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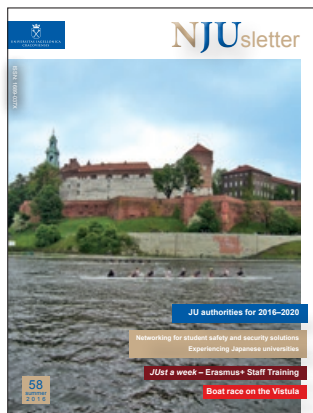
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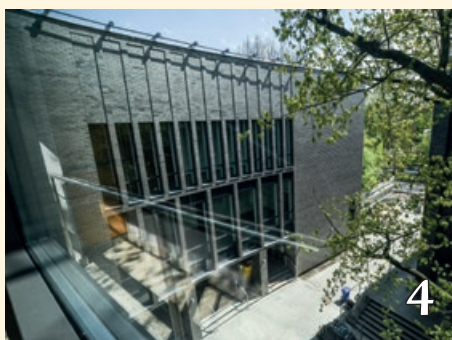
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In April 2016, the Senate of the Jagiellonian University re-elected as Rector of the Jagiellonian University for the term: 1.09.2016–31.08.2020

Professor Wojciech NOWAK, MD, PhD
Professor of Surgery

Wojciech Nowak, born in 1949; studied medicine at the Academy of Medicine in Kraków; specialist in endocrine surgery, ultrasound in surgery, surgical treatment of tumours of the digestive tract, breast cancer and transplantology; author and co-author of 133 publications, 285 conferences, and co-author of three monographs; since 2009, Head of the Third Chair and Clinic of General Surgery; Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (2005-2008) and Vice-Rector in 2008-2012; since 2012 Rector of the Jagiellonian University.

As Vice-Rectors the following professors were elected:

Professor Jacek POPIEL, PhD
Professor of Polish Literature; Vice-Rector for Personnel and Financial Policy

Jacek Popiel, born in 1954, studied Polish philology and journalism at the Jagiellonian University; specialist in the history of the 19th- 21st century Polish drama and literature; author of over 200 publications, including 19 books, and several plays; Dean of the Faculty of Polish Studies in 2005-2012; Vice-Rector in 2012-2016.

Professor Tomasz GRODZICKI, MD, PhD
Professor of Internal Medicine; Vice-Rector for Collegium Medicum

Tomasz Grodzicki, born in 1959; studied medicine at the Academy of Medicine in Kraków; specialist in internal diseases, geriatrics and hypertension; has the title of European Specialist on

Hypertension; co-author of ca. 200 publications on hypertension, geriatrics and cardiology; Dean of the JU Faculty of Medicine in 2008-2016.

Professor Dorota MALEC, PhD
Professor of Law; Vice-Rector for Development

Dorota Malec, born in 1962, studied law at the Jagiellonian University; specialist in the history of law and administration; author of over 100 publications in the field of history of law, justice, law of notarial services, history of administration and administrative jurisdiction; head of the Chair of History of Administration and Administrative Ideas, Vice-Dean of the JU Faculty of Law and Administration in 2012-2016.

Professor Armen EDIGARIAN, PhD
Professor of Mathematics; Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs

Armen Edigarian, born in Azerbaijan in 1970, studied mathematics at the Jagiellonian University; specialist in complex analysis, in particular holomorphically invariant (contractible) pseudodistances and pseudometrics as well as pluripotential theory; Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science in 2012-2016.

Professor Stanisław KISTRYN, PhD
Professor of Physics; Vice-Rector for Research and Structural Funds

Stanisław Kistryn, born in 1960; studied physics at the Jagiellonian University; investigates the interaction dynamics in few-nucleon systems by precision experiments employing polarized beams and targets, and the mechanisms of nuclear reactions; applies methods and techniques of nuclear physics in various disciplines (archeology, medicine, biology, geology); author of over 30 papers and co-author of 85 papers; co-author of 16 national and international research projects; Vice-Rector in 2012-2016.

Max Planck Laboratory opened at JU

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On 20 April 2016, on the third JU campus a Max Planck Laboratory was opened in the building of the Małopolska Centre of Biotechnology (MCB). The event gathered the JU Rector Prof. Wojciech Nowak, the Max Planck Society Vice-President Prof. Bill Hansson, the JU Vice-Rector Prof. Stanislaw Kistryn, the Nobel Prize Laureate Prof. Ada E. Yonath from the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel, the Director of the Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry Prof. Wolfgang Baumeister, the Leader of the Max Planck Laboratory Dr Sebastian Glatt and the MCB Director Prof. Kazimierz Strzałka. They all cut the ribbon during the opening ceremony. The other guests included representatives of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Foundation for Polish Science and diplomatic corps.

The ceremonial opening was followed by a session attended by all of the mentioned guests, academics, students and general public. They were greeted by Dr Glatt and Rector Nowak who expressed satisfaction that the Jagiellonian University was chosen as the venue of the new laboratory of the Max Planck Research Group and wished its collaborators scientific achievements. In turn, Prof. Hansson stressed that the laboratory 'is designed to understand specific regulatory mechanisms of protein synthesis by combining approaches from structural biology, molecular biology, protein biochemistry, biophysics and cell biology. The goal is bold but achievable: looking at molecular mechanisms that lead to specific base modifications in anticodons of tRNAs.' He mentioned another aspect that made this event special, namely 'its pioneering function in the context of East-West co-operation in the European Research Area.'

Then three scientific lectures were given by Prof. Yonath, Prof. Christoph W. Müller from the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg and Prof. Wolfgang Baumeister from the Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry, Germany. In the afternoon there was another session and visits to the MCB laboratories.

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Cutting the ribbon

JU among Europe's Most Innovative Universities – REUTERS TOP 100

Leszek Śliwa

Office of Institutional Analysis

The Jagiellonian University was named one of Europe's most innovative universities in the Reuters Top 100: Europe's Most Innovative Universities 2016. It is worth noting that JU is the only university from Poland and also the only one from Eastern Europe that was placed in the Reuters ranking of Europe's most innovative universities.

KU Leuven (Belgium) scored the highest, and is followed by two UK schools: Imperial College London and the University of Cambridge. As for national representation, Germany takes top honors, with 24 universities, followed by the UK's 17 and France's 16.

On a regional basis, Western Europe dominates the list, with 60 universities in the top 100, then comes Northern Europe with 24; Southern Europe has 15. Eastern Europe only has a single university on the list – Jagiellonian University #92. Only five universities on the list are not based in the European Union countries – four in Switzerland, and one in Norway. The top 100 does not include any universities from Russia, Turkey, Sweden and Finland.

The Reuters ranking analyses scientific literature and patent data from IP & Science across 10 criteria from 2009 to 2014, recognizes European universities for their outstanding commitment to research, innovation and the protection of ideas as well as the commercialisation of these discoveries. The analysts firstly identified Europe-based universities that produced a substantial body of research, as determined by the number of papers indexed in the Web of Science™ Core Collection between 2009 and 2014. Then they ascertained the extent to which this output directly lends itself to commercial application. For this, analysts consulted two additional IP & Science resources: Derwent World Patents Index®, and Derwent Innovations Index®. They also examined the extent to which a university's patents are cited by other patents – an indicator of influence in ongoing research and development. Further investigations concerned links outside academia: the published papers and citations. Ultimately, based on performance of these various measures, analysts calculated a combined score for each university, and the ranking of the top 100 performers was determined.

The most innovative universities in Europe include various institutions: Catholic, secular, state-run and private. Some are old and some are less than a decade; they are scattered across the continent, some in large cities, others in rural areas. But all of them emphasise practical research and applied science. They produce original research, create useful technology and stimulate the global economy.

NEW BUILDING OF THE FACULTY OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION

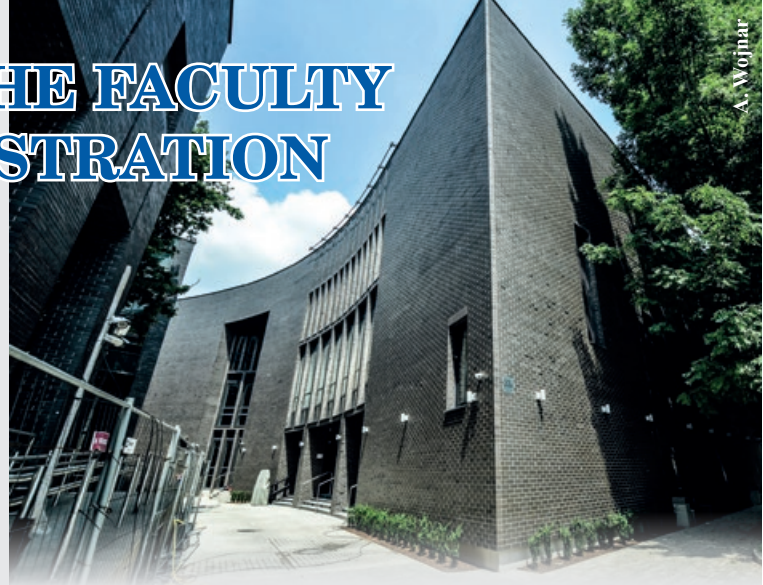
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The Faculty of Law and Administration, one of the largest JU faculties as far as the number of students is concerned, has built its third venue – a three storey building located near the JU Auditorium Maximum, which students and teachers will use from the 2016/2017 academic year.

The new venue, designed only for didactic activities, has an auditorium for 556 people (can be divided into two separate halls), two lecture halls (each with 149 seats), five seminar halls (three with 49 seats and two with 42 seats) and a courtroom. The latter has been equipped with court furniture and a court registry system so that students can follow court hearings. They will wear real court robes while playing their roles in a court hearing.

In the 10th ranking of law faculties in Poland, published in June 2016 by the daily 'Dziennik. Gazeta Prawna' [Legal Newspaper], the JU Faculty of Law and Administration received the best result of all law faculties in Poland. It scored 112.5 out



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of 116 possible points and received the maximum score for the number of its alumni passing the legal training examination.

As the daily writes the JU Faculty of Law and Administration has practically no weak points. It is best in the categories of the ranking: staff, quality, teaching facilities, requirements for its students and the number of its alumni passing the legal training examination. This result is very important from the perspective of law graduates since most law students want to have a career in the legal profession. Their chances increase by several dozen per cent if they graduate from the Jagiellonian University.



A courtroom

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Taiwan Resource Centre for Chinese Studies at JU

中歐漢學研究會議

語言與文化、文學與歷史、宗教與哲學
(捷克、匈牙利、波蘭、斯洛伐克)

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On 5 May 2015, Dr Shu-hsien Tseng, Director General of the National Central Library in Taiwan, and Prof. Wojciech Nowak, Rector of the Jagiellonian University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding between these two institutions.

Both parties, wanting to actively and effectively promote academic publications in Taiwan and Chinese studies, established

the 'Taiwan Resource Centre for Chinese Studies' at the JU Oriental Studies Library. The National Central Library in Taiwan donated ca. 1,000 volumes of books and audio-visual materials published in Taiwan and obliged itself to provide more books in the next years. For materials without copyright concerns, the National Central Library in Taiwan set an IP mode to offer the JU Oriental Studies Library to search and use its digital resources and the e-databases provided by major institutions in Taiwan.

The JU Oriental Studies Library is to provide readers' access and search services, promote Taiwan and Chinese studies as well as display information, news and links of the Taiwan Resource Centre for Chinese Studies, which is at the moment the only centre of its kind in Poland.

The signing of the MoU was part of the international conference 'Language and Culture – Literature and History – Religion and Philosophy' devoted to sinological studies in Central Europe, held at JU on 5-6 May. The conference was organised by Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan, Monumenta Serica Institute, Sankt Augustin, Germany, the National Central Library in Taiwan, and the JU Institute of Oriental Studies.

GRADUATION AT JU FOREIGN LAW SCHOOLS



P. Adamiec

Julianna Karaszewicz-Kobierzyńska
Co-ordination Centre for Foreign Law Schools

Graduation at the American Law School

On 14 June 2016, after a whole year of hard work (but also good fun) 41 graduates of the American Law School, JU Faculty of Law and Administration, received their diplomas. The best students also received scholarships. The first place and a free L.L.M. course run at the Jagiellonian University by the Catholic University Columbus School of Law was won by Sofiya Zdolyny. The winners of the scholarships funded by Kubas Kos Galkowski Chancellery were Ariel Mucha, Paul Śleboda and Matthew Gerlach, and the scholarship of the National Academy of Trial Judges went to Aleksandra Bonek-Tarnawska, who attended the courses with her small child, the youngest student at our Faculty.

