

# BSRUN Members' News

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## **BELARUS STATE ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY**

*Modernization of BSEU dormitories for the new academic year*

During summer holidays, renovations were carried out in the dormitories of BSEU campus to prepare the premises for the new academic year.

With the help of student teams, cosmetic repairs of common areas and office premises were carried out, cosmetic work was carried out in the courtyards of dormitories (all hatches, flower boxes, metal fences, parking were painted). Renovation of common areas (showers, washbasins, corridors) was organised.

Source: <http://bseu.by/russian/news/202008210.htm>

## **BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

*9 BSU dormitories are open for students this academic year*

More than 8000 places will be allocated in BSU – this is about 77% of all those in need of housing. During the summer period, the dormitories underwent cosmetic repairs: wallpaper was pasted, and the floors,

elevators, facades, ceilings, walls and windows were painted. The furniture was repaired and restored, the courtyards were renewed.

The major repairs in the dormitory number 10 on Kurchatova street are almost completed. The facade of the building was repaired, all windows were replaced, the roof was repaired, the heating unit was repaired, and the adjacent territory was elevated.

This year, along with contractors, students participated in the improvement of dormitories. The construction team consisted of 180 people.

On the initiative of the campus, an electronic databank of apartments and rooms rented out for BSU students is functioning. This information is posted in the student's personal account in the "Dormitories" section and is available online.

Source: <https://bsu.by/news/v-nyneshnem-godu-studencheskaya-molodezh-budet-prozhivat-v-devyati-obshchezhitnyakh-bgu-d/>

## **FRANCISK SKORINA GOMEL STATE UNIVERSITY**

*Team from GSU is the champion of the Republic of Belarus among young people*

The youth (U-19) championship of Belarus on mini-football ended in Borisov – 6 teams reached the final stage. In the decisive struggle for leadership, two teams fought: "GomGU-VRZ" and "Minsk". The intrigue, who will get the honorary title of the champion of Belarus, remained until the final match, in which the Gomel team beat the Minsk team with a score of 3: 1.

Source: <http://www.gsu.by/ru/node/3602>

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

*The Summer Academy of the Russian language is continuing at Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno*

Among participants of the Academy there are representatives from Hungary, Germany, Iraq and Canada. Participants have opportunity not only to improve their level of proficiency in Russian, but also to acquire research skills in the field of applied linguistics. This is the first Summer Academy of the Russian language that is organized for foreigners. In addition to the curriculum, excursions around the city, to museums and local temples are provided for the participants.

Source: <https://www.grsu.by/component/k2/item/34609-v-grgu-imeni-yanki-kupaly-prodolzhaet-rabotat-letnyaya-akademiya-russkogo-yazyka.html>

## **ESTONIAN UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES**

*An exhibition on the history of forestry education was opened at Estonian National Museum*

The jubilee celebrations of academic forestry education culminated with a gathering of alumni at the Estonian National Museum. Before that, an exhibition on the history of forestry education was opened and a history book with a limited edition was presented. The greetings were given by the Rector of the Estonian University of Life Sciences **Prof. Mait Klaassen**, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia **Jüri Ratas**, the

President of Estonian Academy of Sciences **Prof. Tarmo Soomere**, the President of Estonian Forest Society **Prof. Hardi Tullus** and others.

For the 100th anniversary of academic forestry education, an oak tree was planted in front of the Forest House of Estonian University of Life Sciences.

Source: <https://www.emu.ee/ylikoolist/uudised/pressiteated/uudis/2020/08/17/ermis-avatakse-naitus-metsandushariduse-ajaloost>

## LAB UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

*University cooperation brings Lahti Energia manpower and research projects*

Lahti Energia offers internships, summer jobs and thesis topics to dozens of students every year. The cooperation between LAB and Lahti Energia has also given rise to several different development projects. Students bring new ideas and the latest information to Lahti Energia. As a publicly owned company, the company also wants to give experience to young, growing talent. Lahti Energia employs thirty summer trainees every year. There are places for students in the field of technology as well as for experts in business administration and information technology.

