

# BSRUN Members' News

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## **BELARUS STATE ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY**

### *Round table on youth entrepreneurship in organic farming*

On 20 October, at Belarusian State Economic University, a round table on the development of conditions for the creation of youth cooperatives in organic farming and the formation of self-employment skills for rural youth was held. The event was the first stage in the implementation of the project "Creation of a rural youth eco-cooperative "Organic"", the implementation of which is scheduled for 2020-2021. The project is aimed at developing youth entrepreneurship to popularize agricultural labor and create new jobs for young people from rural regions of Belarus.

Source: <http://bseu.by/russian/news/202010210.htm>

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

### *Meeting of the Council for cooperation in the field of education of the CIS member states*

On 21 October 2020, a meeting of the Council for cooperation in the field of education of the CIS member states was held. During the meeting, the main topic for discussion was the state and prospects for the development of the activities of the basic organisations of the CIS member states for training, retraining and

advanced training of teachers in the field of inclusive and special education, created on the basis of Belarusian State Pedagogical University. Rector of BSPU **Alexander Zhuk** made a report “Basic organization of the CIS member states for training, retraining and advanced training of teachers in the field of inclusive and special education: experience, tasks, prospects”.

Source: <https://bspu.by/news/universitet/zasedanie-soveta-po-sotrudnichestvu-v-oblasti-obrazovaniya-gosudarstv---uchastnikov-sng>

## **BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

*International scientific conference “Belarus in the modern world” will be held on 29 October at BSU*

The conference will be held in online and offline format. The event will be attended by about 150 teachers, graduate students, researchers and specialists in the field of international relations, world economy, European law, tourism, customs, diplomatic and consular services from Belarus, Russia, Estonia, Ukraine and Germany. Eleven thematic sections will be held, where experts will consider issues of modern international relations and foreign policy of Belarus, the development of international law, migration and refugees, tolerance in the modern world, economic security, the formation of a competitive tourist complex in Belarus, customs.

Source: <https://bsu.by/news/mezhdunarodnaya-nauchnaya-konferentsiya-belarus-v-sovremennom-mire-proydet-29-oktyabrya-v-bgu-d/>

## **FRANCISK SKORINA GOMEL STATE UNIVERSITY**

*Dialogues on improving the legislation of Belarus*

On 21 October, the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the **Irina Esmantovich** was a speaker at the panel discussion “Enhancing the role of local government”. Deputies of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, representatives of district executive committees and Councils of Deputies took part in the discussion. The following issues were discussed: the redistribution of the constitutional powers of local bodies; a mechanism for appointing officials, including heads of local authorities; directions for improving local government; the possibility and expediency of abolishing the Councils of Deputies of the primary level and expanding the powers of executive and administrative bodies. At the same time, students and teachers participated in a round table to continue the discussion about the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus. It was also attended by the deputy of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus **Andrei Zlotnikov**. The meeting touched upon the abolition of the death penalty in Belarus, the necessity and expediency of achieving gender equality, expansion of legal opportunities for the use of state symbols and other relevant issues.

Source: <http://www.gsu.by/ru/node/3725>

## **GRODNO STATE AGRARIAN UNIVERSITY**

*Inspection audit of the university's quality management system*

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the quality management system implemented at the university. On 22 October 2020, an external inspection audit of the quality management system took place. It was conducted online. The audit was preceded by the intense work of the structural divisions of the university

on the formation of an electronic database of local regulatory documents, which was submitted for examination to the Belarusian State Institute for Standardization and Certification (BelGISS). The audit was conducted with the participation of the Rector, Vice-Rectors and employees. During the audit session, the participants answered auditors' questions, received relevant comments and suggestions for improving the university's quality management system.

Source: <https://www.ggau.by/nowosti/5524-inspektsionnyj-audit-sistemy-menedzhmenta-kachestva-universiteta>

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

*The V Open competition of student start-up projects "InNaStart" has been announced at Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno*

The competition is held with the aim of developing innovative business ideas at early stage, expert support and stimulating university and college students to entrepreneurial activity and the development of original products. Within the framework of the competition, from 20 November to 11 December, consultations and trainings will be held on development of project idea and business model, team selection, drawing up a business plan, marketing, risks and project presentation. The final of the competition will include project presentations, consultations with experts, master classes and networking. As result, the best project can be determined – an applicant for the grant to create a startup which will become a resident of the science and technology park.