JU Vice-Dean for International Relations for the Faculty of Law and Administration Professor Jerzy Pisuliński, opened the graduation ceremony. The American Law School graduates were also greeted by Walter Braunohler, the U.S. Consul in Kraków, and the representatives of The Catholic University



Consul W. Braunohler

P. Adamiec



J. Pisuliński opening the graduation ceremony

Columbus School of Law: Prof. Susanna Fischer and Prof. Rett Ludwikowski.

Kamil Zawicki, the patron from the law firm Kubas Kos Galkowski handed the scholarships. The ceremony was also attended by the graduates of previous editions of the School of American Law. We should not forget that the first graduates completed the school in the 2000/2001 academic year.

Agnieszka Hajos-Iwańska from the law firm JSLegal and Wojciech Jarosiński from the law firm Maruta Wachta related how the completion of the School of American Law opened up completely new perspectives in their professional lives.

All of our graduates emphasize that the School of American Law was one of the best things that happened to them during their academic lives. Our programme is open to everybody, not only law students.

Graduation at the Schools of French, Austrian, Ukrainian and German Law

In the 2015/16 academic year, 70 graduates of the Schools of French, Austrian and Ukrainian Law received their diplomas during a common graduation ceremony.

It was held at the JU Faculty of Law and Administration on 30 June. The students and guests, gathered in the historic hall of Larisch Palace, were greeted by Prof. Jerzy Pisuliński, Vice-Dean for International Relations (from 1 September 2016 – Dean of the JU Faculty of Law and Administration).

Then Mr. Thierry Guichoux, Consul General of France in Kraków, stressed that the French programme at the JU Faculty of Law and Administration, initiated in 2000 by Prof. Michel Pertué from the University of Orleans and Prof. Krzysztof Wojtyczek from JU, is the biggest and most efficient of all the French programmes taught in Poland. Prof. Jacques Leroy, the moving spirit of the French programme, spoke with pride of its sixteen-year history, and thanked all those involved in its development. Upon completion the programme students of French Law receive diplomas and those who pursued the special course – the French equivalent of a Master's degree (Master en Droit Privé). The total number of graduates was 25.

The School of Austrian Law offers students and graduates of law an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the Austrian legal system from the perspective of comparative law, with particular emphasis on the development and impact of European law on Austrian and Polish national law. Classes are taught by professors of the Faculty of Law of the University of Vienna. 15 graduates of Austrian Law received congratulations from Andrzej Tombiński, Honorary Consul of Austria in Kraków. In turn, Prof. Walter Rechberger from the University of Vienna emphasised the importance of maintaining European values.

The School of Ukrainian Law was established at the JU Faculty of Law and Administration in the 2010/2011 academic year. Within the framework of the School, students have additional possibilities to participate in an international conference held in Ukraine, to go on internships in Ukrainian law firms and participate in an L.L.M. programme held in Kiev. Lectures are given by professors from the National Kyiv Mohyla University and the I. Franko University of Lviv. 30 graduates of Ukrainian



W. Wyżykowski

J. Pisuliński and T. Włudyka

Law received their diplomas from Tamiła Szutak, Vice-Consul of Ukraine in Kraków, and Roksolana Lemyk, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lviv who mentioned the tremendous work students had to put into their studies of foreign laws.

The other guests included Sébastien Reymond, Attaché of Science, Technology and University Cooperation of the French Embassy in Poland, Prof. Tadeusz Włudyka from the JU Faculty of Law and Administration, who has always supported the Co-ordination Centre for Foreign Law Schools, and Prof. Bartosz Brożek who will assume his duties as Vice-Dean for International Relations of the JU Faculty of Law and Administration on 1 September 2016.

Finally, let us add that the graduation at the German Law School, founded in 1998 as a joint programme of the Jagiellonian University, the Ruprecht-Karls University Heidelberg and the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, was held earlier, on 11 June. A special lecture entitled '25 years of Polish-German partnership agreement – political and personal reflections' was delivered in German by Dr Stefan Heck, member of the Bundestag. Then diplomas were given to 21 graduates of the German Law School and 7 graduates of the Polish Law Programme for German-speaking students. The General Consulate in Kraków was represented by Vice-Consul Isolde Felskau.



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Ukrainian law graduates



*Graduation at the Austrian Law School.
From right: A. Tombiński, W. Rechberger and P. Kuglarz*

Dorota Maciejowska
International Relations Office

On 14-16 April 2016, the Jagiellonian University and AGH University of Science and Technology hosted the international conference entitled 'Smart European University. EUNIS 2016 Rectors' Conference.'

EUNIS (European University Information Systems) aims at assisting European higher education institutions in developing their IT landscape by sharing experiences and working together. JU and AGH are members of this organisation. This conference was a continuation of the previous ones (Prague, Helsinki) which attracted many rectors and decision makers from various universities.

The Rectors' Conference gathered 71 participants representing 34 universities from 21 countries: Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the U.S.A. There were the EUNIS President John Murphy as well as rectors and presidents of European universities and higher education institutions. The Jagiellonian University was represented by the Vice-Rector for Research and Structural Funds Prof. Stanisław Kistryn and the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs Prof. Andrzej Mania. Three other JU representatives: Jacek Urbaniec, Halina Bojkowska and Dorota Maciejowska, were members of the Organising Committee (Jacek Urbaniec was the Chairman).

Additionally, the Mayor of Kraków Prof. Jacek Majchrowski assumed the honorary patronage of the EUNIS 2016 Rectors' Conference, which was a great distinction and support for the event. The mayor also invited all the conference participants to the City Hall, Wielopolski Palace. The social events of the EUNIS conference included a tour of the Salt Mine in Wieliczka, one of the world's oldest salt mines in operation. On the last day of the conference participants visited the JU Museum Collegium Maius and some laboratories of the AGH University.

The main goal of the Rectors' Conference in Kraków was to explain how IT may help European universities in the changing landscape through addressing the main challenges: a decreasing number of young people in Europe, fierce competition between



M. Kopiejka, A. Wojnar

S. Kistryn opening the conference

European, American and Asian universities, globalisation, rapid development of mobile devices reshaping approaches towards learning and knowledge acquisition.

The conference participants focused on:

- new students – old universities (answering the needs of digital natives; co-operation between universities and high schools; creating a digital campus);
- European university – world university (learning from American, Asian, and Australian universities; how to compete to win in the future; how to co-operate; MOOCs in Europe – is open access the way to go?);
- smart and data-driven vs. traditional decision-making at the university (smart universities – a perspective from the European Commission; opening up education – turning visions into reality – findings from a European survey; sharpening the decision making process and improving decision making culture; co-operation between universities and IT companies: external/internal outsourcing, business model – consortia, joint ventures, shared services, active risk management);
- the 'results-driven' university (university rankings: reflection and inspiration for the results-driven university; innovation in a research-driven university; KIC InnoEnergy – delivering a platform supporting university-business collaboration; internationalisation as a driver of innovation at universities).

Summing up the results of the EUNIS 2016 Rectors' Conference, Prof. Kistryn, JU Vice-Rector for Research and Structural Funds, said that it was very fruitful and many of the ideas discussed during the conference can inspire the Jagiellonian University to further development.



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In the middle: J. Murphy, EUNIS President



Conference session in Collegium Novum



Networking for student safety and security solutions

Erasmus+ training at the University of Salford Manchester

Katarzyna Jurzak-Mączka

Rector's Proxy for Student Safety and Security

At the beginning of April, I had the opportunity to spend a week at the University of Salford Manchester, participating in an Erasmus+ training for administrative staff. I was hosted by the Design Against Crime (DAC) Solution Centre at the University of Salford (School of Arts and Media). Thanks to the previous contacts with Dr Caroline Davey, Dr Melissa Marselle and Andrew Wootton my training was perfectly tailored. The programme included several meetings, job shadowing and interviews with experts on the safety, security, wellbeing of HEI students.

Design Against Crime Solution Centre

Visiting DAC Solution Centre perfectly suited my scientific interests in the project 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' (CPTED), which I have been developing since 2006. Firstly, Andrew and Melissa presented a general overview of the university structure and then we discussed current and past activities of the centre. They told me about the co-operation between the centre and Greater Manchester Police which resulted in the 'Design for Security' scheme and implementation of 'Crime Impact Statement' – an obligatory

consultation process requested by the local planning authorities. It forces taking into account crime, disorder and fear of crime by decision-makers before determining an investment.¹ A visit to the Greater Manchester Police Headquarters and meetings with Umer Khan, Chief Inspector (Head of Design for Security), and the consultant Michael Craig were exceptionally unforgettable experiences. Reports, papers and brochures about CPTED, which my colleagues presented to me as a gift, turned out to be very useful during my lectures for students of law and administration who attended the course 'Police science'.

I was keen on learning more about Andrew, Melissa and Caroline's latest project: ProtectED which is the 'gold standard' for student safety. It aims at assessing and certificating efforts done by universities to ensure their students' safety, security and well-being. We discussed the origins of the project, highlighting the change of trends in the UK from providing 'campus security' towards students' security. My colleagues emphasised that after the 'in loco parentis' doctrine in the UK of the 1960s no vision of student-university relationships was proposed. They developed CCTV, access control and other 'technical' aspects of campus

security losing to some extent the most important users of that space. The details of the project were presented during the AUCSO conference later that week.



¹ For details visit: <http://designforsecurity.org/crime-impact-statements>.

Team of Security and Student Support Service

I had the opportunity to meet Trevor Jones, the Head of Security, initiator and great supporter of ProtectED. I was accompanied by Chia Chee Siong from the Office of Campus Security at the National University of Singapore, and by Melissa Marselle. Trevor and his wonderful team introduced us to the security procedures on campus and student dormitories and the university's CCTV system. Then I attended a meeting with the staff responsible for student support, especially with competent and friendly staff like Polly Smith, the head of the service, who explained in detail the new Student Support Policy and was helpful in answering my questions about procedures regarding difficult cases. She highlighted the necessity of differentiation of communications channels for full-time and part-time students. Although the support service is the same for all students, it is difficult to reach part-time students and understand their needs which are connected, for example with their work, university-home transfer, etc. Polly's staff guided me through the AskUS (Advice – Support – Knowledge – Understanding – Solutions) stand and offices which helped me understand the framework of their services.



There is never a dull day at MediaCityUK... This advertising slogan from their website illustrates the great atmosphere of the cutting edge buildings where the BBC, ITV, dock10 and many other organisations are seated. In the heart of this vivid space, the University of Salford Manchester hosted the 2016 Conference of the Association of University Chief Security Officers (AUCSO). The three-day event was an annual occasion for the members to network and for the exhibitors to initiate new business possibilities with the use of their up-to-date security solutions. The conference attracted around 120 delegates and 30 sponsors from all



C. Chee Siong, R. Grundy and T. Jones

over the world (Europe, North America and Asia). Thanks to Andrew Wootton and Trevor Jones, I could, as a Jagiellonian University's representative, take part in this 'only for AUCSO members' event. As an international guest, I had the opportunity to network with colleagues the evening before the official opening of the conference and thus appear on the university twitter. Our colleagues from Salford love twitting!

The congress was opened by Trevor Jones and Prof Helen Marshall, Vice Chancellor of the University of Salford, who said that the 'invisibility' of the security team meant that everything

K. Jurzak-Mączka

worked fine. Detective Chief Inspector Clare Devlin from Greater Manchester Police presented the relationships between the university and the police, especially the safe routes programme and co-operation with the dedicated neighbourhood officer. The Annual General Meeting was an occasion to summarise directions of further development of the AUCSO network. Mick Giannasi, Chair of the Welsh Ambulance Service and former Chief Constable of Gwent Police, lectured about leadership from his personal perspective as a former police officer and boss. He stressed the role of senior leaders who transformed the organisation and the world with courage, imagination, vitality, helping create a shared set of values which alters the vision of reality. Jasper Cook, the director of the Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response (CEPaR) at Augusta University performed an excellent presentation on the threat of an active shooter providing the audience with some tips and training guidelines on the 'Run, Hide, Fight' algorithm of behaviour. He encouraged security officers to involve local law enforcement into the university's plans and procedures, to train new employees and students during their orientation weeks and to consider establishing emergency hotlines.

