

# BSRUN Members' News

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## BELARUS STATE ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY

### *Meeting of BSEU rector with students*

On 4 September, BSEU rector, **Vyacheslav Shutilin**, met with the student community. During the event, important issues for students were discussed.

A proposal was put forward on the prospect of creating a constructive discussion platform for discussing urgent problems in economic and social sphere. The rector assured the students that the administration will provide comprehensive support for this initiative and answered students' questions.

Source: <http://bseu.by/russian/news/202009040.htm>

## BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

### *BSU is the only Belarusian university included in the Times Higher Education ranking*

BSU is the only Belarusian university that is consistently included in Times Higher Education (THE) ranking. According to the new version, the leading university is represented in the 1001+ group of the 1500 best universities in the world included in the ranking table. THE is one of the most authoritative and prestigious rankings, which assesses only the "major league" – 3% of the best universities in the world.

Among 48 Russian universities included in ranking, the highest places were taken by Moscow State University (174 position), MIPT (201–500) and the Higher School of Economics (251–300). The 501–600 group includes the Lvov Polytechnic and Sumy State Universities, the Polish Jagiellonian University. In Estonia – the University of Tartu (251–300), in Lithuania – the University of Vilnius (801–1000).

Source: <https://bsu.by/news/bgu-edinstvennyy-iz-otchestvennykh-vuzov-vkhodit-v-reyting-times-higher-education-d/>

## FRANCISK SKORINA GOMEL STATE UNIVERSITY

### *Preparation for the 90th anniversary*

Francisk Skorina Gomel State University is on the verge of a large-scale event – its 90th anniversary. Preparations for this holiday are being carried out in all directions. The improvement of buildings, classrooms and other administrative and economic facilities was undertaken. During the year, the corridors, halls, female and male showers in dormitories were renovated. The library and wardrobes, classrooms, sports facilities were updated, passenger elevators were modernized and much more.

Source: <http://www.gsu.by/ru/node/3612>

## GRODNO STATE AGRARIAN UNIVERSITY

### *Meeting with the Assistant to the President of the Republic of Belarus in Grodno Region **Ivan Lavrinovich** and the First Deputy Chairman of Grodno Regional Executive Committee **Ivan Zhuk***

On the eve of the new academic year, a meeting of university staff with Ivan Lavrinovich and Ivan Zhuk was held. At the beginning of the meeting, rector **Vitold Pestis** presented results of the enrollment campaign – Grodno State Agrarian University is the only agricultural university in the country that has completed the enrollment for all faculties.

Ivan Lavrinovich pointed out the importance of training qualified personnel for the agro-industrial complex, proposed a number of specific constructive directions for university development: to direct efforts towards vocational guidance of graduating school students from the beginning of the school year; to involve more actively the staff and students in solving urgent issues of social and industrial activity; students' socialization; to intensify the practice of students trips to rural areas to get acquainted with the life of agricultural towns, agricultural enterprises, and the development of social infrastructure; to increase the activity of university's participation in cross-border projects.

Source: <https://www.ggau.by/news/5483-vstrecha-trudovogo-kollektiva-uo-ggau-s-lavrinovichem-i-a-i-zhukom-i-a>

## YANKA KUPALA STATE UNIVERSITY OF GRODNO

### *Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno signed an agreement with a new resident of the Science and Technology Park*

An agreement was signed with individual entrepreneur **Alexey Tulko**, who is implementing an innovative project related to servicing household sewing machines. Alexey Tulko decided to implement his business idea using the capabilities of the Science and Technology Park of Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno.

He was attracted by both the preferences provided to the residents of the Technopark in the form of tax breaks and the availability of advanced scientific ideas.

The Science and Technology Park was created for the development of small innovative businesses. Today the Science and Technology Park has its 11th resident. Four of Technopark residents are companies and enterprises created by teachers, students and graduates of Kupala University.