Students play an important role in managing the summer vacation placements of Lahti Energia's permanent staff. Real jobs are available, and in addition to routine assignments, students can also work on a variety of projects.

In the future, more project cooperation with LAB university is important to Lahti Energia not only because of the availability of labor, but also because Lahti Energia is allowed to participate in useful research projects. Currently, cooperation is taking place in the HENTU project.

Source: <https://lab.fi/fi/tarina/korkeakouluyhteisty-tuo-lahti-energialle-tyovoimaa-ja-tutkimushankkeita>

## UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

*University students will discuss the Baltic Sea and health at European Forum*

The European Forum will take place this year as a largely streamed webcast. It will start on 27 of August. The programme, produced by University of Turku students, focuses on the health cluster and the Baltic Sea.

The theme of the Baltic Sea as a changing operating environment for companies will be presented. **Magnus Gustafsson**, Research Manager at Åbo Akademi University's Industrial Management Laboratory, **Tomi Solakivi**, Assistant Professor of Supply Chain Management at the University of Turku, and **Elina Andersson**, Managing Director of the Finnish Maritime Industry Association, will participate in the discussion moderated by **Toni Ahlqvist**, Research Director of the University's Future Research Center. After that, a joint university debate will start. The topic is: "Everyone wants to protect the Baltic Sea - why is the sea not getting better? Regulation and management of the marine environment". The moderator is **Nina Tynkkynen**, Assistant Professor of Research at Åbo Akademi University's Marine Profiling Project, and the speakers are Professor **Henrik Ringbom**, a lawyer working at both the University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University, Member of the European Parliament **Sirpa Pietikäinen**, Environment Director for Agriculture and Forestry **Liisa Pietola** and State Secretary **Terhi Lehtonen**, Ministry of the Environment.

Other topics for discussion: Democracy in Emergencies - what can EU crises teach us; European Youth section on “Is the EU a great power?”; EU-China relations; EU’s global role in 2050 and EU-Africa relations; European Union and Finland’s position in Europe.

Source: <https://www.utu.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/uutinen/yliopistolaiset-pureutuvat-striimattavassa-eurooppa-foorumissa-itamereen-ja>

## RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

*A unique Talent Programme will be open at RTU for especially talented young people*

Riga Technical University is launching an unprecedented project in Latvia – a Talent Programme, in order to attract new talents from engineering schools from all regions of Latvia to study engineering.

The first 22 graduates from 10 Latvian schools and the graduates of RTU Secondary School of Engineering will start their studies at RTU this year, using the opportunities of the new Talent programme. RTU will offer young people an individual study plan, as they have much broader and more specific knowledge in exact subjects than some of their peers. In addition, they will have the opportunity to improve their personality and skills in lectures and seminars, as well as work with individual mentors. RTU supports new talents so that after their studies they can work either in science or become excellent engineering specialists, innovators, company managers.

Source: <https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-jaunaja-studiju-gada-ipasi-talantigi-jauniesi-studes-pec-individuala-plana-talantu-programma>

## UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

*University of Latvia has established cooperation with IREX*

University of Latvia has established cooperation with the global development and education organization IREX, which strives for a fairer and more inclusive world. **In cooperation with six Baltic universities**, IREX is working on media literacy programmes to help young people be able to critically evaluate information in the media. One of the partners is the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Latvia, where under the guidance of professionals, students will have the opportunity to improve media literacy and understanding of journalism quality, importance and challenges in the current information age.

The collaboration takes place in two stages - **online summer study programme “Three Stories of Media Literacy”** (where students are to learn more about media literacy and improve their critical thinking skills) and **a new study course “Journalism in the Age of Disinformation”** (which is to cover topics such as misinformation in the media, the role of the media and quality journalism today, the methods used by fact-checkers to check information, the recognition of stereotypes in media content).

