

Members' News. 8 June - 6 September 2021

Belarus State Economic University

Aleksei Egorov was appointed as the new rector of BSEU on 29 July 2021. In his welcoming speech to the university staff, he stressed that he would support the traditions of the university and that the university would continue to remain among the leading universities in the country. Vyacheslav Shutsilin, who has served as rector since 2019, will continue to contribute to the development of the university and will be engaged in scientific work and teaching.

<http://bseu.by/russian/news/202108020.htm>

Belarusian State Pedagogical University named after Maxim Tank

BSPU increased its positions in the Webometrics ranking by 590 points in a year. In July 2021, it took the 4861st place (5451st in July 2020) among all universities in the world and the 13th place among 57 Belarusian universities (17th in July 2020).

<https://bspu.by/news/universitet/bgpu-podnyalsya-v-mirovom-reitinge-universitetov-webometriss-na-590-punktov>

Belarusian State University

BSU entered the 1% of the best universities in the world in the QS ranking. This is the best result of the university in the history of participation in the QS world ranking. BSU took the 295th place, moving up 22 positions.

<https://bsu.by/en/news/bsu-entered-the-1-of-the-best-universities-in-the-world-d/>

Francisk Skorina Gomel State University

GSU is among the top-three universities in Belarus according to Webometrics. It has moved up from the 3608th to the 3275th position and entered the 10% of the best educational institutions in the world.

<https://gsu.by/en/node/4652>

Estonian University of Life Sciences

The latest THE World University Rankings has ranked four Estonian higher education institutions. EMU is now ranked for the first time among the 1000 best universities in the world and takes position in the 801-1,000 group.

<https://www.emu.ee/en/about-the-university/news/uudis/2021/09/06/our-university-is-among-worlds-top-universities/>

University of Turku

UTU was ranked among the 301-400 best universities in the 2021 Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai Ranking). The University's ranking remained the same as in 2020.

<https://www.utu.fi/en/news/news/university-of-turku-in-shared-second-place-of-finnish-universities-in-shanghai-ranking>

In addition, for five years in a row, UTU has retained its position among the top 400 universities (group 351-400) in the world in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings. UTU took the sixth position among ten ranked Finnish universities.

<https://www.utu.fi/en/news/news/university-of-turku-retains-its-position-among-the-top-400-universities-in-the>

Moreover, UTU has been ranked the world's 295th best university in the QS World University Rankings 2022. In the 2022 edition, the University of Turku was named the third best university in Finland.

<https://www.utu.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/uutinen/turun-yliopisto-sijalla-295-tuoreessa-qs-world-rankings-2022>

Riga Technical University

RTU was ranked among 751-800 best universities in the QS World University Rankings 2022, showing the highest result among three Latvian universities included in the rating. RTU received the highest appraisal for its high proportion of foreign students (ranked 289th, moving up 82 positions).

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

According to THE WUR 2022, RTU was also recognized as the 242nd best university in the world in the

field of HEIs cooperation with industry. It has been on the list of the world's top 300 universities in this field for several years.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/starptautiskaja-reitinga-visaugstak-noverteta-rtu-sadarbiba-ar-industriju>

Moreover, World's Universities with Real Impact" (WURI) put RTU in the top 40 HEIs in the section where the capacity of HEIs in promoting entrepreneurship and developing business environment is assessed. RTU ranks 31st in this category, and this is the best result not only in Latvia, but also in the Baltics. In total, RTU ranks 95th in the WURI rating.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-vieniga-no-baltijas-ieklust-reitinga-kura-novertets-universitates-ieguldijs-uznemejspeju-veicinasana>

On 3 September, a new building of the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology and the auditorium center «Domus Auditorialis» were solemnly opened. The new and modern building is a gift to the faculty on its 60th anniversary, which is celebrated this year. The building is equipped with a modern study and research environment. «Domus Auditorialis» is designed for conducting lectures, conferences and other events and can host up to 560 visitors.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/svinigi-atklas-rtu-datorzinatnes-un-informacijas-tehnologijas-fakultates-jauno-eku-un-auditoriju-centru>

RTU has made a strategic decision to achieve climate neutrality or carbon neutrality by 2030. RTU is committed, for example, to completely abandon the use of fuel cars, buy green energy obtained from renewable energy sources, increase energy efficiency, improve intelligent lighting systems. It aims at creating conditions for students and staff to use the most environmentally friendly mobility tools, motivate them to sort waste, etc.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-lidz-2030-gadam-plano-sasnigt-klimata-neitralitati>

For the fourth year in a row, RTU has been included in the highest (platinum) category of the Sustainability Index. RTU is the only Latvian HEI that has received this high evaluation, and this is a confirmation of RTU's efforts to promote green lifestyle and provide scientific contribution to the development of environmentally friendly technologies. RTU's sustainability efforts have also been assessed internationally, as RTU is ranked 56th in the world in the Green Metric ranking, thus maintaining the status of Latvia's greenest HEI for several years.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-saglabasavasa-pozicijas-ilgtspijas-indeksa-platina-kategorija>

University of Latvia

UL was included in the world's TOP 500 in scientific activity (469th place) and cooperation with industry (499th place) in the THE ranking. It maintained its position in the 601-800 in the overall ranking.

