

Members' News. 21-27 September 2021

University of Latvia

On 24 September, a new Senate was elected at the Constitutional Assembly of the University of Latvia. At the meeting, LU Rector Indriķis Muižnieks introduced the amendments to the Law on Higher Education Institutions (entered into force on 16 August 2021) which include introduction of the typology of HEIs; establishment of HEI Councils, which envisages partial transfer of Senate's functions to the Councils and changes in the structure and adoption procedure of a HEI's Constitution.

The procedure for electing five representatives of the University Council and the rules for starting the operation of the University Council should be determined by 30 November. Draft regulations of the election commission of the Constitutional Assembly and the draft Constitution should be developed by 31 December.

The Chairman of the Senate Mārcis Auziņš emphasized that the work of the Senate during the last two years should be assessed as constructive. It included the election of the rector, licensing of study programmes, election of professors, appointment of programme directors, making changes and creation of new normative regulations, adoption of the budget and the new LU strategy.

<https://www.lu.lv/par-mums/lu-mediji/zinas/zina/t/67943/>

University of Lodz

The 9th Dormitory of the University of Lodz was put into operation after a major renovation. Over 100 double rooms of a high standard with a bathroom and a kitchenette are waiting for students. There are also two single rooms adapted for people with disabilities. There is a kitchen on each floor. TV room, study rooms, gym, laundry, drying room, wi-fi and an elevator are also available.

<https://www.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosc/szczegoly/dziewiatka-juz-po-remoncie-zapraszamy-do-akademikow-ul>

Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia

Sergey Tarasov was appointed as Acting Rector of the Herzen University.

https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/22-09-2021_1/

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

A Sustainable Development Centre was opened at NWIM RANEP. The Centre is aimed at contribution to solution of global environmental and climatic problems, as well as issues related to decarbonisation and digitalisation of economic processes in Russia and in the world.

<https://spb.ranepa.ru/news/v-peterburge-otkrylsya-pervyj-v-strane-czentr-ustojchivogo-razvitiya/>

Gdansk University of Technology

Over 470 students from 42 countries (Singapore, China, Russia, EU countries, USA, Brazil, etc.) were accepted this year to study at GUT. Half of the newly admitted students came under Erasmus+ programme. The largest group of students comes from Spain (116), Belarus (103), Ukraine (51) and France (44). In addition, over 120 candidates from Europe, Asia, Africa and South America started their Doctoral studies at GUT.

<https://pg.edu.pl/aktualnosci/2021-09/wydarzenia-welcome-meeting-dla-nowych-studentow-zagranicznych>

University of Lodz

This academic year is a breakthrough for UL in terms of internationalisation – thanks to IDUB grants, 45 researchers from around the world will be working at UL at the same time. The vast majority of them will spend several years working together with UL researchers. This is the largest scientific transfer in the history of the university.

<https://www.uni.lodz.pl/en/news/details/the-largest-international-transfer-in-the-history-of-ul-new-scientists-from-idub>

Yaroslav-The-Wise Novgorod State University

In order to promote internationalization, NovSU is going to open the third English-language programme in Medicine (Pharmacy) in 2022 in addition to the existing two: General Medicine and Dentistry. It is planned that 650 students will be trained in these areas. It should be

noted that the number of international students increased by 41% in 2020. In addition, a Nordic-Baltic day will be organised at NovSU on 5 October within the Days of International Cooperation.
<https://www.novsu.ru/news/92981/>

Yaroslav-The-Wise Novgorod State University

Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation selected 106 universities from 49 cities of Russia for the Priority 2030 programme. These institutions will receive the basic part of the grant in the amount of 100 mln rubles. **IKBFU, LETI, PskovSU, NovSU** are among these universities. Universities will also have opportunity to compete for the special part of the grant in the nearest future (awarded in in two areas: research and territorial leadership). In total, 187 institution applied for the programme, over 400 projects of strategic development were presented.
<https://www.novsu.ru/news/92983/>