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EDITORIAL

Dear international partners, Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra has been successfully developing its international activities, contacts and relationships also in 2018-2019 academic year. The main emphasis was on students and teachers mobilities under the Erasmus+ KA103 and KA107 scheme. Students and staff were sent to Programme countries and our university also hosted incoming Erasmus students and staff from abroad. The University has continued to develop its international cooperation by implementing the project 'Enhancing the quality of higher education through internationalization' within which the international environment of the university enriched lectures given by Professor Gary Slater (University of Ottawa), Professor Abraham Khan. Dr. h.c. (University of Toronto), or Dr Zdeněk Bohm (Technical University of Liberec). Moreover, teachers and students from the Faculty of Natural Sciences had the opportunity to participate in the Erasmus+ IncluSMe project.

We are delighted and proud of the fact that 18 ambassadors and other representatives of embassies together with researchers and teachers from the university were part of a spectacular ceremony opening the academic year 2018/2019.

During the academic year, several ambassadors to Slovakia paid visits to our university. They met university representatives and gave lectures to students and teachers. Moreover, they helped with contacting universities in their respective countries which led to the signing of new bilateral agreements. International cooperation of the university has significantly expanded with universities without previous bilateral agreements (since July 1, 2018) in Argentina, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Chile, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Iran, Montenegro, Tajikistan, the Republic of North Macedonia, the U.S.A, Uruguay and Uzbekistan. New bilateral agreements have been signed with Universities in the Czech Republic, China, Mexico, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine.

One of the most successful project at the Faculty of Education is Erasmus+ project 'Developing Trans-regional Informational Literacy for Lifelong Learning and the Knowledge Economy [DIREKT]' with universities in five countries which is coordinated by the Department of Language Pedagogy and Intercultural Studies. The project's main objective is to develop and improve tertiary education-

al programmes and to develop students' informational literacy and academic writing in English. Successful cooperation of the Faculty of Education has been developed with the University of Kragujevac (Serbia) and with universities in Georgia, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan.

The Faculty of Natural Sciences is currently involved in the Erasmus+ project MoMaTrE coordinated by J. W. Goethe University in Germany and it organized a project meeting in Nitra. A new important achievement of the Faculty in the field of science is its involvement in the Horizon 2020 titled Socioeconomic and cultural transformations in the context of the fourth industrial revolution in cooperation with 15 countries representatives. It has also developed closer cooperation with universities in Georgia and the Czech Republic, and cooperation with universities in China, Chile and Argentina is in progress.

Teachers and students from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care actively participated in the International University Week 2019 at St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences (Austria) and in České Budějovice (Czech Republic) within SocNet98 – the European Network of Universities of Social Work. They also took part in International Student Days in Psychology at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. Labor Socialis – an annual conference organized by the Department of Social Work and Social Sciences, reflecting current social issues related to social work, is just one of the significant international events organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care.

The Faculty of Central European Studies presented teachers' and students' research at the international conference Granaslavic 2019 held in Granada, Spain, and the conference SGEM in Vienna, Austria. An international conference in Mojmirovce 'Literature and its Film Presentation in the Central European Context' represented another significant event for the Faculty of Central European Studies. The Faculty's international cooperation has successfully increased, notably with partner institutions in Central Europe, i.e. the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland.

The Faculty of Arts provided students from Bulgaria, Ireland, the Czech Republic, Ukraine and Russia with a spectacular intercultural workshop in May 2019. The Department of Romance Studies conducted another series of Hispanic Cul-



ture Days this year focusing on Chilean and Spanish culture. The Faculty of Arts takes great pride in Acta Kierkegaardiana – the 11-year-old project which runs in cooperation mainly with The University of Toronto, the University of Granada, Piedmont College and the University of Buenos Aires, gathering scientists and postgraduate students from more than 30 countries. Austria-Slovakia Summer School, celebrating its 20th anniversary, is one of the outstanding long-term activities of the faculty. The event links enthusiastic Austrian and Slovak students and academics who want to improve their language skills. This successful event was organized by the Department of German Studies in July 2019.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to all professors, ambassadors, colleagues and partners from international departments all over the world who have contributed to the significant development of Constantine the Philosopher University's international relations.

