholars to deliver online lectures to students at the University of Airlangga. In addition, BSU students were offered free training on the online programme “Sura-Bali Community Immersion Programme 2020” from 16 to 27 November. It involves the study of Indonesian culture and tourism activities in the provinces of East Java and Bali. The training was organised by Airlangga University in cooperation with Petra Christian University and Udayana University.

Source: <https://bsu.by/en/news/memorandum-of-understanding-signed-between-bsu-and-airlangga-university-indonesia-d/>

FRANCISK SKORINA GOMEL STATE UNIVERSITY

Participation in the “Economy and Business” dialogue site

Dialogue platforms have been organised in Gomel, where topical issues of improving legislation, reforming economic relations, increasing the competitiveness of economic sectors, and social responsibility of business are considered. On 2 November, the Gomel Regional Union of Employers (together with the Standing Commission on Economy, Budget, Finance and Communal Property of the Gomel Regional Council of Deputies) organised a panel discussion “Economy and Business”. Academics, representatives of the manufacturing sector, business environment and public associations discussed aspects of reforming economic relations, increasing the efficiency of state regulation of the economy, points of growth of the domestic economy, stimulating domestic demand, developing e-government, and improving the implementation of social responsibility of business.

Source: <https://gsu.by/ru/node/3771>

GRODNO STATE AGRARIAN UNIVERSITY

Dialogue platform “Economy (infrastructure, business, regional projects)”

The issues of further reforming the national economy of Belarus and increasing its intercountry competitiveness have become the subject of a constructive dialogue between representatives of government bodies, business and universities. Representatives of the Agrarian University took part in this dialogue. Experts identified the strategic goals of socio-economic development and effective tools for their achievement (further modernisation of existing production facilities and their transition to a new level of technological development; strengthening export potential; effective import substitution). A package of proposals for discussion at the All-Belarusian People’s Assembly was developed.

Source: <https://www.ggau.by/ekf/news/5529-dialogovaya-ploshchadka-ekonomika-infrastruktura-biznes-regionalnye-proekty>

YANKA KUPALA STATE UNIVERSITY OF GRODNO

Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno invites to take part in distance trainings

The trainings by specialists in the field of project education will be held at the university from 16 November to 27 December. Teachers, undergraduates, students wishing to master the technology of creating network projects, as well as heads of educational institutions, teachers of additional education, library workers, methodologists, subject teachers, primary school teachers, specialists of preschool educational institutions are invited to participate in distance trainings. There will be four distance trainings: “First steps to network projects”, “Assessment in network projects”, “Flexible development of a network project”, “Digital future: IT in network projects”. Upon their completion, the participants will form a bank of materials for the subsequent creation of network projects at the international distance educational marathon “Kupala Projects”, which will be held in 2021. Registration is open until 15 November.

Source: <https://www.grsu.by/component/k2/item/35321-grgu-imeni-yanki-kupaly-priglashaet-prinyat-uchastie-v-distantsionnykh-treningakh.html>

ESTONIAN UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES

Estonian University of Life Sciences celebrates its anniversary virtually

On 6 November, an academic ceremony took place to celebrate the university's anniversary. The university family participated in the celebration via a video bridge mostly. In the framework of the event, Associate Professor **Johanna Witzell** gave lecture on "Green Gold" siege – can we protect our forests from new pests and diseases? In addition, new doctors were promoted at the ceremony, the Medal of Merit of the Estonian University of Life Sciences was awarded, and members of the university family who have excelled in research and teaching were recognised.

Source: <https://www.emu.ee/ylikoolist/uudised/pressiteated/uudis/2020/11/05/maaulikooli-tahistab-aastapaeva-virtuaalse-aktusega>

LAB UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Lahti Science Week online on 16-20 November

The largest science event in Päijät-Häme, Lahti Science Day, will expand into a nationwide online event and science week on 16-20 November 2020. Science Week presents research in Päijät-Häme and its authors. The science week includes more than 70 presentations on current research. The diverse list of performers consists of experts from LAB University of Applied Sciences, LUT University, University of Helsinki and other organisations. The thematic sessions present the results of research and development work in areas such as environmental research, entrepreneurship education, well-being, design and regional development. Participants from all over Finland are expected to attend the event.

