

# BSRUN Members' News

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## BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

*Presentation of the Chinese Ambassador's Award to the laureates of the Republican Student Olympiad in Chinese language*

Laureates of the Republican Student Olympiad in Chinese language met with **Cui Qiming**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China, **Sergey Rudy**, Deputy Minister of Education of Belarus, **Andrei Korol**, Rector of BSU, Natalya Baranova, Rector of MSLU, **Anatoly Tozik**, Director of RCIS BSU, heads of Belarusian schools and gymnasiums. The event was held online in Zoom. This year, five students of BSU were among the awardees.

NB: The award was established in 2016 to support talented young people who have achieved high results in the study of the Chinese language. Since this period, 29 students of BSU have become its owners.

Source: <https://bsu.by/news/vruchenie-premii-posla-kr-laureatam-respublikanskoy-olimpiady-po-kitayskomu-yazyku-d/>

## **FRANCISK SKORINA GOMEL STATE UNIVERSITY**

*GSU became a laureate of the republican competition "The Best Exporter of 2019"*

Francisk Skorina Gomel State University was awarded in the "Education" nomination according to the results of the republican competition "The Best Exporter of 2019".

NB: The competition is traditionally held by Belarusian Chamber of Commerce and Industry together with the ministries of architecture and construction, health, foreign affairs, forestry, industry, agriculture and food, transport and communications, economy and a number of other state bodies, organizations and business unions in 22 nominations.

Source: <http://www.gsu.by/ru/node/3548>

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

*Construction of a new building of Science and Technology Park of Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno is at the final stage*

The new building of Science and Technology Park will house both office and production premises, open-space sites, co-working centres, a large conference hall. 10 resident companies are currently operating on the basis of the TechnoPark. The construction of a new building was necessary, and some resident companies are eagerly awaiting completion of the work, ready to lease new premises. Among them is one of the companies engaged in the development of electric transport in Belarus.

Source: <https://www.grsu.by/component/k2/item/34353-vozvedenie-novogo-zdaniya-nauchno-tehnologicheskogo-parka-grgu-imeni-yanki-kupaly-na-zavershayushchem-etape.html>

## **UNIVERSITY OF TURKU**

*Nearly EUR 2 million of funding is granted for the spatial education development project coordinated by the University of Turku*

The GeoICT4e project, coordinated by University of Turku, has received funding of almost EUR 2 million from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the development of spatial data training for social innovations in Tanzanian universities.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has granted a total of EUR 11.2 million of funding for four-year university partnerships. The HEI ICI (Higher Education Institutions Institutional Cooperation Instrument) supports co-operation projects between Finnish and developing countries universities.

The largest funding went to the GeoICT4e project, coordinated by the Department of Geography and Geology at the University of Turku, which focuses on reforming the spatial and ICT education of Tanzanian universities. The co-operation project between three Finnish and five Tanzanian universities aims to change the functionality of education so that it produces solution-oriented spatial data experts for the digital labor market of the future.

Source: <https://www.utu.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/uutinen/turun-yliopiston-koordinoimalle-paikkatietokoulutuksen-kehittamishankkeelle>

## RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

*Winners of food innovation competition "Innovation award" are determined*

The winners of the "Innovation Award" competition of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology's (EIT) knowledge community "EIT Food" in Latvia have become the teams "Augam!", "SugarCat" and "Plant Made Foods". The winners will share cash prizes of 9000 euros. The spectator prize in the amount of 2000 euros is won by "Brocco.eu". Two of the award-winning projects have been implemented by graduates of Riga Technical University.

Source: <https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/noskaidroti-partikas-nozares-jaunuznemumu-konkursa-inovaciju-balva-uzvaretaji>

## UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

*UL studies the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on Latvia's national economy*

Within the framework of the State Research Program, the Latvian Science Council will finance University of Latvia's research project "Economic, Political and Legal Framework for Preserving the Potential of the Latvian Economy and Promoting Competitiveness Growth after a Pandemic Crisis (reCOVvery-LV)". The project manager is UL professor **Inna Šteinbuka**.

An interdisciplinary team of researchers from the University of Latvia, the Latvian Academy of Sciences, the Latvia University of Agriculture, Riga Stradiņš University and Riga Technical University will be involved in the development of the project.

The aim of the project is to provide a comprehensive and multidisciplinary impact assessment of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Latvian economy and to prepare scientifically based and innovative interdisciplinary policy recommendations for better coping with the pandemic challenges to sustainable and inclusive development of the Latvian economy.

Source: <https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/60164/>

## GDANSK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

*Gdańsk University of Technology is in the 4th place among technical universities and in the top ten of the best universities in the country in the "Perspektywy" ranking*

In the latest edition of the ranking of universities by the Educational Foundation "Perspektywy", Gdańsk University of Technology took fourth place among technical universities (ex equo with the Lodz University of Technology) and eighth place among all universities in the country.

In the overall ranking, the Jagiellonian University is at the forefront of the ranking, followed closely by the University of Warsaw. The third place was taken by the Warsaw University of Technology. The highest position among Tri-City universities was taken by the Medical University of Gdańsk (6th place), while the Gdańsk University of Technology was the second Pomeranian university (8th place).