This year our university celebrates its 60th anniversary. We believe this jubilee year will allow us to enjoy the fruits of our labor. We also believe, that international relations of Constantine the Philosopher University will contribute to the increase of the university wide range of cooperation with international partners all over the world.

Martina Pavlíková,
Vice-Rector for International Relations

THE EXHIBITION REFLECTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE EMBASSY OF IRELAND

On February 4th 2019, the exhibition 'Strangers to Citizens' was officially opened at the students' dormitory at Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra. A great number of visitors were welcomed by the Ambassador of Ireland, H. E. Hilda Ó Riain, and the Rector of UKF, Prof. Libor Vozár.

Other distinguished guests and representatives of the University included the Emeritus Rector of the University, Dr. h. c. Prof. Daniel Kluvanec, the former mayor of Nitra, Assoc. Prof. Jozef Dvonč,

the former director of the DAB theatre in Nitra, Ján Greško, the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Assoc. Prof. Jana Duchovičová, the Vice-Rector for International Relations, Dr Martina Pavlíková, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care, Assoc. Prof. Rastislav Rosinský, the Vice-Dean for International Relations and Development at the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Bernard Garaj, and other academics.

The Ambassador of Ireland, H.E. Hilda Ó Riain, clarified the goal and content of the 'Strangers to Citizens' exhibition, which took place in Nitra as the





first town in Slovakia. This exhibition was conceived and developed under the auspices of 'The Irish in Europe Project' (based in NUI Maynooth) and the National Library of Ireland as part of the 'Louvain 400' celebrations in 2007. This travelling version of the exhibition - consisting of 21 pull-up posters - was developed and funded by the Depart-

ment of Foreign Affairs and Trade to mark Ireland's 2013 EU Presidency. The exhibition in Nitra was organized by the Embassy of Ireland in Bratislava, in cooperation with Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra.

According to the Ambassador, "the exhibition had toured about ten European countries and about 50 cities; most recently, it has been successfully presented in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Between the 4th and the 8th February 2019, the exhibition is open to the public at the student dormitory of UKF Nitra, particularly due to the excellent and long-standing cooperation between the Embassy of Ireland in Bratislava and the University. We believe that the exhibition will be interesting not only for students, but also for the general public. After Nitra, the exhibition is moving to Bratislava for one week and then to Vienna."

Visitors to the 'Strangers to Citizens' exhibition could learn about historical periods of the troubled country and adopt the main idea of the exhibition - migration for the Irish was highly positive.

"The Irish were leaving the country during the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries due to serious social, economic or religious problems. In the countries to which they migrated, they were able to create suitable backgrounds and positive relationships with the local people. By becoming experts, they started to talk more about Ireland, thus raising awareness of this country. Today, the Irish are all over the world, on every continent, but despite their flexibility and adapt-

ability, they still remain Irish with pride in their native land. And the exhibition also reflects this."

There is always a connection between Ireland and the countries, cities and people where the exhibition has toured to great success. H.E. Hilda Ó Riain adds smilingly, "honestly, the Irish are popular all over the world."

The Rector of the Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra, Prof. Libor Vozár, expressed his gratitude to the Embassy of Ireland for installing this traveling exhibition at UKF.

He says that "it is very important to strengthen mutual relations and contacts between Slovakia and Ireland, because Ireland is one of the English-speaking countries that has plenty of opportunities for our students studying English. The organization of the exhibition represents an important milestone in developing good relations between the University and the Embassy of Ireland."

The 'Strangers to Citizens' exhibition provided its visitors with a tiny booklet containing the texts of the posters translated from English into Slovak. The texts were translated by the first-year students of the Master's programme at the Department of Translation Studies at the Faculty of Arts, and the outputs were supervised by Dr Katarína Welnitzová.

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Media Department

INDONESIA: UNITY IN DIVERSITY



The exhibition by Pavol Demeš explains the peaceful coexistence among Indonesia's different ethnic and religious groups.