Source: <https://www.lab.fi/fi/uutiset/tiedetapahtumaan-odotetaan-osallistujia-ympari-suomea-lahden-tiedeviikko-verkossa-16-2011>

UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

*The Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus to Finland, **Aleksei Samosuev**, gives a lecture in the Business in the Baltic Sea region course*

The purpose of the KV23/TM33 Business in the Baltic Sea region course, organised by the Pan-European Institute, is to provide students with tools for independent assessment of trade and business in the Baltic Sea region and to help them observe the future and development of the region. The guest lecturers of the Business in the Baltic Sea course are ambassadors, internationally recognised professors as well as trade and foreign policy experts. The Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus to Finland, **Aleksei Samosuev**, gave a lecture on 3 November on Trade policy of Belarus and trade between Finland and Belarus. The students received a valuable amount of information on the Belarusian economy and investment opportunities in the country. The next lectures of the course will deal with trade in the Baltic Sea region from the perspectives of Russia, Denmark, Poland, Norway and Germany, among others. Ambassador **Vesa Vasara**, Ambassador **Kristine Naseniece** and Member of Parliament **Elina Lepomäki** will also lecture at the course.

Source: <https://www.utu.fi/en/news/news/the-ambassador-of-the-republic-of-belarus-to-finland-aleksei-samosuev-gives-a-lecture-in>

BERLIN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND LAW

Sustainability and Responsibility in the 21st Century – The Berlin International Week

The Berlin International Week with the topic of sustainability and responsibility in the 21st century will take place between 30 October and 11 November 2020 online and at the Lichtenberg Campus of the HWR Berlin. It enables students to dive deep into the topic of sustainability and responsibility through practice-oriented projects and allows them to attend international lectures taught by teachers from different parts of the world. Furthermore, students get to work on real-life challenges provided by real companies, NGOs and non-profit organisations.

Source: <https://www.hwr-berlin.de/aktuelles/veranstaltungen/veranstaltung-detail/313-sustainability-and-responsibility-in-the-21st-century/>

RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

In Latvia, a special robot for fight with COVID-19 will be created

In cooperation with representatives of Riga Technical University and several other higher education and research organisations, a special cleaning robot is being created in Latvia, with the help of which it will be possible to disinfect various surfaces, thus fighting COVID-19. It is planned to demonstrate the robot at RTU in about a month. The new robot is based on a cleaning robot, which was created with the great investment of Latvian scientists and is already used for cleaning floors in airports and hospitals. Scientists are now adding new features. The aim is to develop a robot add-on that would allow automatic disinfection of rooms and various vertical surfaces, such as doors, door handles, windows, etc.

Source: <https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvija-top-ipass-robots-cinai-ar-covid-19>

UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

The researcher at the University of Latvia is developing a study on the possibilities of creating an effective innovation ecosystem in the Baltic States

Prof. **Ilona Baumanė-Vītoliņa** conducts a study on the possibilities of creating an effective innovation ecosystem in the Baltic States. She presented the research idea at the “LU New Technologies and Innovations Day”. The aim of the research is to find out the necessary preconditions for the creation of a sustainable innovation ecosystem in the Baltic States and to offer new organisational forms for the promotion of successful cooperation between all parties involved in the creation of innovation. The post-doctoral study “Opportunities for Creating an Effective Innovation Ecosystem in the Baltic States” analyses the current situation in the practice of cooperation between the public, private sector and research institutions, as well as compares it with what is happening in neighboring countries. In addition, the study analyses the experience of several European countries in creating and maintaining an innovation ecosystem. The second part of the study focuses on the analysis of innovation capacity in the SME sector, while the last part looks at specific initiatives that promote opportunities for cooperation between the state, research institutions and the private sector.

Source: <https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/61937/>

GDANSK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Smart Cities – free Erasmus+ courses

Gdańsk University of Technology, as part of cooperation on the Erasmus+ project “Strengthening Governance Capacity for Smart Sustainable Cities” (CAP4CITY), invites all interested parties to participate in a free course cycle “Open and Smart Government”. The courses are aimed at shaping competences related to Smart Sustainable Cities. On behalf of the Gdańsk University of Technology, the lectures will be conducted by: prof. **Aleksander Orłowski** – “Smart citizens in smart city”, dr **Magdalena Ciesielska** – “Characteristics of public organisations”, dr **Grażyna Musiatowicz-Podbiał** – “Strategy Planning-Key Tools and Considerations”. The courses last 4 weeks.