In turn, in the classification of Polish technical universities, GUT was again 4th, behind the Warsaw University of Technology, the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków and the Wrocław University of Technology. The fourth position was awarded ex equo - as in the previous year - also to the Lodz University

of Technology. The university in Gdańsk was ahead of, among others Poznań, Silesian and Lublin University of Technology.

Source: [https://pg.edu.pl/aktualnosci/-/asset\\_publisher/hWGncmoQv7K0/content/politechnika-gdanska-na-4-miejscu-wsrod-uczeln-t technicznych-i-w-pierwszej-dziesiatce-najlepszych-uczeln-w-kraju-w-rankingu-%E2%80%9Eperspektywy%E2%80%9D?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%3Dcolumn-1%26p\\_p\\_col\\_count%3D1](https://pg.edu.pl/aktualnosci/-/asset_publisher/hWGncmoQv7K0/content/politechnika-gdanska-na-4-miejscu-wsrod-uczeln-t technicznych-i-w-pierwszej-dziesiatce-najlepszych-uczeln-w-kraju-w-rankingu-%E2%80%9Eperspektywy%E2%80%9D?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%3Dcolumn-1%26p_p_col_count%3D1)

## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK

*Project of the UG and the MUG consortium with funding from the National Science Center*

A scientific research consortium from the Intercollegiate Faculty of Biotechnology of the University of Gdańsk and the MUG received funding for the implementation of the project Ecological biochemistry of Pectobacterium – decoding of molecular interactions between bacteria and plants. The value of the received grant is 1 945 200 PLN.

The coordinator of the research team of the MUG is dr hab. **Krzysztof Waleron**, Ph.D. Head of Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology. The project manager is dr hab. **Małgorzata Waleron** from Department of Toxicology.

Source: <https://mug.edu.pl/61281.html>

## UNIVERSITY OF BIAŁYSTOK

*Rector of the University of Białystok prof. dr. hab. **Robert Ciborowski** handed in new appointments for the 2020-2024 term. The new term of office will start on September 1, 2020*

Prof. dr hab. **Izabela Świącicka** from the Faculty of Biology has been appointed as the Vice-Rector for research and international cooperation and will be also the first deputy of the Rector.

NB: Robert Ciborowski was elected as rector of the University of Białystok for the next term - 2020-2024. He will continue to be the rector of the University of Białystok. This decision was made on Friday (05/06/2020) by the Electoral Council. Professor Ciborowski received 93 out of 98 valid votes. He was the only candidate for this position.

Source: <https://uwb.edu.pl/nawosci/aktualnosci/dyrektorzy-szkol-doktorskich-i-biblioteki-uniwersyteckiej-powolani/23077dd8>

## UNIVERSITY OF ŁÓDŹ

*Professor Elżbieta Żądzińska is the new Rector of the University of Lodz*

The Electoral College elected Prof. Elżbieta Żądzińska as the new Rector of the University of Łódź in the 2020-2024 term. In accordance with the Statute of the University of Lodz, Rector Elect will take up his office on September 1, 2020. Prof. Elżbieta Żądzińska obtained 109 votes in the vote. Counter-candidate, prof. Sławomir Cieślak obtained 87 votes of support.

Professor Elżbieta Żądzińska is a graduate and lecturer at the Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection of the University of Lodz. For the last four years, she was the University of Lodz Vice-Rector for Science.

Source: <https://www.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosc/szczegoly/prof-elzbieta-zadzinska-nowym-rektorem-ul>

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

*Herzen University entered the TOP-20 rating of “green” universities in Russia*

Herzen University entered the top 20 best universities in Russia and became the second among pedagogical universities in the rating of the program “Green universities of Russia” at the end of 2019. The ranking examines indicators related to education and the formation of eco-culture, as well as measures to reduce the ecological footprint of the university.

The rating of “green” universities in Russia is implemented within the framework of the federal partnership program “Green universities of Russia” of the ECA movement, focused on the formation of environmental culture in the university environment.

Source: [https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/16-07-2020\\_1/](https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/16-07-2020_1/)

## **IMMANUEL KANT BALTIC FEDERAL UNIVERSITY**

*Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University is in the TOP-500 of the best universities in Europe in the publication activity rating Nature Index*

Springer Nature Publishing House has published the annual Nature Index publication activity for 2019. The ranking reflects the publication activity of scientific institutions around the world based on the analysis of articles in 82 prestigious scientific journals, selected by an independent group of scientists and monitored by the Nature Index database.

In the context of academic institutions (Top Academic Institutions 2020) Immanuel Kant University took the 475th place in Europe (+24 positions) and 21st in Russia (+6 positions), thereby significantly improving its positions compared to last year and bypassing such universities as the Bauman Moscow State Technical University, Sechenov Moscow State Medical University, RUDN, Far Eastern Federal University and Siberian Federal University.

Source: <https://www.kantiana.ru/news/nauka/bfu-im-i-kanta-v-top-500-luchshikh-vuzov-evropy-v-reytinge-publikatsionnoy-aktivnosti-nature-index/>