

BSRUN Members' News

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BELARUS STATE ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY

Excursion for BSEU students to the “Great Stone”

On 27 October, a group of BSEU students visited the Chinese-Belarusian Industrial Park “Great Stone”. The main goal of the event was to get acquainted with the potential of the Park, its capabilities, general structure, priority areas of activity. The staff of the Park discussed with students the issues of employment and career opportunities provided for young scientists by the Park.

Source: <http://bseu.by/russian/news/202011020.htm>

BELARUSIAN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER MAXIM TANK

A Small Assembly Hall was opened in BSPU

On 28 October, the opening of the Small Assembly Hall of BSPU took place. The Hall is intended for university and faculty events, it will be used as a rehearsal area for creative teams of BSPU. The opening ceremony was attended by the rector of BSPU **Alexander Zhuk**, teachers, students, creative teams of the university.

Source: <https://bspu.by/news/universitet/v-bgpu-otkryli-malyi-aktovyi-zal>

BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Countdown to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the university was given at BSU

The symbolic start button of the countdown timer was pressed on 30 October by the Minister of Education of Belarus **Igor Karpenko**, Rector of Belarusian State University **Andrei Karol**, Head of the Department of Russian History of the Faculty of History **Oleg Yanovsky** and fourth-year student of the Faculty of International Relations **Ulyana Bychkova**. A year later, a solemn meeting will be held on the occasion of the centenary of the university. In the framework of the Solemn Council of BSU, the employees were awarded the title of “Honored Workers”, the rector’s gratitude was announced, diplomas of the Ministry of Education of Belarus were awarded, the awards of V.I. Picheta and A.N. Sevchenko were given, and BSU students got certificates of the special fund of the President of the Republic of Belarus for social support of talented pupils and students.

Source: <https://bsu.by/news/v-bgu-dan-obratnyy-otschet-do-prazdnovaniya-100-letiya-universiteta-d/>

FRANCISK SKORINA GOMEL STATE UNIVERSITY

Issues of higher education modernization were considered at the working meeting of experts

GSU representative took part in a working meeting of the national group of experts on higher education reform, organised by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus and the National Office of Erasmus+. The goals of the group are to disseminate the best practices of HEIs, as well as best practices and innovative approaches (for example, in the development of educational and programme documentation, organising the educational process, modernising the management and functioning of HEIs); strengthening ties between higher education, society, economy and state; participation in the development of regulatory documents for the modernisation of higher education.

Source: <https://gsu.by/ru/node/3750>

YANKA KUPALA STATE UNIVERSITY OF GRODNO

Representatives of the Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno took part in the final conference of the project of transboundary cooperation in the field of ecology

During the event, the results of the project were summed up and a strategy for further cooperation was proposed on the issues of combating the spread of dangerous plant species in the Belarusian-Lithuanian border region. Within the framework of the ENI-LLB-1-207 project “Reducing the negative impact of alien invasive plant species on ecosystems and human well-being in the Lithuania-Belarus transboundary region”, the issues of joint organisation of work on the control and destruction of invasive plant species in the borderlands were resolved, options for joint work with authorities, land users and the local community were proposed. In addition, field excursions were conducted to the places where invasive plant species grow.

Source: <https://www.grsu.by/component/k2/item/35275-predstaviteli-grgu-imeni-yanki-kupaly-prinyali-uchastie-v-finalnoj-konferentsii-po-proektu-transgranichnogo-sotrudnichestva-v-sfere-ekologii.html>

LAB UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

In Päijät-Häme, the regional concept of recycling of carbon dioxide emission is being studied

Carbon capture and storage (CCS) and carbon capture and recovery (CCU) are being studied worldwide in the face of ever-increasing greenhouse gases. The most significant of the greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide, is also needed as a raw material due to its physical and chemical properties in several different industrial sectors. LAB University of Applied Sciences, LUT University and Lahti Region Development LADEC are currently studying a regional carbon dioxide recycling concept in Päijät-Häme. Carbon capture pilotage is part of the BIOCYCLE project, which identifies the industry's largest regional carbon producers and regional users of captured and purified CO₂. The new regional carbon recycling concept thus identifies producers and users in different industrial sectors. A recovery and purification pilot aimed at utilising recycled carbon dioxide (biochar oxide) will be carried out at the Kujala Waste Centre in Päijät-Häme Waste Management in Lahti, in cooperation with LABIO Oy, which provides biowaste and sewage sludge treatment services, and the energy company Gasum Oy.

