

Members' News. 9-15 March 2021

Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno

Five new educational and scientific laboratories will be opened at Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno at the expense of a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. For this purpose, the amount of EUR 2 350 000 was allocated. Among new laboratories there will be a research laboratory of innovative building materials and energy-efficient technologies in construction, an educational and research centre "Smart House", an educational and production laboratory "Intelligent Systems and Robotics", a laboratory "Intellectual Protection" and an interdepartmental educational and production laboratory "Molecular Genetics and biotechnology".

<https://www.grsu.by/component/k2/item/36783-pyat-novykh-uchebnykh-i-nauchnykh-laboratorij-poyavitsya-v-grgu-imeni-yanki-kupaly-za-schjot-sredstv-zajma-mezhdunarodnogo-banka-rekonstruktsii-i-razvitiya.html>

University of Turku

The University of Turku has estimated its carbon footprint already for the third time. The carbon footprint of 2020 was 10,500 tCO₂ which was about half of the total of the previous year. The reduced emissions were due to the decrease in work commuting as well as the University Properties of Finland Ltd compensating the carbon footprint of their properties. Sustainable development is one of the core themes of the University's new Strategy and Policy Programme. As part of the extensive work to promote sustainable development, the University has committed to become carbon neutral by the end 2025. In addition to reducing the carbon footprint, compensation of emissions will also be required. The University of Turku is also committed to the Sustainable Development Goals published by the Universities Finland UNIFI at the end of last year. A national goal is that all Finnish universities reach carbon neutrality in 2030.

<https://www.utu.fi/en/news/press-release/carbon-footprint-of-the-university-of-turku-halved>

Riga Technical University

RTU was ranked 251-300 in the "THE Emerging Economies University Rankings 2021". Two areas of RTU's activity — income from industry and international perspective — were rated the highest. RTU's performance in internationalization and knowledge transfer was also highly assessed. This year, the ranking included a record number of universities — 606 universities from 48 countries.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/starptautiskaja-jaunas-ekonomikas-valstu-reitinga-augstu-noverte-rtu-starptautisko-sadarbibu-un-ienakumus-no-industrijas>

Medical University of Gdansk

MUG took the fourth place in Poland and the 30th place in the world among medical universities (12th in Poland and 949th in the world among universities without division into types) in the University Ranking by Academic Performance. Compared to the last year, MUG has improved its position in the country by 5 places, and has also gained the status of the best university in Gdansk. Moreover, it advanced in the overall world ranking by 52 places. In total, 4 000 universities from all over the world including 56 universities from Poland were ranked. University Ranking by Academic Performance is a bibliometric ranking taking into account the importance of a given university as a research center.

<https://gumed.edu.pl/63177.html>

St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University

On 18 March at 15:00 MSK, an online discussion "Academic Spaces of Future Universities," dedicated to the 135th anniversary of ETU "LETI," will take place. During the discussion, experts from Russia, Netherlands, Italy, and Finland will discuss the effective use of public and educational spaces and creating of comfortable, inclusive and motivating environment in the universities established in the 19th-20th centuries. Registration for participation is open.

<https://etu.ru/en/university/news/leti-hosts-international-discussion-on-creating-modern-university-spaces>