In turn, Christine Clark presented 'First Aid' Approach to Mental Well-being and Mental Health Crisis on a campus setting which aims to support not only the physical safety, but also well-being of students and staff who are experiencing



AskUS stand and offices

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Imperial War Museum North

more and more pressure in their everyday lives. She drew attention to the necessity of training and risk assessment in the psychological background at universities.

The congress was also an occasion to award our colleagues from Aston University and the University of Salford with a certificate from the Surveillance Camera Commissioner Tony Porter. The badge of honour proves adoption of the surveillance camera code of practice and strong attachment to its values.² Last but not least, Sheridan Coulthard provided us with updated information on training possibilities within the AUCSO network.

The first day of the AUCSO conference finished amazingly, especially for football fans, those who love 'Red Devils.' We had the opportunity to go behind the scenes of Old Trafford, see the players' dressing room

and feel like being a member of the great Manchester United, having the opportunity to emerge from the players' tunnel accompanied by the roar of 76,000 people.

On Thursday, the President of IACLEA (International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators) Bill Taylor commenced with some updates about relationships between AUCSO and his organisation. Then Laurence Perkins from the University of Leicester and Elizabeth Palicza from London South Bank University rendered the focal points from the 2015 International Exchange Programme Visits. It was highly interesting as they had the possibility of gaining wider experience from our colleagues from the USA and Singapore.

The presentation of the 'Prevent' Programme, delivered by its national coordinator Alan Lyon, aroused increased interest as the whole idea prompts the fear of misuse. 'Prevent' aims at safeguarding communities against the threat of terrorism as part of the UK national counter-terrorism strategy. Yet, it provokes controversies, affecting mainly Muslim citizens, and strengthens biases against them.

The representatives from Salford's Students Union announced a statement of protest against the stigmatization of international, especially Muslim, students. I must admit that their announcement was one of the most touching moments of my stay in Salford. Kate McAlister from HEFCE (Higher Education Funding Council for England) drew attention to the monitoring role of the council, while Sam Nicholls captivated the audience with the presentation on animal rights in higher education institutions.

My hosts from DAC gave two lectures – one on the role of design in tackling the

problem of crime and insecurity, and the other on improving the safety, security and well-being of university students and assets through the scheme 'Protected.' At the end of the conference, Dominique Van Acker from the University of Ghent invited us to participate in the next AUCSO conference organised in her city. They suggested that I take part in the regional meeting (Europe and International) as a representative of the expected new AUCSO member.

In the evening, all of us had a stroll from the MediaCityUK to the Imperial War Museum North where a gala dinner and Annual Security Awards ceremony were held. The winner of 'The Security Officer of the Year' was Ian Kendall, Security Officer at the University of Salford, for excellent performance during his duty. The winner of 'The Security Team of the Year' was the Lancaster University Security and Portering Team represented by Stan Wilkinson and John Youren. The team was awarded a prize in recognition of their outstanding work and the co-operation during 'the worst floods in living memory, causing a power outage that lasted for three days' as their manager in the award application notably marked. In turn, Mark Hopkins, Shift Manager at the Coventry University Protection Service, was granted with 'The Security Initiative of the Year.' The jury was impressed by his 'Ghost system' designed for a better dislocation of patrols across the university campus. I found the award ceremony stunning and was extremely pleased to attend it. Additionally, I could listen to conversations about the British cuisine, gardening and other spheres, which I do love very much.

On my arrival in Kraków, I shared my impressions with the JU Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs Prof Andrzej Mania, and as a result, we decided to present the AUCSO benefits to the JU Rector Prof. Wojciech Nowak. At the same time, the Jagiellonian University has become the first Polish member of the AUCSO network.³

The Erasmus+ training conducted in the heart of the UK's media and digital business in Salford was truly successful.



K. Jurzak-Mączka at Old Trafford

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/surveillance-cameras-in-universities-commissioners-speech-to-the-aucso>.

³ <http://www.en.uj.edu.pl/en/international-cooperation/networks>.

Mobility between Programme and Partner Countries

Erasmus+ KA 107

Izabela Zawiska

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Since 1987, the Erasmus Programme has enabled over three million students to spend part of their studies outside their home countries at a higher education institution in Europe. It has also involved academics and non-academic staff. By studying and teaching abroad both students and lecturers improve their linguistic, cultural and training skills, building an open-minded and qualified community of junior and senior professionals. Moreover, inbound and outbound mobility actively contributes to pluralism and multiculturalism in the academia and campus life.

The new Erasmus+ Programme: Key Action 107 (mobility between Programme and Partner Countries) is open to the world and allows for incoming mobility from outside Europe to the Erasmus+ Programme Countries (EU28, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey) and for outgoing mobility of European staff and students to Partner Countries around the world.

The Jagiellonian University started co-operation under Erasmus+ KA 107 in the 2015/2016 academic year, and in the first round got financial support for 46 visits within staff mobility with higher education institutions in Partner Countries. Within this project funds are granted for individual support for mobility (140 euros per day for staff incoming to JU and 160 euros for outgoing staff), travel cost calculated according to the European Commission distance calculator (from 180 to 1,100 euros) and organisational support (OS), which is the support for administrative services calculated for each completed mobility.

The Jagiellonian University is responsible for all financial issues such as funds distribution to candidates and the distribution of organisational support to both institutions, proportionally



M. Ye from the Minzu University of China

to the administrative workload. JU has already signed inter-institutional agreements with seven universities from Partner Countries selected in the first round. These are: the Armenian National Agrarian University, the Yerevan State University (Armenia), the Minzu University of China, Kobe University and Waseda University (Japan), the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Ukraine).

The first mobility under the Erasmus+ Programme KA 107 started at the end of April, when two staff members from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy visited the JU Faculty of Polish Studies. Since that time JU hosted three academic teachers from Armenia and Ukraine. Moreover, three officers from the International Relations Offices participated in our Erasmus+ Staff Training Week, which was held on 20-24 June 2016. These were Min Ye, Programme co-ordinator from the Minzu University of China, Naira Atanesyan from the Armenian National Agrarian University and Haykuhi Mkrtchyan from the Yerevan State University.

In turn, we are going to send four staff members to Waseda University, Kobe University, the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and the Minzu University of China.

Within KA 107, the Jagiellonian University is also going to implement 27 staff mobility with the Republic of South Africa, Serbia, Israel and Algeria in the next academic year. All participants will be granted with individual support calculated for seven days, and travel costs.

The Jagiellonian University is about to sign inter-institutional agreements with: the University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal (South Africa), the University of Novi Sad (Serbia), Tel Aviv University and the University of Haifa (Israel) as well as the University of Algiers 3 (Algeria). Currently, all agreements are in the negotiation phase.



N. Atanesyan from the Armenian National Agrarian University

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MY DREAM MOBILITY

Visiting the Minzu University of China



Piotr Łasak

Institute of Economics, Finance and Management

I am an assistant professor in the Institute of Economics, Finance and Management (JU Faculty of Management and Social Communication). In the last few years I participated several times in the Erasmus+ exchange for Academic Staff, but they were typical visits to European countries, which probably many readers have experienced. These days we often travel throughout the European Community – for teaching activities, linking up with our foreign partners, exchanging ideas, etc... But I have dreamed about the possibility of seeing the world of my research interest – the fastest developing emerging markets, as I am preoccupied with the development of these countries and their financial markets. The chance came up with the new Erasmus+ Programme offered by the JU International Relations Office at the beginning of 2016. Its intention is to enable academic staff to travel to meet partners from China, Japan and Mexico and some other non EU-member countries. I submitted my application and to my great delight was qualified for an exchange to the Minzu University of China.

The preparation for the journey was not a big challenge, probably because I know how the Erasmus Programme works. It involved just a typical exchange of documents and some information via emails with the host university, visa application as well as learning some useful facts about the Chinese culture and habits... The Minzu University turned out to be very helpful and open to co-operation. It is a very responsible partner like many European counterparts. After four months of formal arrangements I became an official guest of the university.

I came to Beijing two days ago – on 12 June 2016. The first impression was truly overwhelming. Everybody knows that in China

everything is bigger than anywhere else, and it really is, but we can only realise it in full swing on the spot... The airport, traffic and magnitude of the city are really impressive. After a long journey the International Guest House of the Minzu University turned out to be very welcoming and homely. To my surprise, both the people at the university and people randomly met in the streets in Beijing are very friendly and helpful. As if they would like to tell us that despite the size of the country, we will never get lost and someone will always help us... After the first day of my stay here, I am officially registered in the People's Republic of China. I had a long conversation with the colleague professor who takes care of my stay here, had a meeting with the Dean of the School of Economics, planned my lectures at the university and performed other formalities related to the Mobility Arrangement – everything was perfectly well organised by our Chinese partners.

The challenges are of a different nature from what I have expected. I have forgotten to take with me my cutlery, so the first necessity was to learn eating with chopsticks, which after the first difficulties I have almost brought to perfection. The second thing



P. Łasak (in the middle) among Chinese students

New Research Perspectives from Japan and Poland

Dorota Maciejowska
International Relations Office

On 16-20 May 2016, the Jagiellonian University hosted guests from one of the most promising Japanese partners – Kobe University. Strong, long lasting relations between our universities were sealed a year ago, on 22 October 2015 when the Kobe University Liaison Office was established in the JU Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations. The main task of the Kobe Office is to offer research and study exchange opportunities to universities in Central and Eastern Europe and to disseminate information about Kobe University. It is the fourth international base of Kobe University outside Japan: in China since 2008; in Belgium since 2010 and in Vietnam since 2015.

Collaboration between our universities embraces different areas: bilateral co-operation, the Erasmus+ Programme KA107, joint research projects and a new programme of studies to be launched at the Global Humanities Faculty from 2016/2017. This was one of the reasons why Kobe University decided to organise a joint symposium 'New Research Perspectives from Japan and Poland,' which was held at Jagiellonian University on 17 May 2016.

It drew prominent researchers from Kobe University and the Jagiellonian University to discuss the collaboration in biology, comparative studies of civilisations and EU-Japan relations. The following topics were presented: interactive chemical

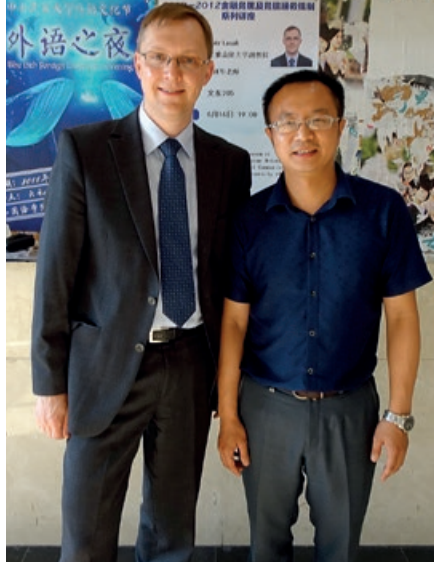
strategies among plants; fungi and animals; comparative studies of civilisations, Japan, Europe and Asia; EU – Japan relations in the contemporary world. It was a great opportunity for both universities to strengthen their relationship and discuss further initiatives.

The symposium was preceded by Kobe University Professors' Lecture Series delivered on 16 May. This series was entitled *Different Perspectives Constituting Future World: Global Issues in Current Japan*. JU students could learn about the current economic situation in Japan, Japanese fairy tales and constitutional rights in Japan, comparative perspectives on regionalism and governance between Europe and Asia, pop culture and cultural industry in their globalisation from Japan, current issues for social policies in Japan, re-examination of 'Princess Mononoke' from a historical viewpoint, critical social thought in Japan and current issues for social policies in Japan. The lecturers were outstanding Japanese professors: Masahiko Yoshii, Noriyuki Inoue, Kazunari Sakai, Kiyomitsu Yui, Yuki Sekine, Nobuo Kazashi and Tetsu Ichizawa.

Then there were several meetings, including the meeting of the Executive Vice-President Ogawa Matsuto from Kobe University with the JU Vice-Rector for Research and Structural Funds Prof. Stanisław Kistryn, and meetings between international relations officers who discussed exchange programmes and further co-operation between our universities.