On the 24th April 2019, the ambassador of the Indonesian Republic, H.E. Adiyatwidi Adiwoso Asmady, visited Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra. The Rector, Prof. Libor Vozár, the Vice-Rector for International Relations, Dr Martina Pavlíková, and other UKF representatives welcomed Her Excellency along with the embassy representatives and other distinguished guests. They also welcomed Dr Pavol Demeš, an independent analyst for foreign affairs, the former minister for international relationships of the Slovak Republic, the assistant of the former president Michal Kováč and a civic activist who introduced himself as a photographer with the exhibition 'Indonesia: Unity in Diversity'. UKF in Nitra prepared the exhibition in cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Bratislava, Bratislava Culture and Information Centre and the organiser himself. Almost 60 photographs illustrate the atmosphere of peaceful coexistence of more than 300 ethnic groups with more than 700 languages and dialects and the six main religions practised in Indonesia.

A special relationship with Nitra

The Vice-Rector for International Relations, Dr Martina Pavlíková, welcomed the guests at the exhibition's opening ceremony. Ambassador H.E. Adiyatwidi Adiwoso, Rector Libor Vozár and photographer Pavol Demeš opened the exhibition with their speeches.

According to the Rector, the idea of an exhibition was devised by the Indonesian ambassador. "She suggested organising a photo exhibition by Pavol Demeš as one of the common activities. Taking into consideration the way the world exists at the present time, it's very positive that this exhibition demonstrates peaceful coexistence among different ethnic and religious groups in such a big country like Indonesia," explains Prof. Vozár. H.E. Adiyatwidi Adiwoso was pleased to take part in the exhibition's opening at UKF in Nitra. There is a special relationship between city of Nitra and Indonesia since



this country has been working together with the Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra for a long time and has started to cooperate with UKF as well. The ambassador expressed her gratitude and introduced her country and its values to the audience. "Our common national philosophy is called 'Pancasila' and it gives the basis to the whole Indonesia. Its idea 'Unity in Diversity' is incorporated also in its national emblem. In today's world, there are many issues which destroy harmony and peaceful coexistence. This ex-

hibition demonstrates that peace among nations is possible," says the ambassador Adiyatwidi Adiwoso.

Experienced tolerance

Pavol Demeš, the photographer, experienced religious, cultural and common human tolerance in Indonesia for himself. "We live in very tense times and tolerance among people from different cultures and religions is very important. The special coexistence of Islam and Christianity

will be of interest in Europe for a very long time. I think the model of multireligious Indonesia might also be inspiring for us as well," says Pavol Demeš.

At the end of the exhibition, the assistant secretary of the Indonesian embassy, Mr Dhanny Perkasa, and an Indonesian priest, Thomas Tulung, who has been working as a Catholic priest in Terchová (Slovakia) for 18 years, gave short speeches. Father Thomas accompanied Pavol Demeš during his stay in Indonesia.

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GEMOLOGISTS FROM UKF IN NITRA TESTED THE AUTHENTICITY OF PRECIOUS TREASURES

By cooperation in renovating unique jewellery set by Baroness Ulrika von Levetzow, Nitra's gemologists have won recognition from experts abroad.

a ring, earrings and a buckle made from gold and Czech jewels were displayed behind special glass.

The buckle contains the biggest Czech garnet in the world

The cooperation in renovating the jewels was a unique opportunity for the gemologists from UKF in Nitra. "According to the media, the jewel collection of Baroness Ulrika von Levetzow belongs to the ten most expensive and precious jewels in the Czech Republic. Some specialists say that the collection is in second place behind only the Czech coronation jewels," explains Dr Ján Štubňa from the Gemological Institute of UKF. Even though he has carried out several gemological analyses of the Czech garnets, he hasn't seen the jewel collection itself.

"These jewels are unique also in the world as they number 469 Czech garnets. The whole set of jewels is one of the biggest collections of this size. It took more than 200 years to collect such an amount of garnets," says Ján Štubňa. Baroness Ulrika inherited these jewels from her mother Amalia. They belonged to the family of František Jozef Klebelsberg, Ulrika's step-father. According to the known facts, the jewel set costs more than 10 million Czech crowns.