<https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/67556/>

Gdansk University of Technology

GUT was classified for the second time in the Shanghai Ranking and maintained its position in the range of 801-900. In total, ten Polish universities were included in the ranking.

<https://pg.edu.pl/en/news/2021-08/gdansk-tech-among-10-polish-universities-classified-shanghai-2021-ranking>

GUT also maintained its position in the range of 801-1000 in the QS Ranking. GUT improved its total score from 12.8 points obtained in the 2021 edition to 13.7 this year (this result places GUT in the TOP 62% of universities).

<https://pg.edu.pl/en/news/2021-06/gdansk-tech-appears-yet-again-prestigious-qs-world-university-rankings>

In addition, GUT took the third place among technical universities and the sixth place in the classification of all universities in the country according to Perspektywy ranking. GUT has been on the podium of the best technical universities in Poland for the first time in history.

<https://pg.edu.pl/en/news/2021-06/perspektywy-2021-ranking-gdansk-tech-podium-best-technical-universities-country>

CWTS Leiden Ranking put GUT on the 251st place in Europe and 613th place in the world.

GUT recorded a significant increase in the area of scientific impact and obtained the best result among 31 Polish universities included in this ranking.

<https://pg.edu.pl/en/news/2021-06/gdansk-tech-best-among-polish-universities-area-scientific-impact>

Teams of students from the Faculty of Architecture and the Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering presented concepts for the revitalization of Building B of GUT and its surroundings. GUT administration aims at revitalization and adaptation of campus buildings and spaces to make them more friendly and useful for the academic community.

<https://pg.edu.pl/en/news/2021-06/what-building-b-gdansk-university-technology-may-look-future>

Medical University of Gdansk

MUG was ranked in the Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2021 (GRAS, by Shanghai Ranking) in the group 301-400 in the category of medical sciences in the field of clinical medicine.

<https://mug.edu.pl/64540.html>

Perspektywy put MUG on the eighth place among all the universities in the country. For several years, MUG has been invariably the best Polish medical university.

<https://mug.edu.pl/64221.html>

University of Białystok

UwB opened a new large and contemporary building of the Jerzy Giedroyc University Library. It includes 3250 m² of useful floor area, two tiers, a reading room with an entresol and an inner courtyard as well as a place destined for almost one million of volumes.

<https://uwb.edu.pl/nawosci/university-of-bialystok/new-building-of-the-jerzy-giedroyc-university-library/e21843f5>

A modern ASA 600 telescope was installed at the Observatory of UwB. It weighs several hundred kg, and the diameter of the main mirror is 60 cm. It enables advanced didactic and research observations. It is unique and one of the largest telescopes of this type in Poland.

<https://uwb.edu.pl/nawosci/aktualnosci/w-observatorium-uniwersytetu-w-bialymstoku-stanal-nowoczesny-teleskop-asa-600/e2af5e34>

UwB is among six universities in Poland that have been awarded with the ELSEVIER Research Impact Leaders Award 2020. It is awarded to universities that make the greatest contribution to the visibility of Polish science in the world. UwB won in the Natural Sciences category.

<https://uwb.edu.pl/nawosci/aktualnosci/uniwersytet-w-bialymstoku-zostal-laureatem-prestizowej-nagrody-elsevier-research-impact-leaders-award/e80fd008>

UwB is one of the 19 Polish universities among the best in the world in the latest edition of QS World University Rankings 2022. The largest university in Podlasie was included in this list for the first time.

<https://uwb.edu.pl/nawosci/aktualnosci/uniwersytet-w-bialymstoku-w-kolejnym-prestizowym-swiatowym-rankingu-uczeln/3c270320>

UwB was ranked 11th among 21 Polish universities in the Perspektywy ranking. It is 38th in the overall ranking of all academic universities.