*S. Kistryn meeting the delegation
of Kobe University*



P. Łasak and S. Yanfei

will probably be the first steps outside the university, mingling with people who do not speak English. In my opinion, it can be a real challenge for people like me, who in the past did not have the opportunity to become more familiar with the culture of Asian countries. The real challenge will be simple things – from the food to the ways of behaving in all kinds of situations. I hope that common sense will be very useful in unusual situations... I guess that the third biggest challenge will be talking to Chinese students, who must have a very different approach to economic issues from their Polish counterparts. I would like to discuss economy, financial market development, financial crises and the nature of shadow banking, which these days is growing very rapidly inside the Chinese economy. But time will tell if they are ready for such conversations and if such an approach is a good style of teaching in this country.

There are many challenges ahead of me but I am sure that they will be equally great if not more pleasant experiences. The beauty of the Erasmus+ Programme lies in the fact that we are not only teachers, but definitely have to learn something new, too. I appreciate it very much and am very happy having such a possibility. A more detailed account covering my whole stay at the Minzu University of China, my impressions from Beijing, some interesting situations and my bloomers as well as many other things that we should know before visiting China as participants of the Erasmus+ Programme will appear in the next issue of *Newsletter*.

JUst a Week Erasmus+ Staff Training at JU

Dorota Maciejowska
International Relations Office

It has become a tradition that every year the JU International Relations Office invites administrative officers from partner universities to discuss and foster new ideas on the development of international co-operation and other issues related to the international activities of universities.

This year, on 20-24 June, JU hosted 32 representatives from 15 countries and 25 different universities during the Third Erasmus+ Training 'JUst a Week,' the main objective being to share experiences on staff and student mobility, support services, welcome centres for international academics, organisation of job shadowing and staff weeks, mentoring programmes as well as the evaluation of the quality of mobility and services.

The novelty of this training was that we hosted three guests from non-European universities that have signed inter-institutional agreements on co-operation with JU within the Erasmus+ Programme KA107. One of the non-European participants came from the Minzu University of China and two came from Armenia – one from the Yerevan State University and the other from the Armenian National Agrarian University. Their sharing made us compare and better understand the needs and demands of students and academics from partner countries visiting our university as well as our students and academics visiting their institutions.

As a participant from a non-European country I have learnt that we are facing a similar situation – generally, students 'demand' a full package of services from the universities. It was also a good opportunity for me to learn from my colleagues from Europe some practices, especially the evaluation of services – Min from the Minzu University of China.

Throughout the week our guests participated in numerous workshops prepared not only by JU staff, but mainly by the participants. We had speakers from Warwick University, the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Coimbra University,

the University of Heidelberg, the Yerevan State University, the University of Helsinki, the Minzu University of China and the University of Zagreb. Thus all the participants could gain knowledge on many aspects concerning university services that can be useful at our home institutions.

It definitely broadened and enriched my perspective on a variety of issues, and certainly my home institution will benefit – Demetres from Paneion University Athens.

Some participants could benefit from individual meetings with JU staff and authorities that had been organised previously or they could visit some facilities of special interest.

I learned that all of us are facing the same questions and trying to find our own solutions. By sharing solutions we can improve and give new ideas to our team at home. I am especially thankful for organising my individual meetings with JU staff – Brigitte from the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg.



Apart from professional development, the participants mentioned the impact of Erasmus+ mobility on their personal careers.

The training week gave me a chance not only for professional but also personal development. The efforts of the JU staff are highly appreciated – Naisa from the Armenian National Agrarian University.

'JUst a Week' consisted of seminars and workshops and visits to the oldest and the newly constructed buildings of the Jagiellonian University. Therefore, our guests saw the 15th century Collegium Maius and the 21st century new campus as well as the Jagiellonian Library, which houses the works of our eminent alumnus Nicolaus Copernicus (studied at JU in 1491-95).

Thank you so much for sharing our best practices with us and showing us the rich Polish culture and the impressive facilities of your university – Katharina from the University of Heidelberg.

Our guests had the possibility to experience the beauty and unique atmosphere of the city of Kraków. We took them to the Wawel Royal Castle and Kazimierz, the former Jewish district of Kraków. As part of the social programme they were invited to compete in small international teams during an International Pub Quiz – contest concerning the general knowledge of the world as well as Poland's history and culture. Moreover, they could attend various evening concerts: baroque music in St Barbara's Church, folk and jazz music in the courtyard of Collegium Maius or choral music performed by the JU Choir in Collegium Novum. Those who stayed till Saturday had the possibility to attend the annual St John's Eve concert and fireworks organised at the Wawel castle on the bank of the Vistula River.

To summarise, we would like to quote our colleague from the University of Granada:

You have done an excellent job. The week has been well organised, interesting workshops, great social and cultural activities and very good speakers. It has been the best staff training week I have ever attended (this is my fifth) – Javier from the University of Granada.



Gender Equality Network in the European Research Area – a new Horizon 2020 project at JU

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Rector's Proxy for Student Safety and Security

Gender Equality Network in the European Research Area (GENERA) is a Horizon 2020 project funded for 3 years (2015-2018). It aims at implementing, monitoring and improving the Gender Equality Plans (GEPs) in the field of physics across European countries and research institutions of different types, including universities, research institutes and research funding organisations.

GENERA brings together 13 beneficiary research partners, including – apart from the Jagiellonian University – Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron A Research Centre of the Helmholtz Association (DESY, co-ordinator of the project), Germany, Foundation for Fundamental Research on Matter (FOM), Netherlands, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Germany, Portia Ltd, United Kingdom, National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN), Italy, Max Planck Gesellschaft (MPG), Germany, JOANNEUM RESEARCH, Austria, University of Geneva (UNIGE), Switzerland, National Research Council (CNR), Italy, Horia Hulubei National Institute for R&D in Physics and Nuclear Engineering (IFIN-HH), Romania, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France, and Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias (IAC), Spain. Apart from the beneficiary partners there is a number of associate partners and observers.

The Gender Equality Plans function as a response to the problem of continuing gender inequality in science by seeking to eradicate gender stereotyping and reduce the existing gender gaps and talent-waste. As far as the discipline of physics is concerned, GEPs and other solutions have done so far proportionally little to change the overall indicators of gender (in)equality. Therefore,

the GENERA project is concerned with supporting research organisations to implement systemic institutional changes, in particular through effective GEPs, customised to circumstances and needs of the physics research community. They will allow physics research in Europe to benefit from a greater presence of talented women at all levels, open up more opportunities for women to create successful careers and to overcome the under-representation of women in physics.

GENERA contains a number of detailed objectives, including:

- assessment of the status of gender issues in the partner organisations,
- identifying gaps in existing GEPs and determine specific needs or actions to enhance gender equality and women careers in physics,
- monitoring and evaluating the existing activities of the involved organisations,
- creating a toolbox to customize GEPs,
- formulating customised GEPs for all implementing organizations and create a roadmap for implementation of the GEPs in physics with the potential of application in other research fields,
- supporting involved organisations in implementing customised GEPs,
- creating a network of research organisations to promote gender equality in physics,
- setting up a long-term monitoring system allowing research organisations monitoring the impact of their GEPs in physics with the potential of application in other research fields.

Among the activities undertaken by the GENERA consortium is the organisation of the Gender in Physics Days in every partner institution to raise awareness on the importance of gender equality in the countries and in the research organisations being part of the GENERA project. This event will directly involve various levels of participants from junior and senior researchers, to management level personnel, policy makers and different stakeholders, internal or external, to the hosting organisation.

The GENERA consortium has established a high level Experts Board responsible for giving advice concerning all project activities. It consists of external advisors covering all expertise required to guide and consult the GENERA consortium, including expertise in the fields of gender equality, sociology of science, administration, policy making, stereotypes and cultural diversity.

The JU team of the GENERA consortium includes Dr Paulina Sekuła, Dr Paula Pustulka, Ewa Krzaklewska and Justyna Struzik, all based in the Institute of Sociology. They are first and foremost responsible for: (1) analysing the existing GEPs in the European research organisations in the field of physics, (2) identifying the



Meeting in front of the European Southern Observatory

'best in class'/ 'best practice' examples of innovative approaches for improving research cultural environment and (3) designing and conducting qualitative interviews with male and female physicists on their career paths as well as analysing the results.

The first Governing Board Meeting of the GENERA project took place at DESY in Hamburg on 28 April 2016. It was an occasion for all the partners' representatives to discuss issues crucial to the project management after the first eight months of research. The meeting started with the welcome speech of Christian Harringa, Director of Administration at DESY. All the partners: beneficiaries, associates and observers of the project had the possibility to introduce themselves during a 'tour de table' session.

The proposal describes the role of the Governing Board 'traditionally' as the responsibility for the formal approval of project results. But taking into account the major goal of GENERA, representatives decided to develop their impact by becoming leaders of structural change, responsible for supporting data collection, encouraging their institutions to implement Gender Equality Plans and making the process feasible.

The participants of the Governing Board Meeting elected Ulla Weber from the Max-Planck Institute as the chair and Livius Trache from the Horia Hulubei National Institute for Physics and Nuclear Engineering as the vice-chair.

After a short overview of the aims of the GENERA project delivered by Thomas Berghöfer, the project co-ordinator, Martina Schraudner, the chair of the GENERA Experts Board, provided some research results on gender-science stereotypes and three hypotheses often presented to explain why few women remain in science: 'The Leaky Pipeline,' 'Necessity of Mobility' and 'Cultural Aspects in Science.' She emphasised that 'gender' is much more than 'pink it and shrink it.' What distinguishes GENERA is: physics not equal opportunity roots of the project, national and organisational diversification of contexts, integration of educational and scientific ecosystem of physics and presence of specialists in co-ordinating 'large-scale research.'

Sveva Avveduto from the National Research Council (Italy) discussed the data needed for an in-depth study of the current situation, and the GENERA co-ordinator presented the concept for 'Gender-in-Physics Days' putting emphasis on the events planned in Germany in June 2016.

The Governing Board Meeting was not only a great opportunity to sum up the first months of co-operation of the GENERA consortium partners, but also to appreciate the beauty and contrasts of Hamburg.

<http://genera-project.com/>



A meeting of the Governing Board

Collaboration with

Anna Wyżykowska

International Relations Office

Ryan Piurek

Indiana University Bloomington

On May 30 2016, the Jagiellonian University welcomed a delegation from Indiana University Bloomington, USA. The aim of the visit was to strengthen the longstanding collaboration between the two institutions. Contacts between IU and JU have lasted more than 30 years. A formal agreement was signed in 1997, involving both faculty and graduate student exchanges. Since 2002, the exchange has taken place across a wide range of academic disciplines. Each year both institutions exchange one Junior Faculty (up to 35 years old) for a maximum period of 4 months and one Senior Faculty (over 35 years old) for a period of one month. Both institutions provide exchange participants with accommodation and stipend.

The delegation from Indiana University included President Prof. Michael A. McRobbie, Vice-President for International Affairs Prof. David Zaret, Dean of the School of Global and International Studies Mr Lee Feinstein, Associate Vice-President for International Partnerships Mr Shawn Reynolds and Prof. Hannah Buxbaum, Maurer School of Law and Academic Director Europe Global Gateway Office.

The IU representatives were received by the JU authorities, including Rector Prof. Wojciech Nowak, Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs Prof. Andrzej Mania and Vice-Rector for Research and Structural Funds Prof. Stanisław Kistryn. The meeting was also attended by Prof. Bartosz Brożek, the newly elected Vice-Dean for International Relations of the Faculty of Law and Administration as well as Dorota Maciejowska, Head of the JU International Relations Office, and Anna Wyżykowska from the International Relations Office.

President McRobbie and Rector Wojciech Nowak signed a renewed Agreement for Friendship and Co-operation, which provides opportunities for staff and student exchange, sharing academic materials and developing joint research projects. The discussed prospects of JU collaboration with Indiana University include joint interdisciplinary research efforts within the framework of the IU Grand Challenges Research Initiative as well as opportunities provided by the recently established IU Europe Gateway Office in Berlin. Professor David Zaret, Vice President for International Affairs and Prof. Stanisław Kistryn, Vice-Rector for Research and Structural Funds, signed a renewed Sub-Agreement for Academic Co-operation and Bilateral Exchange, which specifies the conditions of graduate student and junior faculty exchange, including the duration of stay and program administration details among other things.