Source: <https://pg.edu.pl/aktualnosci/2020-11/smart-cities-bezplatne-kursy-w-ramach-erasmus>

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK

MUG scientist with the award of the Minister of Health

Dr hab. **Jarosław Kobiela** from the General, Endocrinological and Transplant Surgery Clinic of MUG received the award of the Minister of Health for academic teachers for 2019. The distinction in the field of scientific activity was awarded for the series of publications “Molecular examination and modern techniques of endoscopic diagnostics and treatment of lower gastrointestinal neoplasms”. Dr hab. Jarosław Kobiela is a surgeon and gastroenterologist associated with our University from the beginning of his scientific career. His output includes many publications on issues such as colonoscopy, colon surgery and colorectal cancer.

Source: <https://gumed.edu.pl/62172.html>

UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

4EU+ Online Annual Meeting

On 16 November, the Annual Meeting of the 4EU+ Alliance will be held online. Organised by Charles University, the meeting will bring together academic leaders, students and staff of the six 4EU+ member universities who are actively involved in the development of the Alliance as well as representatives of the European Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and 4EU+ Associated Partners. Micro think-tank sessions will unite various stakeholders from the 4EU+ community to explore selected topics of central relevance for the Alliance. During the General Assembly, Rector of Charles University, Prof. Tomáš Zima, will officially take over the position of Chair of the 4EU+ Governing Board, and the 4EU+ Academic Council will be officially inaugurated. The Open session will be attended by the members of the 4EU+ community involved in 4EU+ activities as well as representatives of the European Commission, 4EU+ Associated Partners, ministries, other university alliances and organisations active in the Higher Education area. Anyone interested in getting to know the 4EU+ Alliance and its activities is welcome to join this session.

Source: <https://en.uw.edu.pl/4eu-online-annual-meeting/>

HERZEN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA

The year 2020 has become a record year for Herzen University in terms of the number of foreign students

This year, more than 1300 foreign citizens entered Herzen University for the first year of bachelor's and master's degrees. The enrollment of students from non-CIS countries has increased by almost 40% compared to the last year. These are representatives of 44 countries with China occupying the leading position. In addition, there is a sufficient number of students from Estonia, Vietnam, Latvia. The number of students from the CIS countries has remained fairly stable over the past three years: about 600 students; the largest number comes from Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan. The statistics on graduate school deserves special mention. In this difficult year, admission to graduate school increased by almost a third and amounted to 155 people.

Source: https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/05-11-2020_1/

IMMANUEL KANT BALTIC FEDERAL UNIVERSITY

IKBFU will train personnel for solar energy

In Kaliningrad region, with the participation of the company "EnCORE" (a subsidiary of the holding "Ream Management") and IKBFU, the first resource centre in Russia for training specialists for renewable energy will be created. An agreement on the creation of a scientific and educational consortium was signed. The activities of the resource centre will be aimed at implementing an educational programme focused on the production and power generation segments of solar energy. The second direction of the resource centre will be research activities in the field of photovoltaics, energy storage and hydrogen energy.

Source: <https://www.kantiana.ru/news/universitet/v-bfu-im-i-kanta-budut-gotovit-kadry-dlya-solnechnoy-energetiki/>

ST. PETERSBURG ELECTROTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

*Head of the Property Development Department **Vladimir Pavlovskikh**: "We are striving for modern campus standards"*