Source: <https://www.grsu.by/component/k2/item/35195-grgu-imeni-yanki-kupaly-obyavlyaet-o-provedenie-v-otkrytogo-konkursa-studencheskikh-startap-proektov-innastart.html>

## **ESTONIAN UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES**

*Estonian University of Life Sciences helps to build Estonia's first solar car*

Estonian University of Life Sciences started cooperating with the student project Solaride to help young engineers to build Estonia's first solar car. The goal is to compete in the World Solar Challenge in Australia next autumn. The students will gain practical experience, technical and social skills and a network of contacts that will be worthwhile in the future. The project is aimed at young people who stand for the domestic economy to be competitive and sustainable in the years to come.

Source: <https://www.emu.ee/ylikoolist/uudised/pressiteated/uudis/2020/10/27/maulikool-aitab-ehitada-eesti-esimest-paikeseautot>

## **LAB UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**

*The development and research of the Lahti suburb*

The Mukkula district of Lahti will be developed with the help of the residents. LUT University and LAB University of Applied Sciences carry out multi-layered data collection as well as resident-driven development experiments. The purpose of the Mukkula project is to identify various development needs in the Mukkula suburb and pilot them as periodic trials in 2020-2022. The project is part of the Neighborhood Programme 2020-2022 funded by the Ministry of the Environment, which is being implemented in several Finnish cities. The project is also related to the City of Lahti's own development strategy and project. Based on the

identified needs, development experiments are planned in cooperation with the residents of Mukkula. The experiments may include, for example, the development of the physical environment and the use of the natural environment, service development (with specific themes of accessibility, accessibility and customer service for different age groups).

Source: <https://www.lab.fi/fi/uutiset/asukkaat-kutsutaan-mukaan-lahtelaislahion-kehittamiseen-ja-tutkimiseen>

## UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

*The University of Turku was ranked in the Best Global Universities Rankings – University comparison*

The university comparison is prepared by U.S. Pat. News & World Report. The University of Turku ranks 322th in 2021 Best Global Universities Rankings – University Comparison. The ranking of the University of Turku is 138 among European universities and 3 among Finnish universities. In total, almost 1 500 universities from more than 80 countries are included in the ranking. A total of nine Finnish universities were included in the list. The University of Turku ranked third among Finnish universities after the University of Helsinki (86th place) and Aalto University (264th place).

Source: <https://www.utu.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/uutinen/turun-yliopisto-sijoittui-best-global-universities-rankings>

## BERLIN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND LAW

*Sustainability and Responsibility in the 21st Century*

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 HWR Berlin. The Berlin International Week 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 organizations.

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

## RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

*RTU Faculty of engineering economics and management is the most innovative faculty in the Baltic sea region (award)*

RTU Faculty of Engineering Economics and Management (IEVF) was awarded at the annual conference of the Baltic Management Development Association (BMDA), which gathered more than 140 participants from 20 countries. It got the prize for innovation and interdisciplinary approach in entrepreneurship education. RTU has created an interdisciplinary study and research environment, in which students can not only gain extensive theoretical and practical knowledge, but also gain experience in business development, product development and prototyping. This approach also helps to develop cooperation among students, trains critical thinking and knowledge retention. In order to develop innovative thinking, creative skills and entrepreneurship, RTU offers training modules, programmes and support tools, encouraging students to

acquire the competencies necessary for entrepreneurship. RTU Design Factory has become an important participant in the innovation ecosystem – an innovation and business platform with the best-equipped prototyping workshop in the Baltic States, a team of highly qualified experts and scientific support for entrepreneurs, managers and students to create innovation ideas, high value-added products and engineering solutions.

Source: <https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-inzenierekonomikas-un-vadibas-fakultate-inovativaka-fakultate-baltijas-juras-regiona>

## UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

*A study about TV viewers' habits was presented at the New Technologies and Innovation Days "Knowledge Agora" at the University of Latvia*

Professor **Gundars Bērziņš**, Dean of the Faculty of Business, Management and Economics of the University of Latvia, spoke about the research "Profiling of Real-Time TV Viewers and Providing Personalised Content" at the New Technologies and Innovation Days "Knowledge Agora". The study identified the interests, hobbies and personality types of Helio TV viewers, as well as TV viewing habits. The interdisciplinary study was commissioned by the telecommunications company Tet and involved researchers from several LU faculties. The aim of the study was to develop an approach that allows to identify each TV viewer living in the household, as well as not only to determine their socio-demographic profile, but also personality traits, interests and hobbies. The obtained data allows to implement the personalization of TV content and advertising, which is already being implemented on the Internet and has gained great demand from advertisers. To achieve the goal of the study, researchers used new and modern approaches – data mining and big data analysis (more than a billion log files that record each TV viewer's activities with the remote control), as well as TV viewers' surveys, surveying more than 12 thousand households and 30 thousand TV viewer. Using this data, 13 algorithms that analyze the habits of viewers on the other side of the screens in real time were created. With the help of the study, it is possible to capture the dynamics of TV viewers.