The Grand Challenges may be defined as problems whose scope spans institutional and disciplinary boundaries, whose solutions require new knowledge, new tools and new treatments. The IU authorities identify \$300 million of existing and anticipated funding that can be invested in the Grand Challenges over the next five years. This is the most significant investment in

Indiana University Bloomington

A. Wojnar



From left: B. Brożek, H. Buxbaum, S. Kistryn, L. Feinstein, W. Nowak, M. McRobbie, D. Zaret, A. Mania, S. Reynolds

IU research infrastructure in the university's history. It will fund up to five Grand Challenge Initiatives and support the hiring of as many as 175 new faculty as well as hundreds of new graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

The offices of the IU Global Gateway Network not only extend the university's physical presence, but also offer IU faculty, staff, students, alumni and partners access to services that help them advance their academic and professional interests. IU currently has facilities in the following locations: IU China Gateway in Beijing, IU Europe Gateway in Berlin, IU India Gateway in Gurgaon (a satellite city of New Delhi). Each gateway facility provides a home base for IU activities and supports scholarly research and teaching, conferences and workshops, study abroad programmes, distance learning initiatives, student recruitment activities, executive and corporate training, alumni engagement events and fundraising campaigns. The facilities are managed by an academic director and on-site office manager. Members of the IU community can request use of meeting rooms, offices, and other spaces.

In addition to signing a renewed agreement, the participants of the meeting explored a number of potential collaborative activities toward the goal of expanding faculty and student exchange. Prof. Buxbaum, who holds John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics at the IU Maurer School of Law and serves as an academic director of the new IU Europe Gateway office in Berlin, discussed building upon a successful partnership between the Maurer School and JU Faculty of Law and Administration.

In turn, Prof. McRobbie, Mr Feinstein and Prof. Zaret spoke about other interesting partnering opportunities as well as major recent education and research initiatives at IU, such as the establishment of the School of Global and International Studies, a new programme in intelligent systems engineering in the IU School of Informatics and Computing and IU Grand Challenges research programme.

Both the discussions and signing of the renewed agreements highlight the institutions' long and storied history of mutual engagement and friendship.



A. Wojnar

M. McRobbie and W. Nowak signing the renewed agreement in the Senate Hall



S. Kistryn and D. Zaret signing the renewed Sub-Agreement for Academic Co-operation and Bilateral Exchange

EXPERIENCING JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES

Ewa Kamińska

Institute of the Middle and Far East

Anna Wyżykowska

International Relations Office

Japan is not only the Land of Cherry Blossoms and unforgettable beauty but also a country of science and high level technology. It has a number of excellent universities that have educated many Nobel laureates and world famous researchers. At the end of April 2016, two representatives of the Jagiellonian University: Dr Ewa Kamińska from the Institute of the Middle and Far East and Anna Wyżykowska from the International Relations Office had the opportunity to visit eight Japanese universities.

The primary goals of our visit were meetings with representatives of Japanese universities as well participation in a study abroad fair organised at Waseda University. The meetings focused on strengthening the existing academic collaboration with Japanese universities and working out new partnerships.

Two cities were chosen as the main destination of our visit: Tokyo and Kyoto, located in two culturally varying regions: Kanto and Kansai. Tokyo represents the culture of eastern Japan, while Kyoto represents the culture of western Japan. Additionally, a number of top higher education institutions are located in both cities. This variety is of prime importance because collaboration with universities situated in culturally different regions opens possibilities for academic and administrative staff as well students from JU to become acquainted with different perspectives of Japanese science and culture. On the other hand, the concentration of so many prestigious universities in such a relatively small area gives opportunities to conduct highly specialised interdisciplinary research not only for individuals but also for teams.

The universities we chose to visit included four public and one private institutions in Tokyo and the vicinity, namely the University of Tokyo, Tokyo Gakugei University, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tsukuba University and Waseda University (a private university), and three universities in Kyoto: Kyoto

University (a public institution), Ritsumeikan University and Doshisha University (both private).

Two of the aforementioned universities – the University of Tokyo and Kyoto University – belong to the so-called *kyū nana teikoku daigaku* (旧 7 帝国大学 – Seven Former Imperial Universities). They are the oldest ones in Japan. The University of Tokyo was established in 1877, while Kyoto University in 1897. Both of them are top universities in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (21st and 26th positions). As for the ranking of Japanese universities they occupy the first and second positions. The other five former imperial universities are Tohoku University, Kyushu University, Hokkaido University, Osaka University and Nagoya University.



A. Wyżykowska

A visit to Tokyo Gakugei University

In 1945, there were only 46 public and private universities in Japan. They educated the elites. The number of Japanese universities rapidly increased to 300 in 1965, over 400 in 1975, 507 in 1990, 565 in 1995, 649 in 2000, to reach 726 in 2005.¹ According to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (文部科学省), last year there were 775 universities, including 86 national (*kokuritsu daigaku* 国立大学), 86 prefectural or city-connected (*kōritsu daigaku* 公立大学) and 603 private (*shiritsu daigaku* 私立大学).² For example, in Tokyo there are 11 national universities, one city university and 126 private universities.

Thanks to the great support of Mr Tomasz Jamróz, First Secretary in Economy and S&T Co-operation at the Embassy of Poland in Tokyo, it was possible to arrange a meeting at the University of Tokyo – the most prestigious higher education institution in Japan. Mr Jamróz accompanied us during the meeting. Our delegation was welcomed by the Vice-President of the University of Tokyo Professor Masashi Haneda. The primary goal of this important visit was to present the Jagiellonian University and discuss possibilities for joint research and mobility. A Letter of Intent, signed by the JU Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs Prof. Andrzej Mania, was handed to Prof. Haneda. The letter expressed our interest in entering into partnership. Prof. Haneda was very impressed with the Jagiellonian University's



T. Jamróz, A. Wyżykowska, M. Haneda and E. Kamińska at the University of Tokyo

¹ Yoshimi Shunya, *Daigaku to wa nani ka?* Iwanami Shinsho, Tokyo 2013, pp. 10-13.

² http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/kouritsu/ (access: 19.06.2016).



A. Wyżykowska



Visiting Waseda University and A. Wyżykowska at the JU stand at the Study Fair

standing, history and research potential and was very much in favour of collaboration with our university.

Anna Wyżykowska visited Waseda University and participated in its Study Abroad Fair. This bi-annual event takes place in spring and autumn and showcases opportunities for student mobility for Japanese students. Over 100 partner institutions participated in the 2016 edition of the fair. A vast majority of them were American, Asian and Australian institutions. Europe was represented by only six universities from the UK, Ireland, Luxemburg and Poland. The fair lasted two days and attracted almost 2,000 students, mostly undergraduates: their first and second year of studies. The representatives of the universities were invited for a meeting during which they got to know the new strategy of Waseda University entitled 'Waseda Vision 150'. The strategy included development directions of the university for the next 16 years. Waseda University plans to triple the amount of outgoing students.

Apart from taking part in the fair, Anna Wyżykowska met the representatives of the Centre for International Education to discuss current co-operation between JU and Waseda University. As the collaboration agreement with Waseda was signed quite recently, in 2015, for Waseda University the presence of a JU representative was very important and appreciated as a sign of involvement in the partnership.

Tokyo Gakugei University was another institution we visited. The JU Faculty of International and Political Studies has been collaborating with Tokyo Gakugei University since 2008. The co-operation concentrated firstly on the exchange of academic staff. Since 2014, thanks to the engagement of the academic staff of the Department of History, especially Prof. Keiichi Kawate, we have also exchanged students. The agreement was initiated and has been co-ordinated by the JU Institute of the Middle and Far East. The goal of Dr Kamińska's visit was to sum up collaboration activities and propose some new activities, e.g. within the Erasmus+ Programme. During the visit to Tokyo Gakugei University we met two JU students who as beneficiaries of the exchange programme were studying the Japanese language, history and culture in the 2015/16 academic year.

The next institution that Anna Wyżykowska visited was Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS). The collaboration between JU and TUFS started in 2014 and is open to JU students of Japanese Studies from the Institute of Oriental Studies. The main supporter of the collaboration at TUFS is Prof. Koji Morita, Head of Polish Studies Section, which was set up in 1991. TUFS

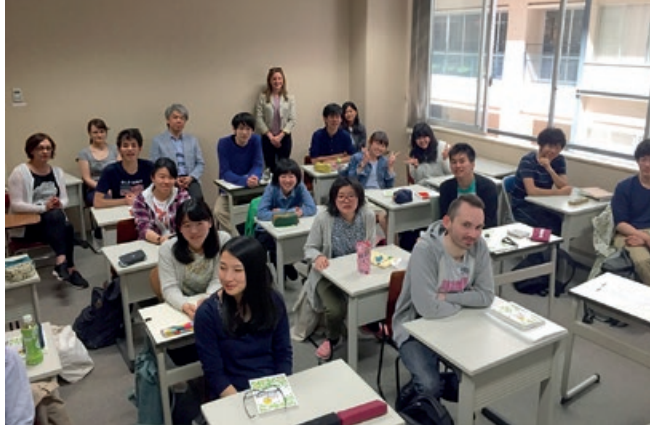
is the first educational institution in Japan to specialise in the Polish language and culture. Currently, the TUFS Polish major is still the only such course taught at the national universities. It is worth noting that Prof. Morita himself taught Japanese at the Jagiellonian University in 2005-2010. Apart from discussions on collaboration, Anna Wyżykowska gave a presentation of the Jagiellonian University and the city of Kraków for Prof. Morita's class – over 20 students studying the Polish language and culture.

Tsukuba University was the next destination of the JU delegation. The Jagiellonian University and Tsukuba University have been collaborating since 2002. Due to a large imbalance between the number of outgoing and incoming students (in favour of outgoing students from JU to Tsukuba University), the discussions mostly evolved around a better understanding of the JU programmes, support services for international students, study environment and living in Kraków. Anna Wyżykowska also met some students from Tsukuba University who were considering studying at the Jagiellonian. Apart from delivering a presentation about the Jagiellonian University and city of Kraków, she held individual consultations with prospective students, addressing their concerns and numerous questions. It is important to mention the invaluable support of Prof. Toshinobu Usuyama from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. He spares no effort to developing collaboration between our universities. It is mostly due to his efforts that each year one of



A. Wyżykowska

A. Wyżykowska, T. Jamróz and E. Kamińska in front of the Polish Embassy in Tokyo



A. Wyżykowska

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

our students can apply for a prestigious Jasso scholarship which covers a significant amount of living costs in Japan.

One of the most crucial events regarding the JU co-operation with Japanese universities was a meeting with Tomasz Jamróz at the Polish Embassy in Tokyo. The discussed topics included opportunities for Polish students and alumni to do internships at the Embassy for a period no longer than 3 months. Detailed information can be found on the website of the Embassy. Several JU students have already benefited from this scheme. We also talked about possible agreements with other Japanese higher education institutions, including Juntendo University, Tokyo, and Josai University, Sakado. First steps have already been taken as Dr Kamińska has discussed possible co-operation with these two universities. During the meeting we concluded – which was confirmed during our next meetings – that Poland and Polish higher education institutions are known very little in the whole of Japan. It was agreed that further promotional activities were needed in order to increase our visibility on the Japanese market. The Polish Embassy strongly supports and promotes mobility between Polish and Japanese universities within the government agreement that was signed in 1978. Within this programme, young Polish and Japanese researchers can spend up to one year in an institution of their choice.

When in Kyoto, the delegation visited three more universities. The first one was Ritsumeikan University. As there were no contacts between JU and this Japanese university, the visit was of an introductory character. After presenting our university, we expressed our strong interest in entering into partnership with Ritsumeikan University. Our possible collaboration would include joint research activities and student/staff exchange. At the end of the discussions it was agreed that both sides would take further steps in order to start collaboration.

Dr Kamińska paid a short visit to Doshisha University as she wanted to get to know this university's infrastructure, research



Ritsumeikan University, in the middle: Daisuke Hanamura from IRO

activities, programmes and premises. Hopefully, the Jagiellonian University will initiate collaboration with Doshisha University.

Last, but not least, we visited Kyoto University. A Memorandum of Understanding between our universities was signed in 2013. However, no activities have taken place so far. Therefore, the starting point of our discussions with the representatives of Kyoto University was programmes for student and staff exchange, and research collaboration. The representatives of Kyoto University expressed their strong interest in these activities. Then we had a chance to see the campus and student/staff halls of residence where international guests can also stay.