Source: <https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/60623/>

## GDANSK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

### *Gdańsk University of Technology in Shanghai Ranking for the first time*

Gdańsk University of Technology was included in prestigious Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), also known as the Shanghai Ranking, for the first time. Eight Polish universities are among the top 1 000 universities from around the world. Gdańsk University of Technology fell into the range of 801-900, ahead of 2 other Polish universities. Among Polish universities, 8 were classified in this year's edition of the ranking (9 Polish universities qualified for last year's edition). Two other Polish universities were also classified in the same range as GUT – the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań and the Warsaw University of Technology. Only 3 Polish universities were classified in higher places - the University of Warsaw (301-400), the Jagiellonian University (401-500) and the AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow (701-800).

Source: [https://pg.edu.pl/aktualnosci/-/asset\\_publisher/hWGncmoQv7K0/content/politechnika-gdanska-po-raz-pierwszy-w-rankingu-szanghajskim?redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fpg.edu.pl%2Faktualnosci%3Fp\\_id%3D101\\_INSTANCE\\_hWGncmoQv7K0%26p\\_p\\_lifecycle%3D0%26p\\_p\\_state%3Dnormal%26p\\_p\\_mode%3Dview%26p\\_p\\_col\\_id%3Dcolu-mn-1%26p\\_p\\_col\\_count%3D1](https://pg.edu.pl/aktualnosci/-/asset_publisher/hWGncmoQv7K0/content/politechnika-gdanska-po-raz-pierwszy-w-rankingu-szanghajskim?redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fpg.edu.pl%2Faktualnosci%3Fp_id%3D101_INSTANCE_hWGncmoQv7K0%26p_p_lifecycle%3D0%26p_p_state%3Dnormal%26p_p_mode%3Dview%26p_p_col_id%3Dcolu-mn-1%26p_p_col_count%3D1)

## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK

### *Innovation Incubator 4.0*

Medical University of Gdańsk has obtained funding for the implementation of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education programme called Innovation Incubator 4.0. The funds come from non-competitive project Support for the management of scientific research and commercialization of R&D results in research units and enterprises, implemented under the Intelligent Development Operational Programme 2014-2020.

The unit implementing the Innovation Incubator 4.0 programme, on the side of the University, is the Technology Transfer Center. The project will be implemented in a consortium led by MUG and consortium members: University of Gdańsk and the MUG's special purpose vehicle - Medical Innovation Center. The co-financing granted to the consortium amounts to PLN 1.9 million. The project implementation period will last until 31 December, 2022.

NB: The subject of the Innovation Incubator 4.0 program is to support entities of the higher education and science system in the implementation of projects aimed at applying the results of scientific research in the economic or social sphere.

Source: <https://gumed.edu.pl/61356.html>

## UNIVERSITY OF ŁÓDŹ

### *Professor Zbigniew Rau will be appointed head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

**Professor Zbigniew Rau** will be appointed as the Minister of Foreign Affairs. He will replace Jacek Czaputowicz, who has resigned. Zbigniew Rau is a professor of legal sciences at the University of Łódź, head of the Department of Political and Legal Doctrines and the Center for Political and Legal Thought Alexis de Tocqueville of the University of Lodz, Member of the Sejm and former Governor of Lodz (2015-2019).

Source: <https://www.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosc/szczegoly/profesor-zbigniew-rau-szefem-msz>

## UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

### *Meeting of rectors on cooperation between University of Warsaw and Medical University of Warsaw*

On 24 August, a meeting of representatives of University of Warsaw and Medical University of Warsaw took place. It was attended by the rectors and vice-chancellors of both universities of the current term of office, as well as new rector's teams of both universities, who will start working in September. The talks focused on the development of scientific and didactic cooperation between universities.

Two universities have been developing joint research and teaching projects for years. Universities have launched a program of inter-university classes and a micro-grants program for conducting joint research financed from external funds. In 2018-2020, under the micro-grants program, scientists received funding for 27 joint projects.

Increasing the international importance of the University of Warsaw thanks to the development of cooperation with the Medical University of Warsaw is one of the main objectives of the "Initiative of Excellence - Research University" program, for which the University of Warsaw received funding in October 2019 in the Ministry of Science and Higher Education competition.