Source: <https://lab.fi/fi/uutiset/paijat-hameessa-tutkitaan-alueellista-paastohiilidioksidin-kierratyskonseptia>

UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

The renewed Arcanum building was opened to the use of the Faculty of Humanities

Celebrating its centenary, the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Turku celebrated its new premises with the opening of Arcanum on 30 October. The event commemorated the stages of both the faculty and Arcanum, launched a video artwork and introduced new spaces. Arcanum hosts teachers' and researchers' offices and will have support services and facilities for students.

Source: <https://www.utu.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/uutinen/uudistunut-arcanum-avautui-humanistisen-tiedekunnan-kayttoon>

BERLIN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND LAW

Sustainability and climate protection – interview of Katharina Gapp-Schmeling

Ms. Katharina Gapp-Schmeling accompanies student projects at the House and Residential Property Association (Verband Haus- und Wohneigentum, VWE). In a joint project with the HWR Berlin, they aim to train the association's volunteers so that they can make a contribution to climate protection and climate adaptation in the settler communities. The VWE has been awarding projects to students at the HWR Berlin on a regular basis since 2014. This happens e.g. in the master's degree in sustainability and quality management. Five years ago, students created the first sustainability concept for the settler communities there. In recent years, the students of the industrial engineering degree programme in Environment and Sustainability have developed a building energy check, revised sustainability criteria for the state competition "The best small settlement" and much more.

Source: <https://www.hwr-berlin.de/aktuelles/neuigkeiten/neuigkeit-detail/1769-welchen-beitrag-koennen-wir-leisten/>

RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

RTU ranked as the best higher education institution in the field of engineering and computer science in Latvia in the Times Higher Education ranking

The performance of Riga Technical University in engineering and computer science studies in the international ranking “Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021 by Subject” has been evaluated as the highest among other Latvian universities. RTU is ranked among 601–800 best universities in the world. THE World University Rankings 2021 by subject: Engineering and Technology includes a total of 1098 leading universities in engineering, energy and electronic engineering, mechanical and aeronautic engineering, civil engineering and chemical engineering. THE World University Rankings 2021 by subject: Computer Science evaluates the performance in the field of computer science and RTU is the only university from Latvia that has been included in this ranking, and placed in the group 601-800. In total 827 universities have been included in this ranking.

Source: <https://www.rtu.lv/en/university/for-mass-media/news/open/rtu-ranked-as-the-best-higher-education-institution-in-the-field-of-engineering-and-computer-science-in-latvia-in-the-times-higher-education-ranking>

UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

LU's entry into the World Top 500 universities

On 28 October, the Times Higher Education by Subject rating was published, and the LU performance has risen significantly in several sectors: LU ranks 401-500 in the Life Sciences rating, 501-600 in the Social Sciences rating. LU is also included in the ranking of health sciences where it occupies the highest results in the 301-400 place. In its turn, LU retains the 601-800 place in the ranking of Physical Sciences.

Source: <https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/61811/>

GDANSK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

GUT in the second place among Polish universities in the field of engineering

In the latest edition of THE University Subject Rankings 2021, Gdansk University of Technology was ranked second among Polish universities in the field of engineering. The university has been classified in three areas: engineering, computer science and physical sciences. In the field of physical sciences, it recorded an increase with respect to the previous rankings by taking third place among Polish universities (last year it was the fifth position). The number of Polish universities classified in a given area has changed. In the previous edition of the ranking, there were eight universities, while the current ranking included ten universities.

Source: <https://pg.edu.pl/en/news/2020-10/gut-second-place-among-polish-universities-field-engineering>

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK

MUG is ranked in US News Best Global Universities

The Medical University of Gdansk was listed in this year's US News Best Global Universities Rankings. In the latest classification, the University took 9th place in Poland, as the second medical university and the highest ranked university in Pomerania. MUG is ranked #425 in Europe and #1083 in the world among 1678

universities from 86 countries. In subject rankings the University took 128th place in the field of oncology and 414 in clinical medicine.

N.B. The US News Best Global Universities Rankings is an overview of higher education institutions worldwide, prepared by the company U.S. News & World Report. Universities are ranked according to their performance across a set of widely accepted indicators of excellence, for example global and regional research reputation, international collaboration and citation impact.