Source: <https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/61678/>

## GDANSK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

*K&TTC director is a member the ministry's advisory team*

In October, **Damian Kuźniewski**, director of the Centre for Knowledge and Technology Transfer at Gdańsk University of Technology, was appointed to the Advisory Team for the development of the assumptions for the evaluation of knowledge and technology transfer at the Ministry of Education and Science. Changes taking place in higher education, thanks to e.g. introducing the Constitution for Science, generate the need for new ways of assessing their effectiveness. In addition to evaluating the quality of education, a method of assessing knowledge and technology transfer is needed as well. A new advisory team, composed of representatives of several Polish universities, both experts – practitioners and scientists, is to deal with the development of new assessment methods.

Source: <https://pg.edu.pl/en/news/2020-10/kttc-director-member-ministrys-advisory-team>

## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK

*MUG has become a member of The Baltic University Programme*

The Medical University of Gdańsk has joined the initiative of The Baltic University Program (BUP). It is one of the largest university cooperation platforms in the world, bringing together over 90 universities in the Baltic Sea region, including 25 Polish universities. The idea of BUP is to carry out joint activities in the field of education as well as research on sustainable development and environmental protection. The main objective of the Programme is to strengthen strong regional educational and research communities, but also to increase awareness of common areas of interest. The initiative brings many benefits to students, PhD students, researchers and academic teachers, making it possible to participate in conferences, trainings and seminars.

Source: <https://gumed.edu.pl/62058.html>

## UNIVERSITY OF BIAŁYSTOK

*Dr. **Ewelina Waśko-Owsiejczuk** received a scholarship from Salzburg Global Seminar and the US Department of State*

As a result, she was invited to participate in the prestigious international programme: Salzburg Global American Studies Programme. The organizers financed her participation in a 5-day workshop (October 11-15) entitled "What Future for Democracy? Revisiting the US Constitution". The workshops were attended by several dozen researchers from around the world, representing various fields, incl. history, political science, literature, cultural studies, and practitioners in the field of journalism and diplomacy. Dr. **Ewelina Waśko-Owsiejczuk** was the only Polish scientist in this group. This year, the workshops were exceptionally held online. Their participants discussed the state of democracy in the US and in the world – the complex challenges and threats associated with it.

Source: <https://uwb.edu.pl/nawosci/aktualnosci/dr-ewelina-wasko-owsiejczuk-stypendystka-salzburg-global-seminar-i-departamentu-stanu-usa/ecf6ef37>

## UNIVERSITY OF LODZ

*#EU Green Deal initiative – webinar*

The event will be held on 27 October. The meeting will be devoted to two new, important tools for financing the development of EU member states: the European Green Deal and the European Innovation Fund. #The EU Green Deal initiative is part of the European Green Deal Investment Plan and covers ten thematic areas such as: Climate; Energy; Energy-efficient buildings; Transport; Circular economy; From field to table; Biodiversity; Infrastructure. Products and services; Ocean; Environment without pollution; Citizens for a climate neutral Europe. #EU Innovation Fund is one of the largest investment programs in the world and aims to support climate action in the field of: innovative low-carbon technologies and processes in energy-intensive industries, including the development of products to replace high-carbon products; carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU); construction and operation of carbon capture and storage (CCS); innovative production of energy from renewable sources; energy storage.

Source: <https://www.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosc/szczegoly/webinarium-eu-green-deal-innovation-fund>



## **UNIVERSITY OF WARMIA AND MAZURY IN OLSZTYN**

### *Diamond certificate for stroke treatment for UWM*

The Stroke Department of the Neurology Clinic of the University Teaching Hospital received the Angels diamond certificate of the European Stroke Organization. This is the highest distinction awarded by this association. Angels is an international project whose main idea is to increase the number of hospitals adapted to treating stroke patients according to the best standards.

