

## **BSRUN Members' News. 1-7 November**

### **LAB University of Applied Sciences**

LAB has established a new company, South Karelia Summer University Ltd. The operations and personnel of the Summer University will be transferred in their entirety to the South Karelia Summer University Ltd from the beginning of 2021.

The South Karelia Summer University operates in Lappeenranta and Imatra and its operating costs are covered by state funding and student fees. The offer of the South Karelian Summer University focuses on e.g. higher education in the fields of early childhood education, education, law and humanities. These fields are not offered at other universities in the region.

<https://lab.fi/fi/uutiset/etela-karjalan-kesayliopisto-siirtyy-osaksi-lab-ammattikorkeakoulua>

### **University of Turku**

The Kone Foundation has awarded a total of EUR 3 122 500 to researchers at the University of Turku in the autumn 2020 grant application. A total of 19 people or working groups received grants from the University of Turku.

<https://www.utu.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/uutinen/koneen-saatiolta-yli-kolme-miljoonaa-euroa-apurahoja-turun-yliopiston>

### **Riga Technical University**

RTU has significantly increased its position in the green policy and sustainability rating "GreenMetric", ranking among the 60 greenest universities in the world. RTU ranks 56th in 2020. This is a significant increase comparing to 2019, when RTU was in the 93-95 place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-atzita-par-vienu-no-60-zalakajam-universitatem-pasaule>

### **Gdansk University of Technology**

A new laboratory was open at GUT. The AI Living Lab has been opened at the Faculty of Electronics, Telecommunications and Informatics, where research on the development of artificial intelligence will be conducted. AI Living Lab is a modern, well-equipped laboratory in the field of intelligent solutions integrated into the human environment (Internet of Things IoT, ambient intelligence, ambient assistive living, etc.)

<https://pg.edu.pl/aktualnosci/2020-12/innowacyjne-laboratorium-sztucznej-inteligencji-na-politechnice-gdanskiej>

### **University of Warsaw**

The project "Digital research infrastructure for the humanities and art sciences DARIAH-PL" (DARIAH-PL consortium is coordinated by the University of Warsaw) received funding of nearly PLN 100 million under the Intelligent Development Operational Programme 2014-2020. The project will start in 2021 and last three years. Its goal is to expand the scope of research conducted in Poland in the field of humanities and art sciences, both in the scientific context and in the area of economic applications.

<https://www.uw.edu.pl/100-mln-zlotych-dofinansowania-dla-konsorcjum-dariah-pl/>

### **Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia**

Herzen University has become more accessible for students with disabilities: some lobbies were repaired to ensure an unhindered entrance for people with limited mobility; a ramp for wheelchair users was installed; a sanitary and hygienic room for disabled people was equipped; the university purchased a mobile crawler lift for the disabled (in addition to the two that are currently available), vandal-proof buttons for calling the assistant, information plates with inscriptions in bold-point braille; specialised auditoriums with adaptive technical means are equipped for disabled people with sensory impairments; IT programmes are used for students with visual impairments, etc.

[https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/01-12-2020\\_1/](https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/01-12-2020_1/)

### **Yaroslav-The-Wise Novgorod State University**

NovSU representatives took part in an expert session devoted to the problem of introducing EdTech products into the education system. The participants of the session considered the needs of universities connected with digital transformation. The participants discussed the main trajectories of interaction between startups and the university in the development and implementation of new

services. NovSU representatives suggested to consider project activities of students, as well as the concept of a digital passport.

<https://www.novsu.ru/news/r.121596.0.2.returnUri.L25ld3MvaS4xMjE1OTYv/i.121596/?view=91022>