

## **Members' News. 23 Feb - 1 Mar 2021**

### **Francisk Skorina Gomel State University**

Francisk Skorina GSU took the 4th place among Belarusian universities in the new Webometrics ranking, and also became the first among regional institutions of higher education. GSU occupies 3608 place in the world ranking and is included in 12% of the best educational institutions. In total, about 30 000 institutions of higher education are taken into account in the ranking. The main assessment criteria are the university's presence in the Internet and the citation of scientific publications.

<https://gsu.by/index.php/ru/node/4117>

### **University of Turku**

Business Finland has granted EUR 3 million in funding for the PRIVASA project led by the University of Turku, which is developing artificial intelligence methods for the safe utilization of sensitive materials in the health sector. The project involves e.g. Turku University of Applied Sciences, VTT, PerkinElmer, BCB Medical and several other companies.

The aim of the project is to accelerate the product development of companies operating in international markets by producing anonymous, individual-level health data for the needs of companies' development and innovation activities. The privacy-aware algorithms of the tools produced in the PRIVASA project transform personal data into a format where their use for medical research, testing and validation is possible while respecting data protection.

<https://www.utu.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/mediatiedote/miljoonarahoitus-terveysdatan-hyodyntamista-helpottavien>

### **Gdansk University of Technology**

A consortium of universities including GUT, FH JOANNEUM Gesellschaft mbH and Marche Polytechnic University (with the support of the Association of Academic E-learning) got over 225 000 euro for the E-TECH project (Comprehensive project for distance teaching skills and multimedia resources for technical universities in Europe) aiming at development of comprehensive materials that would help teachers all over Europe face a serious challenge in changing teaching methods due to the pandemic. The project is co-financed by a grant in the Erasmus+ competition «Strategic partnerships for digital education in the higher education sector».

<https://pg.edu.pl/en/news/2021-02/e-learning-and-distance-teaching-how-teach-effectively-over-225-000-euro-e-tech>

### **Medical University of Gdansk**

MUG is the most internationalized university in Pomerania. It is the most frequently chosen university by foreign students studying in Gdansk. Long-standing trend is confirmed by latest report Studenci zagraniczni w Polsce 2020 (Foreign students in Poland 2020) prepared under the programme Study in Poland implemented by the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland and Educational Foundation Perspektywy (Perspectives). There are 3 270 foreigners studying in Gdansk who are coming from 44 countries. The most numerous group is MUG students — over 30% of the total number.

<https://mug.edu.pl/63132.html>

### **University of Białystok**

A consortium consisting of Jagiellonian University and UwB received a grant in the SONATA BIS competition. Bioinformatics from the JU Małopolska Center of Biotechnology (project leader, PLN 2 784 522) will cooperate with UwB IT specialists (over PLN 966 000) to learn why different microorganisms coexist in different environments and how they interact with each other.

<https://uwb.edu.pl/nawosci/aktualnosci/prawie-3-mln-zl-na-badania-nad-ekspozomem-z-udzialem-informatykow-z-uwb/64c4c596>

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

NovSU is preparing to launch a joint educational programme with Yan'an University. The programme will graduate specialists in finance. Undergraduate students are expected to spend two years studying in China and two years in Veliky Novgorod. Upon graduation, they will receive two

diplomas. This year, the first part of students may come from China to Veliky Novgorod to study this programme. NovSU is expected to enroll about 40 new students.  
<https://www.novsu.ru/news/91588/>