<https://uwb.edu.pl/nawosci/aktualnosci/uniwersytet-w-bialymstoku-na-11-miejscu-wsrod-polskich-uniwersytetow/3b503b7a>

University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn

UWM made its debut in the THE Impact ranking and took the second place in Poland in the classification of sustainable development of cities and communities. UWM was the best for activities aimed at achieving goal 11 — sustainable cities and communities. UWM was also classified in GRAS in two disciplines — food technology and veterinary science (ranked 201-300). Perspektywy ranked UWM tenth in «Universities» category and 31st among all universities in Poland, as well as seventh in the field of education conditions. UWM's 11 fields of study were in the top ten. CWTS Leiden Ranking also ranked UWM. UWM achieved a high position in the field of natural and earth sciences. In the category of scientific influence in these areas, the university was ranked 220th in the world, 71st in Europe and the second in Poland.

<http://www.uwm.edu.pl/egazeta/wysoka-pozycja-uwm-rankingach>

University of Warsaw

UW was ranked 308th in the latest QS World University Rankings (130th in Europe and the first in Poland).

<https://en.uw.edu.pl/uw-in-qs-world-university-rankings-2022/>

UW was ranked between 401 and 500 in the Shanghai Ranking. In the latest edition, ten best Polish universities were listed.

<https://en.uw.edu.pl/uw-in-arwu-2021/>

According to the results of Perspektywy Ranking 2021, 23 study programmes run by UW were recognised as best in Poland. UW came the second in the ranking of the best universities in the country.

<https://en.uw.edu.pl/uw-in-rankings/>

Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia

Herzen University was included in the QS World University Rankings for the first time. It was placed in the 1001-1200 range. According to the indicator assessing the share of international students, Herzen University took the 321st place in the world.

<https://en.hspu.org/news/3045/>

The RAEX rating agency (RAEX-Analytica) has published the tenth anniversary rating of Russian universities in 2021. Herzen University occupied the 37th place in the TOP-100 universities of the country.

https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/11-06-2021_1/

Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University

IKBFU has been included in THE WUR 2022 for the second year in a row (1201+ group). It was also ranked in the 801-1000 group by subject (physical sciences).

<https://kantiana.ru/news/bfu-im-i-kanta-v-chisle-luchshih-uchebnyh-zavedenij-mira-globalnogo-rejtinga-times-higher-education/>

IKBFU also made his debut in the QS ranking and took the position 651-700. The ranking included 48 Russian universities.

<https://kantiana.ru/news/bfu-im-i-kanta-odin-iz-luchshih-universitetov-mira-po-versii-qs-world-university-rankings-2022/>

IKBFU climbed in the RUR-2021 ranking in the subject areas of Natural Sciences and Technical Sciences. It managed to move up for more than 100 positions. It was ranked 476th in the world and 23rd among Russian universities.

<https://kantiana.ru/news/baltiyskij-universitet-podnjalsja-v-rejtinge-rur-2021-po-predmetnym-oblastjam-natural-sciences-i-technical-sciences/>

In the RAEX ranking, assessing the best universities in Russia, IKBFU retained its 77th position in the overall rating.

<https://kantiana.ru/news/bfu-im-i-kanta-voshel-v-jubilejnyj-rejting-raex-100/>

St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University

LETI maintained its position in the group 701-750 in the QS ranking. LETI improved results in academic reputation, employer reputation, citation rate per faculty, the share of international students.

<https://etu.ru/en/university/news/leti-strengthens-position-in-international-qs-rankings>

St. Petersburg State University

SPbSU has retained its high positions in the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2021. It has entered the 301-400 group again.

<https://english.spbu.ru/news/4639-st-petersburg-university-again-shows-a-high-result-in-the-academic-ranking-of-world-universities>

SPbSU is among the world top 100 universities in the Round University Ranking (RUR) in teaching natural sciences (ranked 97th; moved up 75 positions in a year).

<https://english.spbu.ru/news/4580-st-petersburg-university-is-among-the-world-top-100-universities-in-the-round-university-ranking-rur-in-teaching-natural-sciences>

SPbSU was included in the 20% of the best universities in the world according to the QS World University Rankings. In the international list, it is ranked 242, and it is the second among Russian universities.

<https://spbu.ru/news-events/novosti/spbgu-voshel-v-20-luchshih-universitetov-mira-po-versii-qs-world-university>

SPbSU has retained its positions in the Times Higher Education ranking. The highest result was

obtained in Teaching activity. According to this group of indicators, it ranks 164th in the world and is included in 9.8% of the best universities.

<https://spbu.ru/news-events/novosti/spbgu-sohranil-svoi-pozicii-v-reytinge-times-higher-education>

St. Petersburg State University of Economics

UNECON took the 30th place in the ranking of the best Russian universities according to Forbes. The list included 502 Russian universities (public and private) with bachelor's and master's programmes.

<https://unecon.ru/info/spbgeu-na-30-meste-v-reytinge-luchshih-rossiyskih-universitetov-po-versii-forbes>