

## **Members' News. 16-22 March 2021**

### **Gdansk University of Technology**

In this year's edition of the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021, GUT was classified in two disciplines out of five broad scientific areas: Chemistry and Engineering - Electrical & Electronic. GUT was for the first time included in the Chemistry discipline in the 451-500 range and for the second time in the discipline Engineering-Electrical & Electronic, increasing from 451-500 range to 401-450. The authors of the ranking analysed over 3 800 study programmes at over 1 440 universities.

<https://pg.edu.pl/en/news/2021-03/pg-was-classified-discipline-chemistry-first-time>

### **University of Warsaw**

Green spaces, modular construction enabling flexible interior design, solutions for ecology. These features characterise the winning design of the building at Furmańska st. by the studio "Piotr Bujnowski - Architekt". The investment is part of the multi-annual programme "University of Warsaw 2016-2025". The new building will host the departments of the University of Warsaw: the Faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Resocialisation and the Faculty of Sociology. Two units of the Polish Academy of Sciences were also invited to share the building under direct scientific cooperation: the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology and the Institute of Political Studies.

[https://www.uw.edu.pl/rozstrzygniecie-konkursu-na-projekt-budynku-przy-ul-furmanskiej/#lightbox\[galleryid-89321-1\]/0/](https://www.uw.edu.pl/rozstrzygniecie-konkursu-na-projekt-budynku-przy-ul-furmanskiej/#lightbox[galleryid-89321-1]/0/)

Rector Alojzy Z. Nowak appointed the rector's team for ecology and climate crisis for the 2020-2024 term. The tasks will include the integration of pro-ecological activities conducted at the university, diagnosis of needs and development of good practices for the protection of the natural environment. The work of the newly created rector's team will focus on preparing positions and recommendations for pro-ecological activities and solutions for the UW organisational units.

<https://www.uw.edu.pl/powolanie-zespolu-rektorskiego-ds-ekologii-i-kryzysu-klimatycznego/>

### **St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University**

An online discussion "Academic spaces of universities of the future" took place on 18 March 2021 and was held within the framework of the programme of 135th anniversary of the university. Experts from Russia, the Netherlands, Italy and Finland discussed the principles and best practices of transforming public and educational spaces in universities founded for more than 100 years ago. At the end of the event, an International Competition for Young Architects "LETI - Academic Environment of the Future" was announced. Its participants will develop projects to transform four iconic locations on the LETI campus into new interactive spaces for study, work, communication and outdoor activities.

<https://etu.ru/ru/mezhdunarodnaya-devatelnost/novosti/postroit-budushhee-na-istoricheskom-fundamente-leti-provel-mezhdunarodnuyu-diskussiyu-po-renovacii-kampusov>

One of participants of the discussion, Dutch architect Pascale Leistra, in an interview, talked about approaches to campus development in the Netherlands and around the globe and how ETU "LETI" can use them to reinvent its public and learning spaces.

<https://etu.ru/en/university/news/pascale-leistra-message-to-leti>

ETU "LETI" showed an increase in its performance indicators in the THE Emerging Economies University Rankings. The university retained its place in the 301-350 group and was ranked 21st among Russian universities. ETU "LETI" showed the greatest increase in Industry Income indicators, compared to last year - from 54.7 to 60.7 points. It allowed the university to come close to the top 100 universities included in the rankings and take 15th place among Russian universities by this criterion.

<https://etu.ru/en/university/news/leti-has-strengthened-its-standings-in-emerging-economies-university-rankings>

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

NovSU plans to build a new dormitory under the government programme. The number of students at NovSU has been growing steadily over the last three years. The issue of their accommodation is

becoming more and more urgent. The university will compete for the federal funding for construction of a new dormitory which will be designed to accommodate 500 students.

<https://www.novsu.ru/news/91769/?returnUri=L2kuMTAwOTU3MS8=>

The Russian-German seminar "Organisation of online youth exchanges" is now taking place from 13 to 27 March. It is organised by the Russian Technological University, which acts as the Russian coordination bureau in the field of youth cooperation with Germany, and the German-Russian Youth Exchange Foundation (FRG) with the support of the Russian Ministry of Education and Science. NovSU is taking part in the seminar. The seminar programme consists of three modules. Module I "Features of working in the online format" was dedicated to the launch of a new platform [dina.international](http://dina.international), which is more adapted for organising online academic mobility. Module II "Social communication in the online space and youth exchange" and module III "Development of own project of youth exchange in the online format" are also taking place.

<https://www.novsu.ru/news/91737/?returnUri=L2kuMTAwOTU3MS8=>