A. Wyżykowska

A visit to Kyoto University.

From left: E. Kamińska, T. Uemura and A. Wyżykowska

Our visit to Japan made us aware that Japanese universities focus very much on the process of internationalisation, which is a very important step for the development of interdisciplinary research on the global level. Japan is truly a land where science blossoms.



A. Wyżykowska

My staff mobility for training in Barcelona

Maria Kantor

International Relations Office

Within the framework of Erasmus+ Programme for training, I participated in an international staff training organised by the International Relations Office of the University of Barcelona on 18-22 April 2016. Together with five other participants I had the possibility to get to know the University of Barcelona (UB), first of all its strategy of internationalisation.

Let me first give some facts about the University of Barcelona. Founded in 1450, it is one of the largest universities in Spain: six campuses, 18 faculties and 8 affiliated centres, 910 undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate courses, ca. 65,000 students (9,662 international students representing 122 nationalities), 5,311 teaching and research staff (179 international teaching staff), 2,283 administrative and service staff, 2,856 agreements with universities and other institutions.

The overall objectives of my mobility for training at the University of Barcelona were learning by transfer of knowledge or know-how from the experiences and good practices of a partner institution, and thereby to acquire practical skills relevant for my current job and professional development. An added value of the mobility in the context of modernisation and internationalisation strategies of the institution involved was a better understanding of the strategy and forms of mobility realised at both institutions.

The participants of the training week were welcomed by Ms Elodia Guillamon from the UB Office of Mobility and International Programmes. She showed us the structure of the University of Barcelona. The presentations of her colleagues from different UB units, given throughout the week, concerned outbound and inbound mobility, financial management of Erasmus+, services for incoming teaching staff and researchers, the application form for outgoing students, recruitment of students, welcome programmes for visiting researchers and professors, UB internal calls for professors and Erasmus Mundus programmes conducted at UB.

On the last day of the training we met the Vice-Rector for International Policy Prof. Maria Callejón and Ms Esther Martra, Director of International Development. The presentation of the latter was of special interest as she talked about the system of higher education in Catalonia as well as the plans and strategies of the University of Barcelona, especially the process of merging faculties (ultimately UB will have 9 faculties), new graduate and summer courses, the University of Experience (i.e. the University of the Third Age) or the establishment of a vice-rectorate for international policy.

Additionally, we visited the Faculty of Medicine and talked to the Erasmus+ co-ordinator of this faculty about the possibility of signing an agreement between our universities. We also had a guided tour of the historical building of the University of Barcelona.

Part of the training was presentations given by the participants. I was asked to give an overview of the Jagiellonian University and a workshop on student mobility at JU, which was followed by a vivid discussion.

UB also organised a guided visit to the magnificent church in Barcelona: Sagrada Familia, designed by Antonio Gaudi, still under construction since 1882 (is expected to be completed in 2021).

Summing up, all my activities carried out at the University of Barcelona gave me a wider perspective on the ways and methods of internationalisation, international relations as well as staff and student mobility. I had the occasion to exchange ideas and views with international relations officers, which made me think of further collaboration with the University of Barcelona.

It is worth noting that JU started collaborating with UB in the 1987/88 academic year with the exchange of language teachers (Catalonian and Polish). At present, JU exchanges staff and students within 10 agreements with the University of Barcelona in the fields of linguistics, chemistry, pharmacy, sociology, psychology, philosophy, political science, history, law and mathematics.



Sagrada Familia



Participants and UB staff



M. Kantor presenting JU

M. Kantor



UB Faculty of Medicine



Dorota Maciejowska
International Relations Office

Job shadowing can be one of the most efficient ways to get knowledge on best practices and the functioning of excellent European universities.

On 9–13 May 2016, within the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility, I had the opportunity to visit Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU). Of particular interest was the FAU Welcome Centre for International Researchers. As the JU International Relations Office aims to establishing a similar centre in the JU structure, I wanted to obtain information about all details regarding activities, formalities, structural solutions and indispensable measures to undertake in the nearest future.

The FAU Welcome Centre is the main service centre for international incoming researchers and doctoral candidates at FAU and its host departments. It is a part of the FAU Central Office for International Affairs. The staff consisting of six employees (two fulltime and four part-time) provide advice, information and support for guest researchers in preparation for and throughout their stay. As one can read on the FAU website, 'Our team works closely with organisations within and outside of FAU to ensure all guest researchers benefit from co-ordinated services and feel welcome at FAU. In 2010, our service was selected by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation as the best practice model.'

Meetings and discussions with all members of the team made me understand how to establish professional services for all JU international guests, not only researchers but also those who visit

Individual Erasmus+ Staff Training Week in Erlangen-Nürnberg

our university within visiting professor programme, bilateral exchange, Erasmus+ staff mobility and other projects as well as individual visits of academics or administrative officers.

Since 2010 there has been a stable increase of international guests arriving at the Jagiellonian University. In 2015, JU hosted 4,955 people (the number does not include visits to Collegium Medicum). The major aims of the short and long term visits were: participation in conferences, congresses and seminars (56 %), research (36%), teaching (5%) and undergoing various forms of training (3%).

Currently, professional incoming services for international researchers and academics have become a key element to attract 'high potentials.' The JU Welcome Centre will serve as an initial point of contact and will offer a range of tailored welcome services before the arrival of guests, during their stay and after their departure. The services would include:

- immigration formalities,
- help to prepare all types of official paperwork,
- finding accommodation,
- university services and systems (USOS, PI, classrooms reservation and other),
- family services (childcare/schools),
- orientation to JU and its facilities,
- social programme (getting to know the university's tradition – a visit to Collegium Maius, meetings with other visiting staff at JU to mix and mingle, a campus tour, visits to JU units according to the wishes of our guests, exploring the city – tourist advice).

Thanks to the visit to FAU, I have realised that exchange programmes and good partnership are truly beneficial for the international development of universities, including that of non-academic staff. By assisting our colleagues from partner universities in their everyday work, discussing problems and challenges that our universities are facing nowadays, we can help one another build and develop our universities – making them genuinely international and pluralistic in regard to language, culture, views and activities.

During my stay in Erlangen I had a 'personal' tutor – an officer responsible for the schedule of my stay. I had the pleasure to co-operate with Bianca Köngden, who is co-ordinating all the Erasmus+ Programme at FAU. She was extremely helpful. I could count on her assistance during my whole stay.

Elżbieta Kocur, one of the FAU Welcome Centre team members, was not only my expert in the issues related to the Welcome Centre but also took care of the cultural and personal aspects of my stay at FAU. As a professional welcome centre service provider she helped me adjust to the German way of working and spending free time.

I am also grateful to Dr Brigitte Perlick, the Director of the Central Office for International Affairs, for giving me very inspiring information on the process of internationalisation of FAU and its new strategy of internationalisation. My time in Erlangen was exceptionally fruitful and hopefully, a JU Welcome Centre will be shortly opened.



JOB SHADOWING – A ONE MONTH STAY AT JU

Carmela Gioia
University of Siena

Within the framework of Erasmus+ Programme for training, the University of Siena has decided to give grants to six administrative officers for one-month mobility in the 2015-16 academic year. I am one of the selected candidates. I applied to conduct my training at the Jagiellonian University, and going there I felt like an ambassador of my university.

The University of Siena is one of the oldest universities in the world, founded in 1240. Located in the heart of the Region of Tuscany, famous for its vineyards, olive groves and historic sites, the university has 15 departments, 17,000 students, 900 academic staff and 800 administrative staff. Teaching and research activities cover a wide range of topics (Biotechnology, Economics, Engineering, Humanities, Law, Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences, Medicine and Surgery, Pharmacy, Political Science).

I am a research support advisor for the Department Inter-Institutional Integrated (DIPINT), dealing with the development of European research projects, partnership and proposal development.

My Erasmus+ training takes place from 30 May to 1 July 2016. It aims at supporting individual mobility, sharing knowledge, strengthening the existing networks and fostering collaboration between JU and the University of Siena.

As it is my last day of the training, it is the right time to reflect on my activities at JU and make some conclusions.

My training was organised by Izabela Zawiska and Dorota Maciejowska from the JU International Relations Office. On my first day, Dorota, Head of the JU IRO, welcomed and introduced me to the IRO's officers. She also presented the IRO's structure, tasks and responsibilities. On that day I also visited some buildings of the Jagiellonian University.

During my 33-day stay at JU, my main activities were meetings in different units, discussions, exchange of experience,

networking, participation in several workshops and job shadowing activities in the IRO.

I met colleagues from the following JU units: International Student Mobility Office, Careers Services, Disability Support Service, Project Administrative Support Centre, Centre for Technology Transfer, Teaching Quality Assessment Team Manager and Research Support Office of Medical College. I also met the Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs Prof. Andrzej Mania, the JU Rector's Proxy for International Relations Prof. Zdzisław Mach and the Rector's Proxy for Student Safety and Security Ms Katarzyna Jurzak-Mączka.



C. Gioia at the JU new campus

Let me mention some of the meetings with my colleagues from JU. Michał Maleszka, Project Administrative Support Centre, presented me the structure and services offered by his office – financial procedures, IT tools used, reporting and audits. Then I had the possibility to discuss issues related to EU projects with Katarzyna Kubica-Oroń and Anna Dobranowska. They shared their ways to disseminate information about the European Union policy and funding opportunities among researchers, such as newsletters, direct

mailing, info sessions, etc. The meeting also focused on the European Research Council programmes and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions supporting the pre-award stage and encouraging potential fellows. The Project Administrative Support Centre provides information for potential Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellows and offers them workshops on writing applications as well as guides them through the application forms.

For my side I had the possibility to promote the Expression of Interest Excellent Science Marie Skłodowska-Curie-Individual Fellowships 2016 to be realised at the University of Siena. Five professors from my university, representing different research fields, would gladly host post-doctoral JU researchers in the framework of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Programme. My colleagues and I have been trying to disseminate these options for JU researchers in some specific fields of research.

Furthermore, I conducted fruitful discussions with the members of the Office for Research and International Relations, JU Medical College, in particular with Jolanta Palowska and Katarzyna Gubernat. After they had presented me the structure and activities of their unit, we discussed the JU CM successful projects within Horizon 2020, IMI Programme and the Third Health Programme: rules and regulations, support in writing reports, exchanging experience, approaches and tools used in the area of administrative project support. Moreover, they showed me their administrative templates used as a reference document for proposal.

Thanks to the meeting with Iwona Brzozowska, Project Administrative Support Centre, I had the opportunity to share and learn about examples of good practices from the FP7 projects (both in project preparation and implementation). I will definitely try to apply the identified good practices in Horizon 2020 at my university in Siena.

An added value for me was the meeting with Katarzyna Jurzak-Mączka, Rector's Proxy for Student Safety and Security, who manages two successful EU projects



C. Gioia and D. Maciejowska

(‘Just & Safer Cities for All’ and GENERA). She has extensive practical knowledge about project management. We were discussing and comparing duties related to the realisation of these two projects. We also considered possible collaboration in different project proposals between the University of Siena and JU, and exchange of information.

It was interesting to learn about SET – Society Environment Technologies, a project realised within the Human Capital Operational Programme concerning interdisciplinary doctoral studies. It was Kamil Mucha from the SET project office that spoke about the quality and internationalisation of the education of PhD students and junior academics, with particular attention paid to conducting interdisciplinary research work and research methodology.

All these visits were excellent opportunities to become familiar with professional administrators’ practices implemented at one of the best universities in Europe.

A special added value to my experience was the opportunity to network with other research administrators from 25 European universities during the Third Erasmus+ Staff Training Week entitled ‘JUst a Week,’ held at JU on 20-24 June 2016. The five-day programme consisted of plenary sessions, round tables, workshops, presentations and social events. During this week we could share our experiences and know-how. I have learnt a lot listening to talks of all the partner institutions. On the other hand, it was a great experience for me to help the JU IRO, organiser of the training, prepare various activities related to this event. In fact, I was part of their organising team.

What else? I visited the Disability Support Service, where I learnt good practices in the social dimension implemented in higher education. I was very impressed by the services providing professional support to students with mobility disabilities, blind and partially sighted students, deaf and hard of hearing, students with mental health problems and those with special learning difficulties. I am convinced that we can collaborate in some joint European projects. I am very grateful for Mr Ireneusz Bialek, Head of the Disability Support Service, for his hospitality and openness in sharing his experiences.