Source: <https://mug.edu.pl/62137.html>

UNIVERSITY OF BIAŁYSTOK

An economist from UB became the vice-president of PRME

Dr hab. **Dariusz Kiełczewski** was elected vice president of the Polish branch of PRME – Principles for Responsible Management Education. It is an initiative supported by the United Nations, which was established in 2007 as a platform promoting sustainable development issues at universities. PRME is a global forum for responsible management education. The association was established on the initiative of leading business universities and was recommended by the Global Compact organisation. About 1000 universities from all over the world belong to PRME. Thanks to this, it is possible to carry out joint research and implementations on an international scale, and students have access to extensive education on sustainable development and to good practices in this area. The Polish branch of PRME was established in June 2020 on the initiative of the Warsaw School of Economics.

Source: <https://uwb.edu.pl/nawosci/aktualnosci/ekonomista-z-uwb-zostal-wiceprezesem-prme/4afe2413>

UNIVERSITY OF LODZ

The new seat of the College of Polish Language for Foreigners

Modern lecture halls and specialised subject laboratories – the College of Polish Language for Foreigners of the University of Lodz returns to its former seat, where the Faculty of Philosophy was located in recent years. The building has undergone a major renovation. The College of Polish Language for Foreigners of the University of Lodz was established in 1952. Throughout its history, it educated students from over 80 countries around the world and all inhabited continents. The number of students varied in different years from about 350 to over 600, not counting participants in language courses for international exchange students such as Erasmus, Erasmus+, Mobility Direct, etc.

Source: <https://www.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosc/szczegoly/nowa-siedziba-sjpdcl-ul>

UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

A sociologist from the University of Warsaw is among the finalists of the competition n.a. prof. T. Kotarbiński

In the sixth edition of the competition n.a. prof. Tadeusz Kotarbiński, five finalists were selected, whose publications will compete for the title of the most outstanding work in the field of humanities. The book by **Dr. Karolina Wigura** "Invention of the modern heart. Philosophical sources of contemporary thinking about emotions" is one of them. Almost 70 publications were submitted this year.

Source: <https://www.uw.edu.pl/sociolog-z-uw-wsrod-finalistow-nagrody-im-prof-t-kotarbinskiego/>

HERZEN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA

Centre of attraction for future scientists

Herzen University took part in an open presentation of the Quantorium children's technopark. The Head of the Laboratory of the Centre for Children's and Youth Engineering Creativity of the Russian State Pedagogical University **Igor Efimov** presented to the guests of the exhibition a bioreactor, which was designed in the centre and is used in the classroom by students of the Faculty of Biology. The unique pedagogical project "Quantorium" is aimed at training future scientists – physicists, biologists, engineers, astronomers. The idea of its creation appeared in 2015 within the framework of the project of the Ministry of Education and Science and the Agency for Strategic Initiatives "New model of the system of additional education". Today there are 110 sites in 76 regions of Russia. Under the guidance of experienced mentors who have undergone rigorous selection and additional training, students of Quantorium do not just acquire in-depth theoretical knowledge in scientific disciplines – they learn to think critically, ask questions, work with information, make discoveries and independently create useful developments.

Source: <https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/30-11-2020/>

IMMANUEL KANT BALTIC FEDERAL UNIVERSITY

The stand with IKBFU scientific developments became the best at the largest international exhibition of vacuum engineering in the Russian Federation

IKBFU stand with a unique installation for the synthesis of nanostructures won the competition "Best Innovative Product" at the largest in Russia international exhibition of vacuum and cryogenic equipment VacuumTechExpo 2020. The event took place on 27-29 October in Moscow, where more than 40 Russian and foreign companies demonstrated the largest selection of vacuum and cryogenic equipment, technologies and materials in Russia.

Source: <https://www.kantiana.ru/news/nauka/stend-s-nauchnymi-razrabotkami-bfu-stal-luchshim-na-krupneyshey-v-rf-mezhdunarodnoy-vystavke-vakuumn/>

PSKOV STATE UNIVERSITY

Students of Pskov State University in Regional studies represented the region at the International Forum "Growth Points"

On 27 October, an online marathon of the International Forum "Points of Growth: Historical Policy, Value and Worldview Foundations of Eurasian Integration" was opened at Pskov State University. The forum was attended by young people from the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union. The programme included lectures and seminars, expert discussion and question-answer sessions, as well as a general plenary session, planned for the 3rd of November. The project is aimed at leaders of youth organisations, young representatives of political parties, experts in the field of international relations, entrepreneurs and students interested in international issues.