During the meeting held on 24 August at University of Warsaw, the rectors discussed the development of joint initiatives launched in previous years and confirmed their interest in continuing the strategic cooperation of both universities. They analyzed the current state of cooperation and the issues related to the possibility of federalization. The concept of the federation and the draft of its statute were developed in 2019, positively assessed by the rector authorities, Senates and University Councils of the University of Warsaw and the Medical University of Warsaw, and submitted for arrangements with the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. The Ministry positively assessed the proposed federation model. Its implementation requires an amendment to the act, which is favorable for the Ministry of Science.

NB: Prof. Alojzy Z. Nowak was elected the new UW rector for 2020-2024 <https://en.uw.edu.pl/prof-alojzy-z-nowak-elected-the-uw-rector/>

Source: <https://www.uw.edu.pl/rektorzy-o-wspolpracy-uw-i-wum/>

## HERZEN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA

### *More than 100 foreign teachers of Russian language and literature have been trained at Herzen University*

From 10 to 21 August, at Herzen University, with the support of Rossotrudnichestvo, the Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg and the Russky Mir Foundation, advanced training courses "Modern Trends in the Methodology of Teaching Russian as a Foreign Language" were held for teachers living abroad.

This year, the training took place online – this made it possible to expand the geography of participants: it united 103 participants from 48 countries including Albania, Argentina, Brazil, Great Britain, Vietnam, Greece, Egypt, Iceland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Morocco, Mongolia, Palestine, Poland, Syria, Tajikistan, France, Sri Lanka and others.

For two weeks, the participants listened to a 72-hour course of lectures and practical exercises on Zoom platform on contemporary Russian culture (literature, cultural linguistics, regional studies) and methods of teaching Russian as a foreign language and literature, as well as mastered the practical course of RFL.

Source: <https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/24-08-2020/>



## IMMANUEL KANT BALTIC FEDERAL UNIVERSITY

*Mail.ru Group together with IKBFU will train specialists in the gaming industry*

IKBFU and Mail.ru Group signed a cooperation agreement. The university will open a free educational program of additional education “Igrosfera”, which will include the course “Game Development for Unity”.

Within the framework of the signed agreement IKBFU and Mail.ru Group plan to conduct educational events, improve the qualifications of university teachers in the use of ICT in the educational sphere, and also plan to introduce the company’s technologies and services at the university.

Source: <https://www.kantiana.ru/news/universitet/mail-ru-group-sovmestno-s-bfu-im-i-kanta-podgotovit-spetsialistov-igrovoy-industrii/>

## PSKOV STATE UNIVERSITY

*Pskov State University won a grant for research in the field of physics of materials of the future – nanocomposites*

The Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR), following the results of the Postgraduate Students competition, supported an application for the project “Experimental investigation of porous matrix types and conditions of their filling with iodine and silver nanoparticles effect on the electrical and optical properties of nanocomposites” submitted by Pskov State University.

The main goal of this work is experimental and theoretical study of physical phenomena (size effects, phase transitions, etc.) in nanocomposites based on regular porous dielectric matrices (opals, zeolites, porous aluminum oxide, asbestos, and others). This approach makes it possible to solve the urgent problem of obtaining new nanocomposite materials with improved electrical and optical properties, which is of great importance in photonics, plasmonics, electronics, and materials science.

Source: <https://pskgu.ru/page/892a1d0d-8416-45e3-a13d-618e6e0583c6>

## ST. PETERSBURG ELECTROTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

*LETI university entered the TOP-100 of the best universities according to Forbes for the third time*

Forbes has published a rating of the 100 best universities in Russia, prepared to assess the quality of Russian education and identify universities whose graduates in future may become members of the Forbes list or enter the country’s political elite.

St. Petersburg State Electrotechnical University took 38th place in the ranking. New parameters were introduced into the metric “Quality of education”, based on the data of monitoring the effectiveness of educational institutions of the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia: “Quality of teachers” (takes into account the salary level of the teaching staff, the ratio of teaching staff and students, the share of foreign teachers) and “International activity” ( includes the share of foreign students, the share of students who studied abroad for at least a semester, as well as the program of Double diplomas).