Source: <https://www.grsu.by/component/k2/item/34707-v-grgu-imeni-yanki-kupaly-podpisan-dogovor-s-novym-rezidentom-nauchno-tekhnologicheskogo-parka.html>

## **LAB UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**

### *Extension for MURCS programme until 2026*

LAB university has announced successful extension of Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's programme on Urban Climate and Sustainability (MURCS) for four more intakes until 2026 as the result of fruitful cooperation and strong effort of Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland; LAB University of Applied Sciences, Finland; University of Huelva, Spain and Dresden University of Applied Sciences, Germany which is a new member in the consortium.

Most of the students come from outside Europe but all of them fulfill the requirement of at least two years of work experience from a relevant field. The first batch of students commenced their studies in autumn 2018 and is about to graduate during autumn 2020.

The aim of the new Master of Urban Climate and Sustainability 1.5 (MURCS1.5) is to produce high caliber graduates to manage climate resilience in cities to live within a 1.5oC warmer world. The approach of MURCS1.5 will integrate three themes in a specific manner – science of nature-based solutions as the approach to mitigation, combined with circular economy as the driver for urban planning, and sustainability leadership as the management goal.

The grant will fund 88 postgraduate scholarships until 2024, with the programme split across all four universities. The consortium also includes five academic associate partners from Japan, Sri Lanka, Turkey, South Africa and Brazil, plus 11 local authority and public/private sector bodies.

Source: <https://lab.fi/en/news/extension-murcs-programme-until-2026>

## **UNIVERSITY OF TURKU**

### *University of Turku Led Consortium Receives Major Research Funding for Artificial Intelligence Governance and Auditing*

A University of Turku led consortium has received two-year research funding from Business Finland to study and develop governance mechanisms for artificial intelligence (AI). The total budget of the industry-academia consortium is ca. 4.5 million euros.

The AIGA programme focuses on reinforcing the trustworthiness, transparency, and explainability of algorithmic decision-making through AI governance. The AIGA programme and studies and develops with the industry partners' governance models and mechanisms for artificial intelligence and how to commercialise AI governance and auditing for international markets.

The AIGA consortium partners are the University of Turku and University of Helsinki, DAIN Studios, Talent Base, Solita, Siili Solutions and Zefort, and the Finnish Tax Administration. The University of Turku AIGA team is cross-disciplinary including researchers from Turku School of Economics, Department of Future Technologies, and Faculty of Law. The programme collaborates with the leading companies in the field such as Saidot Ltd.

Source: <https://www.utu.fi/en/news/news/university-of-turku-led-consortium-receives-major-research-funding-for-artificial>

## **BERLIN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND LAW**

*188 particularly bright minds among students of HWR Berlin were awarded a certificate as the best of their year, as HWR Talents, in August 2020*

Once a year, the HWR Berlin uses the HWR Talents programme to identify the top 4% of each degree programme and recognize their outstanding academic achievements.

The Talent programme supports students in developing their potential by making a variety of additional offers with which everyone can pursue their own inclinations and abilities. This takes place particularly in the Studium Generale, but also in a wide range of information offers from information about scholarships to individual advice. The programme offers individual workshops tailored to talented students and systematically suggest those who meet the requirements for a scholarship from the German National Academic Foundation.

Source: <https://www.hwr-berlin.de/aktuelles/neuigkeiten/neuigkeit-detail/1679-fokus-hingabe-und-sorgfalt-fuer-den-erfolg-im-studium/>

## **RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**

*RTU graduate Ruslans Muhitov in Rail Baltica project plans to integrate the Baltics into the European rail system*

Railway transport is efficient and environmentally friendly, so it has a future, says Ruslan Muhitov, RTU graduate, who is currently working on a major future project – Rail Baltica, which will integrate the Baltic States on the European rail network. Now he is involved in one of the largest projects in the Baltic States - he works for JSC «RB Rail» as a senior planning engineer, and he is responsible for planning the implementation of Rail Baltica - to logically structure the project to successfully build a railway connecting the Baltic States to European railway system. As this project is international, engineers will be able to work on this project not only in Latvia, but also in other Baltic countries.