Of special interest for me was the Education Quality Week, organised by the Teaching Quality Assessment Office, as an annual event supporting quality development at the Jagiellonian University. There is no event of this kind at the University of Siena so I found it

very interesting. It would be good if our administrative staff, PhD candidates and students could participate in a similar event.

As far as relationships with business are concerned, I had a meeting with Krystian Gurba, Deputy Director of the Centre for Technology Transfer (CITTRU), who presented the mission of the office, i.e. to promote and support technology transfer between university, industry and society through managing research collaboration, IPR and spin-offs as well as providing incubation instruments. A very positive choice was involving brokers with specific expertise in specific scientific field. Most people working in CITTRU hold a doctor’s degree and have had some scientific background and professional experience. Thus they supervise research from ideas to practice.

I spent a lot of time with Dorota Maciejowska who speaks excellent Italian. I value my discussions with her on strategic partnerships, internationalisation and building networks, which I will most certainly share with my colleagues in Siena as good examples of internationalisation.

Furthermore, I met a group of 20 representatives from various American universities who came to JU within ‘Study Tour Programme.’ I also met a delegation of Hong Kong Polytechnic University who visited the JU Faculty of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Biotechnology. Finally, I participated in the IROs Forum organised in Kraków. It was a two day event



Fireworks at the Wawel Castle on St. John's Eve

COIMBRA GROUP

General Assembly in Poitiers

dedicated to an increase of the efficiency of international co-operation at Polish universities. It was interesting for me to talk to representatives of all the main Polish universities.

My Erasmus+ training at JU has given me numerous opportunities to broaden my professional network and knowledge. What I appreciate is talking to colleagues, sharing experiences and discussing the most common issues related to our jobs. Now I can identify, transfer and strengthen some best practises concerning research administration.

My stay in Kraków is an incredible opportunity to experience the culture and academic atmosphere of one of the most beautiful European cities. I spent all my free time walking and sightseeing the city, trying to know everything about it. I have spent hours strolling along park lanes that ring the city centre. Kraków has a magnificent historic centre, preserved from the Middle Ages, not to mention its crazy nightlife, good food, and friendly citizens. I have enjoyed all I have done and seen here. I love the old Wawel Royal Castle.

Additionally, I was able to experience art. I saw the exhibition 'Maria. Mater Misericordiae' organised as part of the World Youth Day Kraków 2016 and the Jubilee of Mercy. I participated in the event 'Touching the culture' organised by the Disability Support Service. I took part in all of the cultural events organised during the Erasmus Week: guided visit to the former Jewish district, visit to the Wawel Castle, to the Jagiellonian University museum and new campus. I also visited some expositions of the Kraków Photo Fringe Slideshow 2016 and attended many concerts of baroque, classical and jazz music.

On the last day of my stay here I can only say: I will miss Kraków! I will miss all the colleagues from the JU IRO! I would like to express my gratitude to each of the JU personnel that I met during my stay. Their warm reception and guidance were crucial for the successful completion of my Erasmus+ training. Special thanks to IRO – my host at JU – for their willingness to assist and help me. My job shadowing was excellent.

Arrivederci!

Tutte le strade portano a Cracovia!

Dorota Maciejowska
International Relations Office

The Jagiellonian University, as a member of numerous international networks, is particularly involved in activities of the Coimbra Group (CG). It is one of the most important partnerships for JU as for the visibility and impact of the Group on decision-making processes of EU institutions responsible for the creation of the European Higher Education Area.

The CG unites 38 member universities within a wide variety of activities dedicated to the development and innovation in higher education. All member universities represent the long-established European multidisciplinary universities of high international standard. The main value of CG is its elitist character that distinguishes the network from other larger groups, for instance the European Universities Association (EUA), where the process of decision-making and involvement of university representatives in activities at various levels is limited, or from smaller, less influential associations.

On 7-10 June 2016, the Coimbra Group member universities gathered during the 31st General Assembly held at the University of Poitiers in France. Out of 38 member universities 32 were present. Half of them had a strong representation that was very active in almost all the tasks of 11 working groups. It is worth mentioning that the universities of Central and Eastern Europe, e.g. Vilnius University, Iasi University, the University of Tartu, Charles University or Eötvös Loránd University are very active members of CG, which confirms the strong determination of these countries to influence the European educational policy and develop best practice through the mutual exchange of experience.

For JU, the membership in CG is relevant particularly for the possibility of lobbying and influencing the process of decision-making by the EU structures, having access to first-hand information and the possibility of consulting common problems, undertaking joint initiatives and taking decisions at the level of prominent partner universities.

This year the JU delegation for the General Assembly consisted of six representatives. All of them were involved in various CG activities, some participated in the meetings of more than one working group.

The General Assembly allows university representatives to be active not only in their working groups but also meet members of other working groups. They can also discuss many current issues with the Executive Board.

The JU representatives managed not only to broaden and deepen their contacts with partner universities but first of all undertook many important activities that would have an important impact on the development of the Jagiellonian University. Let me mention just a few:

- JU academic staff can participate in the seminar on interdisciplinary research, combining social and human studies as well as sciences and life sciences, to be held at Turku University in September 2016;
- new possibilities of co-operation between the JU Faculty of Chemistry and the Faculty of Physics, Astronomy and Applied Computer Science with the University of Poitiers – the research teams of 'Green Chemistry' laboratories;
- Possibility of new research projects with the University of Pavia (e.g. a joint Erasmus+ project on e-learning in the field of medical studies for Central Asia);
- Initiative concerning the elaboration of common emergency policies of CG universities, i.e. a list of best practices promoting proper reactions of university employees in the situation of danger, terror, accidents and other natural disasters;



- Possibility of participation in a joint seminar on the Erasmus+ Programme KA107, hosted by the University of Padova in November 2016, with the participation of EC members and Erasmus National Agencies – postulates of introducing some modification in the Erasmus+ policy, which makes it difficult to realise the programme; the seminar will be also dedicated to intercultural competencies of outgoing students and staff;
- Joint seminar on internships and placements at universities planned in Siena for May 2017, aiming at improving the quality of managing the placements process and developing internal networks of co-operation between CG universities and inside the university structures;
- Initiative to prepare a joint project on intercultural competencies development at universities within the Erasmus+ Programme KA2 strategic partnership – exchange of best practices;
- 'Education Innovation' Working Group accepted to the next level three best didactic practices of JU, among six applying to become the best practices of CG:
 - Educational Cloud of Małopolska as a good example of effective co-operation between schools and universities,
 - initiatives of the JU Disability Support Service referring to students with mental problems,

- creation of the database of test questions by students as an example of collaborative learning by using e-learning platform (courses conducted at the JU Institute of American Studies and Polish Diaspora),
- a new team was appointed to prepare a publication on learning spaces at universities (innovative use of technology, arrangement of interiors, botanical gardens, virtual platforms, etc.) serving as a didactic tool.

Last year the structure of the Coimbra Group was transformed. Currently, it comprises:

- Executive Board (7 representatives)
- Rectors' Advisory Group (6 representatives)
- 11 Working Groups (JU has appointed 10 representatives in Research Support Officers, Social Science & Humanities, Life Sciences, Academic Exchange and Mobility, Doctoral Studies, Education Innovation, Employability, Development Co-operation, Heritage, Latin America).

The new CG structure gives JU a great opportunity to be involved in important activities, especially joint research and educational projects, to get 'know how' in current and relevant for the university issues at both academic and administrative level, and to promote JU in the EU structures.

The next 2017 Coimbra Group General Assembly will take place at the University of Edinburgh on 7-9 June.

Aleksandra Szklarzewicz

International Student Mobility Office

This year the 12th annual ERASMUS+ CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION – ERACON 2016, organised by the European Association of Erasmus+ Co-ordinators (EAEC), took place in Thessaloniki, Greece, on 10–13 May. It gathered 390 participants: co-ordinators, placement and internships managers, career officers, researchers and professionals with an interest in the Erasmus+ Programme and belonging either to the academic or business world, mostly from EU countries and from Canada, Columbia, Georgia, Iran, Jordan and Lebanon. They gave presentations and submitted written papers on their experiences in areas related to the Erasmus+ Programme.

The congress ran in parallel with a two stage exhibition, the Go-Exchange Education Fair, during which each university provided information on the programmes offered and arrangements for academic and student mobility as well as Erasmus+ student placements and staff training opportunities. Thus the fair served as a basis for the development of co-operation between the EU and non-EU universities.

The Jagiellonian University was represented by Aleksandra Szklarzewicz, and Krzysztof Byrski from the International Students Mobility Office. Both of us are responsible for incoming Erasmus+ students and other incoming exchange students as well as promotion and information about JU exchange.

During the opening ceremony, President of the European Association of Erasmus Co-ordinators and Chair of the Congress Dr Gregoris A. Makrides welcomed all the invited guests. Then the host of the congress, Prof. Pericles Mitkas, Rector of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, greeted all the gathered participants. The opening ceremony was followed by a dinner reception with an interesting music programme and performance of the Choir of the Greek Association for Musical Education.

The following day was filled with various sessions and Go-Exchange



A meeting of the Academic Exchange and Mobility Group

ERASMUS+ CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION 2016 in Thessaloniki

Fair Groups. Some sessions focused on the ERACON tools for the conversion of grades in Europe, which would enable universities to recognise marks obtained by their students. On behalf of the Jagiellonian University I had the opportunity to present the social dimension of the Erasmus+ exchange and the ways of its promotion at our university. My presentation showed the impact of the social aspect of the exchange on the overall evaluation of the study abroad period. It aroused great interest and was appreciated since the hall was full of coordinators who asked questions.

On Thursday, we took part in workshops conducted by Mr Valère Meus (Ghent University, Belgium) and Mr Anthony Vickers (University of Essex, UK). They presented the idea of eliminating paperwork from the Erasmus+ exchange, a dream that can probably be fulfilled.

At the same time, the Erasmus Go-Exchange Education Fair was held at the Grand Palace Hotel. The majority of the participating universities had their stalls and so did the Jagiellonian University. The fair was an ideal opportunity to promote our university and attract prospective foreign partners.

Additionally, during the fair we had the chance to meet the Erasmus+ coordinators from our partner universities and discuss many important issues related to the Erasmus+ exchange. As the European Commission was represented at the Congress by its policy assistants the participants could directly enquire about the future of the Erasmus+ Programme.

One of the most interesting workshops held on Friday was conducted by Mr Tomas Lorenzana de la Varga (University of Almeria, Spain). It was entitled 'New Trends in Internationalisation: the plurilingualism promotion plan at the University of Almeria.' He focused on the idea of promoting plurilingualism in Spain since many Spanish citizens are also speakers of Catalan and Basque. Moreover, the speaker presented a strategy that aims at promoting plurilingualism in Europe. According to this strategy it should be a standard in the future that all Europeans should be able to speak at least two foreign languages apart from their mother tongue.

Another interesting presentation was given by Ms Safi Sabuni, President of the Erasmus Student Network, entitled 'How international-friendly is your



K. Byrski

A. Szklarzewicz

university?' Her talk was valuable since it was prepared on the basis of the latest ESN survey. The focus of the survey was on the accompanying measures for Erasmus, the local integration of students at their host universities, the economic impact of Erasmus on society and the satisfaction of international students with student associations. What was interesting for me, was that students stated that they would appreciate career advice at their home universities after their study abroad periods have been completed.

Our participation in the Erasmus+ Congress and Exhibition was very fruitful. On the one hand, ERACON is one of the most important educational events in Europe. We had the chance to learn more about the future of the Erasmus+ exchange and possibilities of its development and promotion. The workshops and presentations showed us different dimensions of the Erasmus+ exchange. On the other hand, we could meet and talk to our partners – coordinators with whom we collaborate on a daily basis.



K. Byrski

One of the plenary sessions

Alina Ozerianska

Department of Communications
and Marketing

Much like in the previous years, representatives of the JU Department of Communications and Marketing (DCM) took part in various international education fairs and accompanying events organised in 2016 by the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education and the PERSPEKTYWY Education Foundation. Thus we were able to promote the Jagiellonian University in such countries as Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Portugal.