Source: <http://www.uwm.edu.pl/egazeta/diamentowy-certyfikat-za-leczenie-udarow-dla-uwm>

## **UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW**

### *UW is the leader of the Horizon 2020 programme in Poland*

The University of Warsaw is the leader among Polish beneficiaries of the Horizon 2020 programme in terms of the number of implemented and coordinated projects in 2014-2020 – it participates in 105 projects and coordinated 20 of them. The University of Warsaw also received the highest amount of funding for the development of research and innovation among Polish scientific institutions – nearly EUR 32 million according to an analysis carried out by the National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the European Union.

Source: <https://www.uw.edu.pl/uw-liderem-programu-horyzont-2020-w-polsce/>

## **HERZEN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA**

### *Rector of Herzen University will give a lecture at the All-Russian Forum “Proektoria”*

This year, Herzen University for the first time takes part in the All-Russian Forum for Professional Navigation “Proektoria”, which is held for five days from 26 to 30 October in different regions of Russia. The Forum has been held by order of the President of Russia since 2013. During this time, under his auspices, hundreds of thousands of schoolchildren and experts have been united, jointly solving non-trivial tasks and challenges faced by the country and the world community. School teams will carry out case assignments about how the world has changed and the requirements for professions during the pandemic. The children will need to design a solution to meet the challenges facing certain professions, including the profession of a teacher. The case “Education” will be presented by the rector of Herzen University, Doctor of Philology, Professor, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Education **Sergei Bogdanov**. Listeners will learn the opinion of the rector of one of the leading pedagogical universities in Russia about the challenges of the time and profession of a teacher.

Source: [https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/21-10-2020\\_4/](https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/21-10-2020_4/)

## **IMMANUEL KANT BALTIC FEDERAL UNIVERSITY**

*More than 100 researchers took part in the International online conference “Regions in the context of global changes”*

IKBFU hosts an international scientific and practical online conference “Regions in the context of global changes”, dedicated to the 175th anniversary of the Russian Geographical Society. The grand opening took place on 22 October. More than 100 young and leading researchers from Russia and seven countries of the world took part in the event. The conference was organized with the financial support of the Russian Foundation for Basic Research. The Plenary session included three sessions: “Cross-border regionalization in an era of political and economic turmoil”; “Economic security and geography of entrepreneurship” and “Geography of innovation and digital space of the state”. On 23 October, 5 more sections continued to work: “Sustainable development and rational use of natural resources: new approaches and technologies”, “Baltic region – a region of cooperation”, “Region in the focus of modern political geography”, “Tourism and recreation in coastal regions”, “Education system and human capital: new challenges for the regions”.

Source: <https://www.kantiana.ru/news/meropriyatiya/bolee-100-issledovateley-prinimayut-uchastie-v-mezhdunarodnoy-nauchnoy-onlayn-konferentsii-regiony-v/>

## **PSKOV STATE UNIVERSITY**

*Pskov State University signed a trilateral agreement with Pskovpassazhiravtotrans and Pskov branch of Sberbank*

On 22 October, a trilateral agreement was signed between Pskov State University, Pskov branch of Sberbank and Pskovpassazhiravtotrans. Its main task is to expand the possibilities of using the student card as a transport card. The agreement provides students with a unique opportunity to register their campus card in the travel ticket system. It turns out that the scope of this card is expanding at times: admission to all university buildings, payment for travel in public transport.

Source: <https://pskgu.ru/page/7131b971-d044-4b8f-92b0-efef260593f7>

## **ST. PETERSBURG ELECTROTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**

*LETI will hold the All-Russian conference with international participation “Vacuum Engineering and Technologies – 2020” on 27-29 October*

The conference is dedicated to the latest advances in vacuum physics, technology for obtaining vacuum and measuring pressure, problems of tightness, methods of surface treatment, issues of creating advanced materials and coatings. Special attention will be paid to the application of vacuum technologies in scientific research, in the nuclear and space industries, metallurgy and extractive industries. The issues of education, advanced training and training of highly qualified specialists will also be discussed.