Source: <https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-absolvents-ruslans-muhitovs-rail-baltica-projekta-plano-ka-integret-baltiju-eiropas-dzelzcela-sistema>

## **UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA**

*University of Latvia concluded cooperation agreement with Ventspils university*

Professor **Indrikis Muiznieks**, Rector of the University of Latvia and Professor Kārlis Krēsliņš, Rector of Ventspils University College (VeA) concluded a cooperation agreement, in which they agreed to strengthen

and develop cooperation in education and science, knowledge transfer to the economy. The cooperation agreement envisages the development of joint master's and doctoral study programs, exchange of students and lecturers and joint research projects of both universities.

Source: <https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/60863/>

## **GDANSK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

*GUT International MBA programme is among the best in the world*

For the second time in a row, GUT International MBA programme conducted at the Faculty of Management and Economics was included in international QS ranking, which classifies the best MBA Executive programmes in the world.

The MBA programme "International MBA in Strategy, Programme and Project Management" has been classified in QS Executive MBA Rankings 2020 in the range of 101+ universities from around the world. It obtained the highest position in the following indicators: Career Outcomes - 64 in the world, 30 in Europe and Executive Profile - 69 in the world and 26 in Europe.

Source: <https://pg.edu.pl/aktualnosci/2020-08/program-international-mba-pg-wsrod-najlepszych-na-swiecie>

## **UNIVERSITY OF ŁÓDŹ**

*A new field of study at the University of Lodz in cooperation with business*

The University of Lodz, together with six strong business partners, opens a new field of study - Business Process Automation. Students of the Faculty of Management will be able to gain managerial competences in connection with the knowledge of automation and robotization of business processes. This is the result of employers' demand for RPA (Robotic Process Automation) specialists with well-developed digital competences. Graduates will be able to understand modern digital technology and know the possibilities of its application in business.

Source: <https://www.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosc/szczegoly/nowy-kierunek-studiow-ul-we-wspolpracy-z-biznesem-2>

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

*New major in chemistry at University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn*

Seven laboratories and two seminar rooms with fully modern equipment will start with a new major in chemistry at the Faculty of Environmental Management and Agriculture. Equipping student laboratories with furniture, apparatus and equipment will soon begin. The local government of the Warmia and Mazury voivodship has allocated over PLN 11 million for it from the Regional Operational Programme Warmia and Mazury. The apparatus, laboratory equipment and laboratory furniture alone are to cost PLN 10.5 million. The whole project - about PLN 16 million.

Source: <http://www.uwm.edu.pl/egazeta/chemia-wersji-full>

## UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

### *University of Warsaw and Polpharma Biologics intentions regarding academic and scientific cooperation*

The University of Warsaw and Polpharma Biologics signed an agreement on academic, scientific and technological cooperation, which will enable “biotechnology” students to prepare for work in the biopharmaceutical industry.

Joint activities will include educating specialists who will find employment in modern laboratories in the future. The cooperation will also include joint research projects and applying for funds for ground-breaking research.

Source: <https://www.uw.edu.pl/list-intencyjny-uw-i-polpharma-biologics-dot-wspolpracy-akademickiej-i-naukowej/>

## HERZEN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA

### *Herzen University is waiting for students in new premises and lecture halls of its buildings*

New premises in the central campus on Moika embankment are open for the new academic year. The buildings were renovated, new auditoriums appeared. The builders have overhauled all rooms and stairs. Each floor is now equipped with modern sanitary facilities, including one specialized for low-mobility groups. Energy efficient heating devices are also installed in the building, the floors are tiled with non-slip tiles.

One of renovated buildings will host pedagogical “Boiling Point” – affordable training, lectures, forums and seminars will be held at university’s Boiling Point. Now everything is organized there for the maximum convenience of young visitors: from USB sockets to a coffee corner. People with disabilities were not forgotten again. A new ventilation and air conditioning system was installed there as well. In addition to new creative lighting on a space of 400 square meters, the builders also completely replaced heating system and all communications.

Source: [https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/01-09-2020\\_2/](https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/01-09-2020_2/)

## IMMANUEL KANT BALTIC FEDERAL UNIVERSITY

### *IKBFU became part of the University consortium “Frontiers of Russia”*

The purpose of the Consortium is to form a network of Russian universities implementing programs for researching geopolitical and regional processes associated with the borders of Russia. The creation of such an association was initiated by IKBFU. In total, 6 universities of strategically important regions of Russia became the founders of the Consortium: IKBFU (Kaliningrad), Northern (Arctic) Federal University named after M.V. Lomonosov (Arkhangelsk), Southern Federal University (Rostov-on-Don), Far Eastern Federal University (Vladivostok), Sevastopol State University (Sevastopol) and Crimean Federal University named after V.I. Vernadsky (Simferopol).