The indicators of the Graduate Quality metric were formed on the basis of Forbes’ own research conducted in conjunction with the Avito Rabota service. Representatives of 59 employing companies told which graduates of which universities they hired over the past two years, which of them received a promotion or salary during these two years, and graduates of which universities they consider the most prepared.

The Forbes Factor metric took into account the university's presence in the QS and THE rankings. The list of well-known alumni and students includes only the children of participants in the list of 200 richest businessmen in Russia, as well as nominees for the Forbes rating of young and successful Russians "30 to 30".

According to analysts, an increase in the share of foreign teaching staff, an increase in the share of students who have undergone foreign internships, as well as the development of double degree programs will contribute to improving the university's position in the ranking.

Source: <https://etu.ru/ru/programma-povysheniya-konkurentosposobnosti/novosti/pervyj-elektrotehnicheskij-38-j-elitnyj-leti-v-rejtinge-forbes>

## **ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**

*SPbU is among the best universities in the world according to ARWU*

St. Petersburg State University continues to occupy high positions in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), or Shanghai Ranking, which today is considered the oldest and one of the most respected global rankings of universities in the world. This year, St. Petersburg State University again entered the 301–400 group, yielding superiority among Russian higher educational institutions only to the Lomonosov Moscow State University. In total, the ranking list of 2020 includes 11 Russian universities, ranked in the fifth hundred and below.

Source: <https://spbu.ru/news-events/novosti/spbgu-vhodit-v-chislo-luchshih-vuzov-mira-po-versii-arwu>

## **ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS**

*New communication project of Department of Logistics and Supply Chain Management*

The 1st National Scientific and Educational Conference "Logistics: Foresight Research, Profession, Practice" will be held at UNECON. It will be organized in cooperation with the Committee for Transport of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Russian universities, scientific organizations and business structures - partners in network cooperation.

The goal of the project and conference is to expand the practice of interaction using the resource of remote participation in the exchange of ideas and experience in the development of logistics in support of the innovative dynamics of the professional environment.

Source: <https://unecon.ru/info/novyy-kommunikacionnyy-proekt-kafedry-logistiki-i-upravleniya-cepyami-postavok-1>

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

*Research project of NWIM RANEPA won Jean Monnet grant*

According to the results of Jean Monnet competition, a team of teachers from the Faculty of International Relations and Political Studies of NWIM RANEPA won a grant for the implementation of a research project. The project is dedicated to the potential of interaction between Russia and the European Union in resolving conflicts in the post-Soviet space.



It is known that more than a thousand projects from all over the world took part in the competition, the application of the NWIM RANEPa became one of five selected Russian applications in the “Networks and Projects” category.

Source: <https://spb.ranepa.ru/sobytiya/novosti/proekt-sziu-ranhigs-oderzhal-pobedu-v-konkurse-grantov-jean-monnet>

## YAROSLAV-THE-WISE NOVGOROD STATE UNIVERSITY

*Rostec has become an industrial partner of the Intellectual Electronics – Valdai Innovative Science and Technology Center*

The Rostec State Corporation will participate in the creation and development of the Intellectual Electronics – Valdai Innovative Science and Technology Center. The agreement was signed by the general director of the corporation **Sergey Chemezov** and the governor of the Novgorod region, **Andrey Nikitin**.

The enterprises of the Ruselectronics holding, which is part of Rostec, together with NovSU, will create laboratories on the basis of Innovative Science and Technology Center. They will develop, prototype and test new technological products.

NovSU is the initiator of the creation of Valdai Innovative Science and Technology Center. Novgorod Technical School and more than 70 industrial enterprises will participate in the work of the Center. The Center will be engaged in high-tech developments in the defense industry, medicine and fuel and energy complex.

Earlier, within the framework of cooperation between the Novgorod region and the state corporation Rostec, an Engineering Center for Electronic Prototyping was created on the basis of NovSU.

Source: <https://www.novsu.ru/news/90333/>