Source: <https://etu.ru/ru/nauchnaya-i-innovacionnaya-deyatelnost/novosti1/leti-provedet-vserossijskuyu-konferenciyu-s-mezhdunarodnym-uchastiem-vakuumnaya-tehnika-i-tehnologii-2020>

## **ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**

*Lawyers from Hamburg and St. Petersburg will conduct a unique course in international economic law at SPbSU*

The Higher School of Management of St. Petersburg State University entered for the first time the list of the world’s 100 best Executive MBA programmes in the Financial Times ranking. It was ranked 93rd in the overall ranking and 48th among European business schools. The rating is based on the results of a survey of students



who completed the programme three years ago. The Financial Times analyzes educational programmes based on data obtained from business schools and through surveys of alumni. The final place in the ranking is influenced by such criteria as the average income level, salary growth and career growth of graduates within three years after the end of the programme, the degree of international academic mobility, the level of scientific research in the school, the percentage of teachers with a scientific degree, and others.

Source: <https://spbu.ru/news-events/novosti/vshm-spbgu-vpervye-v-spiske-100-luchshih-mirovyh-programm-executive-mba-v>

## ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

### *Russian Energy Week 2020*

The conference “Strategic objectives for the development of the fuel and energy complex and problems of legal support: the view of the state, science and business” – was held in the framework of Russian Energy Week 2020. Organizers of the event: Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation, Association of Lawyers of Russia, Publishing Group “Jurist”, Department of Energy Law of Moscow State Law University named after O.E. Kutafin, Centre for Energy Law of St. Petersburg State University of Economics. The main topics for discussion were: “Trends in legal support for the activities of natural monopolies in the energy sector”, “On the legal support of the fuel and energy complex in extreme conditions: general approaches (on the example of the coronavirus pandemic)”, “Tasks of further development of legal support for the use of renewable energy sources”, “Legal support of energy security in the Russian Federation and foreign countries”, “Problematic aspects of legal regulation of foreign economic activity of gas exporters as participants in gas exchange trading abroad”, “Legal support of digitalization in the wholesale electricity and power market and information security” and other.

Source: <https://unecon.ru/info/strategicheskie-zadachi-razvitiya-tek-obzor-konferencii>

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

### *Associate Professor **Nina Shevchuk** spoke at the international academic debates of MGIMO*

On 15 October, within the framework of the “Actual Dialogue” project, MGIMO Institute for International Studies held the second international debate on the tendencies of the situation in Transnistria. The meeting was attended by politicians and diplomats, as well as leading Russian and foreign experts. **Nina Shevchuk**, Associate Professor of the Department of International Relations of NWIM RANEPa, presented a report on the problems of the Transnistrian settlement, where she shared her own experience of the political representation of Transnistria in the negotiations of the 5+2 format in 2012-2015. During the debate, the factors of migration flows from Transnistria to Russia and the EU countries, obstacles on the way of foreign economic relations of Transnistrian enterprises, the active position of the EU political structures, conditions and prospects for the continuation of the Russian military presence in the region were discussed.

Source: <https://spb.ranepa.ru/sobytiya/novosti/nina-shevchuk-vystupila-na-mezhdunarodnyh-akademicheskikh-debatah-mgimo>

## YAROSLAV-THE-WISE NOVGOROD STATE UNIVERSITY

*Participants of the international online course met with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the Appalachian State University*

On 21 October, participants of the international online course “Cross-cultural business communication” had an informal talk with **Jesse Lutabingwa**, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the Appalachian State University (USA), Director of the Center for International Education and Development. Jesse Lutabingwa is in charge of international affairs and education of the Appalachian State University. The listeners asked him about the experience of communicating with representatives of different cultures, including those they are studying in the framework of the project, learned how to build effective relationships with international partners, which aspects of this process are the most important. As organizers note, the participants of the meeting had so many questions that it lasted much longer than it was planned. For example, the participants asked him about his first impressions of Russia and its culture, what was shocking, what he liked, as well as how the representatives of different cultures relate to time, food, touch, how they build trust, etc.

This course is a part of a joint online graduate development program “Leader of International Virtual Team”, which is being developed by faculty members of NovSU and ASU. The programme consists of four online courses: “Cross-Cultural Business Communication”, “Technologies for Collaboration”, “Leadership” and “Sustainable Development”. These courses are being developed according to the principles of Pedagogical Design and Universal Design, which makes them highly inclusive. They are accessible for students with special needs, students who may not always be physically present at a university and people of the “third age”, or active seniors. The experience gained by teachers in the process of development and implementation of the programme will be distributed among teachers of NovSU and other universities.

Source: <https://www.novsu.ru/news/90753/>