One of the results of association’s activities will be the creation of a new permanent platform for scientific and expert discussion of modern geopolitics and the problems of preserving historical truth.

Source: <https://www.kantiana.ru/news/universitet/bfu-im-i-kanta-stal-chastyu-universitetskogo-konsortsiума-rubezhi-rossii/>



## ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

*SPbU and Tsinghua University signed an agreement on cooperation in the field of innovation*

The ceremony was attended by the chairmen of the Russian-Chinese intergovernmental commission on humanitarian cooperation, chairmen of national organizing committees for the preparation and implementation of the Years of Cooperation: Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation **Tatyana Golikova** and Deputy Prime Minister of the State Council of the PRC **Sun Chunlan**, as well as Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation **Valery Falkov** and Minister of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China **Wang Zhigang**. During the ceremony, several key agreements were signed between Russia and the PRC concerning cooperation in the field of science and innovation.

As part of the agreement, St. Petersburg State University will open its own testing center for Russian as a foreign language on the basis of Tsinghua University. Both universities will also host a joint startup competition.

Source: <https://spbu.ru/news-events/novosti/spbgu-i-universitet-cinhua-zaklyuchili-soglashenie-o-sotrudnichestve-v-oblasti>

## ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

*Agreement with the Government of Leningrad Region*

On 2 September, a working meeting was held between the Rector of St. Petersburg State University of Economics **Igor Maksimtsev** and the Governor of the Leningrad Region **Alexander Drozdenko**.

As part of the meeting, an agreement on cooperation was signed. Among the main provisions on cooperation, one can single out the development and implementation of basic professional educational programs, professional development and retraining programs for employees of the executive authorities of Leningrad Region, organization of internships and practices for students.

This is not the first cooperation agreement between the University of Economics and the Government of the Leningrad Region. UNECON students are annually provided with places for practical training, and teachers act as experts of the attestation commission for attestation of civil servants in the Government of the Leningrad Region.

In addition, UNECON took over the patronage of Novoselsk school in Lomonosov and will provide mentorship.

Source: <https://unecon.ru/info/soglashenie-s-pravitelstvom-leningradskoy-oblasti>

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

*Presidential Academy entered the ranking of the best universities in the world*

NWIM RANEPa for the first time entered the list of the best universities in the world. The corresponding rating of the World University Rankings-2021 was made by the British company Quacquarelli Symonds. RANEPa entered the prestigious rating along with 48 other Russian higher educational institutions.

The analysis of the activities of universities consisted of 13 indicators. The main assessment criteria were international student and teaching mobility, the number of international scholarship programs, the level of

scientific research, contribution to innovation, citation of scientific articles, and the level of educational services.

Source: <https://spb.ranepa.ru/sobytiya/novosti/prezidentskaya-akademiya-voshla-v-rejting-luchshih-vuzov-mira>

## **YAROSLAV-THE-WISE NOVGOROD STATE UNIVERSITY**

*NovSU, as part of a consortium, entered the top ten winners of the federal competition for the creation of world-class research centers*

The results of the federal competition for the creation of world-class scientific centers carrying out research and development on the priorities of scientific and technological development, have been summed up. As a result, Novgorod State University, in a consortium of leading scientific and educational organizations of the country, entered the top ten winners approved by the government – “Digital biodesign and personalized health care” in the direction of “Personalized medicine, high-tech health care and health technologies”.

In the near future, an interdisciplinary center will be created at NovSU, which, in addition to its own developments, will translate the technologies of other project participants into the educational process and practical medicine. The center will deal with international project cooperation, interdisciplinary educational projects and the organization of a regular international specialized conference.

Source:

<https://www.novsu.ru/news/r.121596.0.2.returnUri.L25ld3MvaS4xMiE1OTYv/i.121596/?view=90357>