In his interview to newspaper "Electrician", **Vladimir Pavlovskikh** told about the work done to modernise the infrastructure of ETU "LETI". For the first time in many years, the university sets itself ambitious goals for the commissioning of new infrastructure facilities: one more academic building, a dormitory and the long-awaited "restart" of recreation centres for employees and students. It is planned to build a nine-storey building for educational purposes with an underground parking for 240 cars. In addition to classrooms and laboratories, it will provide areas for the placement of sports and cultural infrastructure, a technology park, as well as accommodation for foreign scientific and pedagogical workers. The new 324-bed dormitory and the existing building to be reconstructed will have a combined engineering infrastructure and a functionally compatible set of premises. As a result, the university will receive a new complex with a total area of 20 000 sq. m, designed for a comfortable stay of 1125 people, that meets international requirements. Currently, the university has two recreation centres. University Rector **Viktor Sheludko** set the task to restore the recreation centre near Kutuzovskoe village until 2023, where up to 80 employees can rest at the same time, and by 2030 build a new sports and recreation camp for students in Mesterjärvi. Campus is not only buildings, territory, structures, but also their functional content, competent organisation of space. That is why the management was tasked with organising the information space of the university campus. Sketches

of constructions of information signs, signboards and stands in Russian and English were developed, their locations were determined. In the main building it is planned to create a joint educational and scientific centre with PJSC Gazprom. At the conference of workers and students of the university held in September, the rector **Viktor Sheludko** outlined the vectors of the university's development aimed at improving the educational and scientific process, supporting the social field, strengthening the material and technical base.

Source: <https://etu.ru/ru/universitet/novosti-i-obyavleniya/nachalnik-upravleniya-po-razvitiyu-imushchestvennogo-kompleksa-vladimir-pavlovskih-kampus-leti-stremitsya-k-sovremennym-standartam>

ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Five SPbU projects received joint grants from the Russian Science Foundation and DFG – this is the best result in the country

The Russian Science Foundation and the German Research Foundation (DFG) have summed up the results of the fifth joint grant competition for international research teams. Five of 18 winning projects will be implemented under the guidance of SPbU scientists – this is the best result among all participating organisations. Projects in the field of physics and mathematics, natural sciences and humanities received grants. Each research team includes scientists from Russia and Germany. An amount of 18 million rubles will be received by each project within three years, from 2021 to 2023.

Source: <https://spbu.ru/news-events/novosti/pyat-proektov-spbgu-poluchili-sovmestnye-granty-rnf-i-dfg-eto-luchshiy-rezultat>

ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

UNECON 90th anniversary: congratulations from Hanoi

In Hanoi (Vietnam) on 7 November, a meeting of UNECON graduates was held. During the meeting, graduates of different years recalled their student life in Russia, professors and mentors, shared their professional achievements and congratulated the university with its anniversary. Such annual autumn meetings are already a long-term tradition of the alumni society. Rector **Igor Maksimtsev** addressed the alumni with a video greeting. In his speech, Igor Maksimtsev also emphasised the special importance of the University Alumni Association, which is active and implements many projects. Earlier, on 24 October, UNECON graduates from Mongolia met in Ulan Bator to congratulate UNECON on the anniversary. UNECON has been training highly qualified personnel and specialists for foreign countries for over 70 years.

Source: <https://unecon.ru/info/90-let-spbgeu-pozdravlenie-s-yubileem-iz-hanoya>

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

NWIM RANEPA strengthened its positions in the World University Rankings 2021 by subject

The university is represented in two subject areas: “Business and Economics” and “Social Sciences” along with six St. Petersburg universities, including: St. Petersburg State University, ITMO-University, Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg and others. In total, the updated THE ranking includes 48 Russian universities in 11 areas. Every year, researchers from the World University Rankings assess more than a thousand

universities in 78 countries, providing students, university leaders, government bodies, teachers and employers with unique information about the effectiveness of the university.

Source: <https://spb.ranepa.ru/sobytiya/novosti/peterburgskij-ranhigs-usilil-pozicii-v-mirovom-rejtinge-vuzov>

YAROSLAV-THE-WISE NOVGOROD STATE UNIVERSITY

Representatives of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in St. Petersburg visited NovSU

On 2 November, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in St. Petersburg and Vice Consul visited Novgorod State University. The guests visited the Humanitarian Institute of NovSU and got acquainted with the Centre for Korean Language and Culture. At the meeting, the parties discussed the difficulties in the field of international contacts caused by the coronavirus pandemic, directions and prospects for cooperation. Special attention was paid to the long history of interaction between NovSU and the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea. The Center for Korean Language and Culture was opened in 2007 in accordance with the Agreement between the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in St. Petersburg and NovSU on expanding mutual cooperation in the field of education and culture.

Source: <https://www.novsu.ru/news/90811/>