

Members' News. 2-8 March 2021

Belarusian State University

BSU moved up by 100 positions and remained the only representative of Belarus in the QS subject ranking in "Physics and Astronomy". It took a place in the 451-500 group. BSU showed an improvement in the reputation among experts, an increase in the number of articles in the subject area and the number of their citations.

<https://bsu.by/en/news/bsu-improved-its-position-by-100-places-and-remained-the-only-representative-of-belarus-in-the-qs-su-d/>

Francisk Skorina Gomel State University

Francisk Skorina GSU once again took the fourth place among Belarusian universities in the new edition of Webometrics ranking. It became the first higher education institution of the region. GSU occupies 3608 position 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 Webometrics ranking.

<https://gsu.by/en/node/4117>

LAB University of Applied Sciences

The Ministry of Employment and the Economy selected eight applicants from Finland to continue in the selection process of European digital innovation hubs (EDIH), one of which is WellLake EDIH created and coordinated by Business Jyväskylä. LAB University of Applied Sciences is one of the partners of the Jyväskylä consortium. The role of hubs is to support companies and the public sector in the utilization and implementation of digital solutions, acceleration of industries' digital transformation and development of digital skills. The selected candidates will be eligible now to take part in a restricted European call for proposals from the European Commission to select digital innovation hubs.

<https://www.lab.fi/fi/uutiset/jyvaskylan-welllake-jatkoon-eun-digitaalseksi-innovaatiohubiksi-lab-mukana-konsortiossa>

University of Turku

In the 2021 QS World University Rankings by Subject, the University of Turku was among the best in the world in four broad subject areas and in 13 disciplines. The highest ranked discipline in its subject field was nursing which was ranked among the top in the world, at the 29th place. Education was among the best 150 (ranked 101-150). When compared to last year, new ranked disciplines from the University of Turku were linguistics and material science.

<https://www.utu.fi/en/news/news/university-of-turku-among-worlds-top-in-13-disciplines-in-qs-world-university-rankings-by>

Riga Technical University

RTU improved its position in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021 and was ranked among 201-220 best universities in architecture. It also experienced an increase in engineering and technology, reaching the range of 401-450 best universities in the world. Overall, the performance of RTU has been evaluated in six fields of study. RTU has demonstrated the best results in Latvia.

<https://www.rtu.lv/en/university/for-mass-media/news/open/rtu-maintains-leading-position-in-latvia-in-the-prestigious-qs-world-university-rankings-by-subject>

University of Latvia

The University of Latvia took the highest position in Latvia in the "THE Emerging Economies University Rankings 2021", rising significantly to 147th place and also the second place in the Baltics. The University raised its performance by 103 positions and entered the list of the world's 200 best universities. In total, the ranking included 606 universities from 48 countries.

<https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/64989/>

The Baltic-German Higher Education Office invites for the second round of the 2021 project competition. Higher education institutions and scientific institutions of the Baltic States planning to implement projects in cooperation with Germany are eligible for support. Projects in any field of science are supported. Allocated funding for the implementation of one project is up to 5 000 EUR. Project implementation time is 01 June 2021 — 15 November 2021. Applications can be submitted until 16 March.

<https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/63787/>

University of Warsaw

The University of Warsaw has been named as one of the world's top universities in 19 subjects, according to the latest edition of the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021. The UW's best performance is in Archaeology, Modern Languages, and Philosophy.

<https://en.uw.edu.pl/uw-in-qs-world-university-rankings-by-subject-2021/>

Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University

The Supervisory Board of IKBFU together with the rector Alexander Fedorov presented the concept of a new campus. It will be located on Alexander Nevsky Street, where the main building of the university is now located. The project will be implemented in two stages. The first one includes the construction of 44 000 sq. m. of teaching and laboratory space, as well as dormitories for 1700 places. The main focus of the new campus will be on areas related to biomedicine. The Institute of High Technologies and Management Institute will also be located there. The campus will be full of public spaces for study, work and recreation. These spaces will be open for all citizens. The university is also working on the issue of creating a commercial street with banks, shops, catering establishments. To date, IKBFU has 76 buildings. More than half of them are cultural heritage sites. Over the past ten years, the university has invested more than 2 billion rubles for the renovation of old buildings and construction of new ones.

<https://kantiana.ru/news/universitet-budushhego-nabljudatelnyj-sovet-rassmotrel-koncepciju-novogo-kampusa-bfu-im-i-kanta/>

IKBFU debuted in the "THE Emerging Economies University Rankings 2021" and took a place in the 501+ group. IKBFU conducts systematic work to improve both the scientific productivity of the university and its educational environment.

<https://kantiana.ru/news/universitet/bfu-im-i-kanta-voshel-v-mezhdunarodnyj-rejting-luchshih-vuzov-razvivajushhija-stran-po-versii-the/>

St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University

In 2021, ETU "LETI" celebrates its 135th anniversary. The programme of the Memorable Year will include events highlighting its unique history, advanced research of today, innovative educational approaches of tomorrow and development prospects of the campus. On 18 March, international discussion "Academic Spaces of Future Universities" will open the programme of the jubilee year. In March, ETU "LETI" jointly with SPbGASU will open the International Contest of Young Architects "LETI: Future Academic Spaces" aiming to create a comfortable, inclusive and motivating university environment, develop the campus as a world-class educational and research centre and increase the efficiency of the university's public and learning spaces. The news about the 135th Anniversary Programme will be available at the "Magical Electrotechnical"

page: <https://etu.ru/en/university/magical-electrotechnical-135/>.

<https://etu.ru/en/university/news/letis-135th-anniversary-heritage-cutting-edge-science-and-campus-development>

St. Petersburg State University

SPbSU was ranked among the top 100 universities in the world in mathematics, philosophy, international relations and petroleum engineering according to the QSWorld University Rankings by Subject 2021. This year, for the first time, the university entered the subject ranking in archeology and immediately took a place in the 101-150 group. In addition, one of the new ranking lists for St. Petersburg State University is Oil Engineering, where it ranks in the 51-100 group.

<https://spbu.ru/news-events/novosti/spbgu-voshel-v-sotnyu-luchshih-vuzov-mira-v-oblasti-matematiki-filosofii>

The North-West Institute of Management of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

RANEPA was included in two subject ratings of QS. The university is recognized as one of the world leaders in the areas of Economics and Econometrics and Social Sciences and Management. The final list of leaders in different directions includes 40 Russian universities, including RANEPA noted in the TOP-400 economic and TOP-500 management universities.

<https://spb.ranepa.ru/news/ranhigs-vklyuchyon-v-mezhdunarodnyj-predmetnyj-rejting-qs/>