Education fair in Minsk

On 11-13 February 2016, we promoted our university at the international education fair 'Obrazovanie i kariera' in Minsk, Belarus, within the framework of 'Study in Poland.' We were overjoyed as the education offer presented at the Polish stands, particularly at the stand of the Jagiellonian University, attracted much attention from potential candidates. Moreover, during the accompanying events, representatives of Polish higher education institutions met the delegates from the Polish Consulate General in Minsk and from different Polish diaspora associations. It is worth continuing promotional activities in Belarus since the number of Belarusian students in Poland is increasing steadily. Currently, they are the second largest group of foreign students at the Jagiellonian University.

Education fair in Tbilisi

We also took part in the 6th edition of the international education fair in Tbilisi, Georgia, within the framework of the 'Ready, Study, Go! Poland' (18–19 February 2016). The Polish delegation received support from Georgian volunteers from the Academy for Peace and Development. Young Georgians are becoming more and more interested in studying abroad. According to the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education, they are one of the most dynamically developing foreign student groups in Poland. Before the fair, there was a meeting of representatives of the Polish and Georgian higher education institutions, which featured universities such as the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, the Caucasus International University and the Ilia State University. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss co-operation, both at university and faculty level.

FUTURALIA in Lisbon

The next event on our schedule was FUTURALIA 2016, an international education fair held in Lisbon on 16–19 March, which we attended within the framework of 'Study in Poland.' Those who visited the fair were also interested in studying in Poland, with particular emphasis on studying in English and taking advantage of our student mobility programmes. They were enticed by the variety of the JU offer as well as the high level of education and friendliness of staff and students, about which they had heard from their peers – participants of exchange



A. Ozerianska, P. Zajdel,
M. Ganobis-Bednarska in Almaty

schemes. Another important fact for young Portuguese people was the relatively low cost of living in Poland as compared with other EU countries.

In order to discuss possible future co-operation, the representatives of the Polish higher education institutions met their counterparts from leading, prestigious Portuguese universities, such as Universidade Nova de Lisboa, the University of Lisbon and the Catholic University of Portugal. It is worth noting that the JU Institute of European Studies has already formed a consortium with the latter institution, the result of which is a double degree programme in the field of European Studies. Our visit to Lisbon made us aware that we should continue promoting the Jagiellonian University on the Portuguese education market.

Fairs in Ukraine

We could not miss the international fairs in Lviv and Kiev ('Study in Poland') and Ternopil (organised by the Polish Consulate in Lutsk), which took place in April. Participation in Ukrainian fairs is the staple of our promotional activities outside of Poland. The number of Ukrainian students in Poland is increasing rapidly as a result of long-term marketing campaigns of Polish universities as well as the unstable political and economic situation in Ukraine. Currently, there are over 800 Ukrainians studying at the Jagiellonian University.

Each year, during educational fairs held in Ukrainian cities, the Jagiellonian University stand attracts a large number of potential candidates, both native



J. Chodór and A. Ozerianska in Tbilisi

Ukrainians and those with Polish background. As our university is well-known amongst young Ukrainians, we frequently hold in-depth discussions with potential candidates and their parents, explaining details concerning admissions and study programmes. In the last several years, prospective Ukrainian students were interested chiefly in the humanities, but nowadays they are also interested in sciences and medicine.

Fair in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

In April, we went to two Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan) to participate in fairs organised by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. On 7–9 April, we promoted the Jagiellonian University in Almaty (Kazakhstan) during the Kazakhstan International Exhibition Education and Career fair, where we encountered a sizeable group of people interested in studying both in Polish and English.

One of the key elements of this trip was meetings with authorities and academic staff of several higher education institutions in Almaty and Tashkent, including the Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty Management University, the National University of Uzbekistan and Tashkent State University of Economics. During the meetings we discussed student and staff mobility as well as joint research projects. In both cities, meetings with young people of Polish descent were also organised, during which we presented diverse study programmes offered by the Jagiellonian University. Furthermore, we had the



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A meeting at Tashkent State University of Economics

opportunity to meet Polish diplomats and discuss the potential for increased collaboration with local partners.

The Jagiellonian University will continue to broaden the scope of its promotional activity – we hope to participate in educational fairs not only in the previously mentioned countries, but also in the Americas and Far East.

Participation in international fairs, developing co-operation with higher

education institutions from around the world, student mobility, social media campaigns and education-related websites are crucial elements of the Jagiellonian University's marketing strategy. It is these activities that help build our image on foreign education markets. This, in turn, leads to an increase in interest in the university's academic offer, which causes an influx of foreign students and fosters internationalisation.



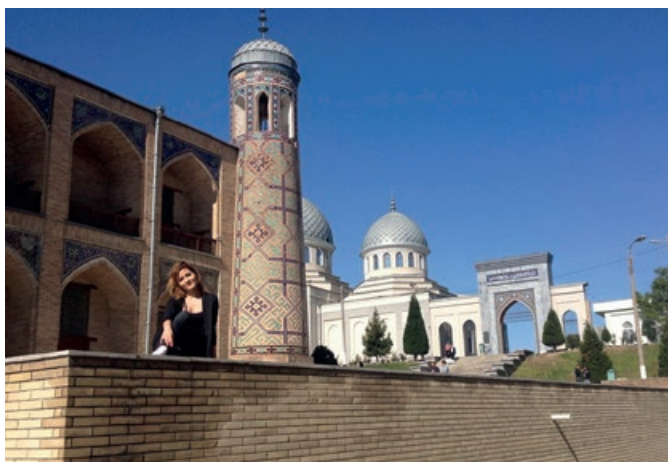
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Education fair in Almaty



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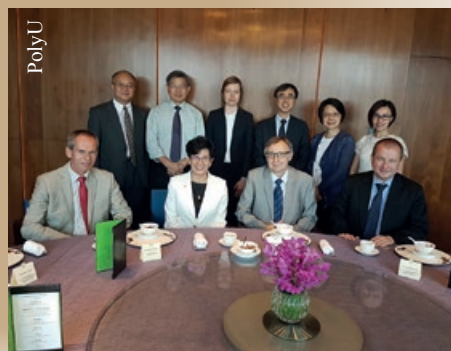
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Visiting the PolyU campus



A. Yuan and W. Nowak



A meeting at PolyU

NEW COLLABORATION WITH HONG KONG

Małgorzata Osińska
Institute of the Middle and Far East

On 19-22 June 2016, a Jagiellonian University delegation paid a visit to Hong Kong. The delegation consisted of the JU Rector Prof. Wojciech Nowak, Prof. Adam W. Jelonek, Head of the Institute of the Middle and Far East (former Polish Ambassador to Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines) and Małgorzata Osińska.

The aim of our visit was to intensify the scientific-academic relations between JU and universities in Hong Kong as well as to identify new dimensions and fields of collaboration. Additionally, we were to take part in the celebrations of the 25th Anniversary of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), one of the best Asian universities.

The last event was the first point of our visit. It began with a ceremonial gala commemorating the short but quite successful history of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. The gala was attended by several dozen rectors and presidents from various world institutions of higher education, numerous scholars and scientists as well as the authorities of Hong Kong.

The next day, the JU delegation participated in an extremely interesting congress 'Times Higher Education Summit,' during which leading representatives of the world of science from different continents discussed contemporary problems and challenges that higher education faces worldwide. On the same day we met the authorities of HKUST, including its President Prof. Tony F. Chan, Vice-President Dr Eden Woon and the Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science Prof. James Lee. During the meeting Rector Nowak and President Chan signed an academic co-operation agreement between our universities.

Then the JU delegation went to the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU). We met the PolyU Vice-President Prof. Angelina Yuan and the representatives of PolyU who had visited Kraków and the Jagiellonian University

several days before. These were Vice-President Prof. Kwok-yin Wong, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Prof. H.C. Man and the Head of the Department of Land Surveying of Geo-Informatics Prof. Xiao-li Ding as well as Ivy Leung, who is responsible for promoting and organising cultural events, and Wynne Wong from the International Relations Office.

Both universities agreed to point particular directions and possible areas of joint activities. They also referred to collaboration within the framework of the Chinese programme 'One Belt, One Road' – development strategy and framework focusing on connectivity and co-operation among countries, primarily between China and the rest of Eurasia.

Another topic of discussion was a joint MBA programme. The topic was initiated by Prof. Jelonek and I during our meeting with the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Business Dr Pun-Zee Pamsy Hui. After fruitful talks we were taken to the PolyU campus where we were extremely impressed by the building of the School of Design designed by the famous architect Zaha Hadid.

On our last day of visit we went to Macau where we met the Rector of the University of Macau Prof. Wei Zhao and Prof. Da Hsuan Feng, Special Advisor to the Rector. We discussed the possibilities of entering into partnership, focusing on the aforementioned initiative 'One Belt, One Road.' In turn, during a meeting with the representatives of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Macau, represented by respectively Prof. Timothy A. Simpson and Prof. Jianguo Shi, both parties talked about collaboration between particular university units as well as presented the history, latest research and achievements of their universities.

It is worth noting that all the ceremonies and meetings of the JU delegation were supported by the General Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Hong Kong. Our gratitude and thanks should be directed to Consul General Mr Mirosław Adamczyk, who contributed to the success of our visit to Hong Kong.



BOAT RACE ON THE VISTULA

There were also accompanying events: a show of traditional karate, possibility to use a rowing machine, machine used to simulate the action of watercraft rowing, and a collection for St Lazarus Hospice in Kraków.

This year the JU Rector's Cup went to the men's team of Wrocław University of Technology.



M. Kantor



A. Wojnar

Women's team of the JU Collegium Medicum

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On a rainy day, 14 May 2016, the Sixth University Boat Race was held on the Vistula River, the winding trail of the river at the Wawel castle, within the celebrations of the University Foundation Day.

Eight men's and four women's rowing boats contested in the Grand Regatta. They included teams from the University of Warsaw, the AGH Technical University of Kraków, Wrocław University of Technology, the University of Wrocław and Jagiellonian University.

The Jagiellonian University placed four boats in the competition: two representing the three faculties of Collegium Medicum and the other two representing the remaining 12 faculties. The winner in women's races was the team of the JU Collegium Medicum, second – the JU team. It is worth knowing that the members of the Collegium Medicum teams included international students.



M. Kantor

TIME AND SPACE

16TH FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE

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The 16th Festival of Science in Kraków was dedicated to time and space, its patron being the outstanding philosopher and writer of science fiction literature Stanisław Lem.

The Festival was traditionally held in the Market Square, where a tent campus was located on 19-21 May 2016. The medical presentations took place in the courtyard and buildings of the JU Collegium Medicum. The main aim of the Festival of Science is the promotion of knowledge and science. As usual this edition of the festival drew several thousand people, both young and old, who wanted to see the presentations of 14 participating institutions, including 10 institutions of higher education.

The festival abounded in various attractions: lectures, panel discussions, experiments, presentations and artistic performances depicting this year's motto 'Time and Space.'

For three days the JU faculties tried to do their best to attract young and old people, proving that science could be fascinating. This year the JU Faculty of Chemistry showed experiments: controlling the speed of chemical reactions, testing water hardness or explaining the colours of fireworks. The Faculty of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Biotechnology showed how biochemists overcome limitations. They spoke about mini, macro and nano spaces; the chemistry of time; the life time as well as enzymes and bacteria. How to measure time and space was explained by students of physics, while the principles of observation of the planets and stars were given by students of astronomy.

Different units of the Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences discussed problems related to plants, minerals, hormones, insects, fungi, biological cells as well as trees and clouds. Various contests concerning the world, history, politics, flags, international and security spaces, literature and films, UNESCO

monuments were organised by students from the Faculty of International and Political Studies. Moreover, lessons of Middle East and Far East languages, games, dances as well as shows of making Arab and Japanese make-up were given by students from the Institute of the Middle and Far East. There were also presentations of issues concerning the humanities. The Faculty of Polish Studies organised workshops on Stanisław Lem's works and films based on his novels.

The remaining JU faculties involved the audience in numerous quizzes, tests (reaction, perception, identification), board games, and made them draw, sing and dance. In a word, everyone could experience different dimensions of time and space.

Those that were hungry for artistic impressions could watch the performances of students' orchestras, choirs, folk groups, cabarets as well as concerts of classical and pop music, dance groups, and take part in sportive events. Those that were hungry for knowledge could listen to scientific lectures and attend seminars.



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