Source: <https://pskgu.ru/page/a822b4ef-4e40-4af7-ad4b-0013dff0d2dc>

ST. PETERSBURG ELECTROTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

ETU “LETI” is in the top ten entrepreneurial universities in Russia

In the rating of entrepreneurial universities and business schools of the Analytic centre “Expert” for 2020, ETU “LETI” entered the top ten universities in Russia in terms of investments attracted by startups of graduates. The ranking includes universities whose graduates created at least ten start-up companies from 2011 to 2020. In the overall ranking, ETU “LETI” shared 14-15th places with Russian Technological University. For the second year in a row, the strongest point in the ranking of ETU “LETI” was the volume of investments attracted by startups of university graduates. The amount was about USD 200 million, which is the eighth figure among Russian universities. Other strong indicators of the university were the number of startups and the number of their founders. According to Crunchbase, 11 LETI graduates are the founders of the companies. Their preferred field of activity is information technology.

Source: <https://etu.ru/ru/programma-povysheniya-konkurentosposobnosti/novosti/spbgetu-leti-v-top-10-predprimatelstskih-universitetov-rossii>

ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

The date of the Start-up SPbU – 2021 competition with a prize fund of 2.6 million rubles has been announced

The new, sixth season of the competition for innovative business projects “Start-up St. Petersburg State University – 2021” was launched at St. Petersburg State University. Acceptance of applications will last until 10 December 2020. The main prizes – grants of 1 000 000 and 700 000 rubles from the St. Petersburg University Endowment Fund – will allow the winners to open their own small innovative enterprises at the University. The total prize fund this year will be 2.6 million rubles. This year, the list of topics for competitive projects has been updated, among them – artificial intelligence, bioinformatics, medical technologies, ecology, sustainable development and agricultural technologies of the future, smart space technologies, digital university, IT technologies in the socio-cultural environment, foresights and technologies of the future (media of the future).

Source: <https://spbu.ru/news-events/novosti/obyavlena-data-starta-konkursa-start-spbgu-2021-s-prizovym-fondom-26-mln-rublej>

ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

Spiritus Loci: Building of the Assignment Bank in St. Petersburg

A book dedicated to the history of construction and operation of the main building of the St. Petersburg State University of Economics was published for the 90th anniversary of the university. The book “Spiritus Loci: Building of the Assignment Bank in St. Petersburg” was co-authored by **Vera Amosova** and **Anton Dmitriev**, UNECON associate professors, as well as **Dmitry Vasilenko**, Vice-Rector for International Relations. The book is the first attempt to summarise the scattered historical information about the building of the former bank, as well as to dispel numerous myths that exist on this topic, both in the university itself and in society. The main goal of the authors was to move away from the history of the actual construction of the State Bank building, but to tell readers about the people who worked and lived on the territory of the modern campus, about the intrigues that were dragging along here, about heroic deeds and sad ghosts of the past.

The book includes previously unpublished illustrations, drawings and photographs from the Archive of Film and Photo Materials, the Public Library and private collections.

Source: <https://unecon.ru/info/spiritus-loci-zdanie-assignacionnogo-banka-v-sankt-peterburge>

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

NWIM RANEPa entered the TOP-10 of the best universities in St. Petersburg

On 28 October, the results of the first stage were summed up, and the award ceremony for the nominees of the TOP-10 of the annual city award “Fontanka.ru – Recognition and Influence” took place. The North-West Institute of Management of the RANEPa was included in the list of the best brands of St. Petersburg in the nomination “Best Higher Educational Institution”.

Source: <https://spb.ranepa.ru/sobytiya/novosti/sziu-ranhigs-voshyol-v-top-10-luchshih-vuzov-sankt-peterburga>

YAROSLAV-THE-WISE NOVGOROD STATE UNIVERSITY

NovSU will develop electronics for shipbuilding consortium

Scientists of Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University will participate in seminars of the consortium of shipbuilding and marine engineering. Seminars are held by members of the consortium. The participants of the seminars will discuss the joint scientific work of universities and academic institutions that are part of the consortium. Seminars will be held every two months. They will become a part of the Consortium’s Strategic Academic Leadership Programme.

“The consortium is unique because it unites universities that do not compete with each other,” said **Andrey Efremkov**, NovSU Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation. “For our part, we have announced different projects in the field of electronics, radio electronics and materials science.”

The rector of St. Petersburg State Marine Technical University **Gleb Turichin** became the chairman of the consortium. The association includes LETI, St. Petersburg State Marine Technical University, Institute of Macromolecular Compounds of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg Technological Institute, Centre for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Technology, Institute of Silicate Chemistry, Centre for Laser Technologies and MPO-Gidropribor Concern, Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University, Astrakhan State University, Okeanpribor Concern and Inteltech.

Source: <https://www.novsu.ru/news/90778/>