New garnets have been marked using a laser

Dr Radek Hanus, a respected and renowned Czech gemologist, invited experts from UKF to help with the renovation. There were seven garnets missing and needed to be added into the collection. Authorization to work with the



The Gemological Institute of the Faculty of Natural Sciences at UKF in Nitra headed by Assoc. Prof. Ludmila Illášová, has recently improved its international reputation by cooperating in renovating a unique jewel set of Baroness Ulrika von Levetzow, which is among the most precious treasures of the Czech Republic. Via this cooperation, the Institute earned rich experience, recognition and respect from experts in this field.

The precious renovated jewels were presented to the public and media on the 14th March 2019 under increased security. However, in the local museum and gallery in Most (the Czech Republic) they were only on display for two hours. Precious jewels such as a necklace, bracelets,





jewels is strictly controlled. The restorers needed gemstones of 7-8 mm, bigger than those which were available. So, the owner of the jewels – the local museum and gallery in Most – asked the owners of the private collections to provide them with garnets of appropriate size. Fortunately, they were able to buy them.

“Our role during renovating was to verify the authenticity of the seven purchased Czech garnets. I travelled to a private gemological laboratory close to Prague which has a very similar equipment as the Gemological Institute in Nitra. I analysed the seven garnets using common gemological methods, including spectroscopy. After my return, I wrote an expert report with the head of our institute, Assoc. Prof. Ľudmila Iláčová. We hereby confirm that these are genuine Czech garnets,” says Dr Štubňa.

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Media Department, photo: LB

SHE ESTABLISHED THE RENOWNED ORGAN FESTIVAL

Mária is a musician. She uses English daily, not only for communication but also while organising international festivals.



Dr Mária Magyarová-Plšeková is one of the most successful graduates of our university and belongs to the unique organ players not only in Nitra but also abroad. She established the festival Ars Organi Nitra (with many famous organists participating) and she has been its organiser for 12 years. She has also been organising the prestige organ festival ORGELHERBST Bruck/Leitha-Hainburg/Donau in Austria, the country which has become her second home after Slovakia.

Mária was always interested in music, so she decided to study piano and singing at art school. After that, she dedicated herself to the organ possibly because her grandfather was an organist in Nitra. After graduating her secondary grammar school, she began studying

at Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra and also at the Private conservatory of Dezider Kardoš in Topolčany. She studied at UKF in Nitra from 1996 to 2001, following the teacher training study programme of Music and English. She enjoyed studying languages ever since her childhood, she just needed to choose between English or German. "I don't regret my decision because it pushed me further forward in my career. My piano teacher, Assoc. Prof. Eva Strelková, suggested me to study at UKF in Nitra. She taught me a lot about music and I am grateful to her for everything," explains the successful university graduate.

"The second reason why I chose UKF and Nitra was the fact that I want-

ed to stay at home. I needed a background, a home environment to manage everything because of my 24/7 lifestyle. However, at the time I was applying for this study, the interviews for music education took two weeks and they were conducted by two commissions due to the high number of applicants. I won't even mention the hundreds of candidates for English language study."

She has happy memories of her studies at UKF, even though these were also hard years for her. "When my classmates were free, I had to practise the organ in church. At the same time, I played the organ in four churches in Nitra and I also headed the choir," explains Mária.

She enjoyed studying at UKF and learning something new. "I really enjoyed piano playing, music theory, history of music, music methodology, and choral singing even though I was interested in all disciplines. The study of English language and literature was difficult but interesting – from linguistic disciplines, through English methodology to English and American literature. Now, I can use the knowledge which I got at university. I am glad I could study at UKF in Nitra and to have the teachers I had," says Mária.

After the graduation ceremony, she left for England where she taught music for three years. In 2005, she came back to UKF to undertake her PhD study at the Department of Music. "England was the best experience I could have ever imagined. I was selected to teach music by one of the 20 best private schools in Great Britain via the programme HMC. After getting through the course about the British educational system, I came to Oakham School and started teaching the piano and music theory. Later on, my duties became greater," Mária talks about her memories of being abroad.

Apart from Great Britain, Mária has rich experiences from Austria as well – she studied at the University of Music and Performing Arts (Universität für Musik und Darstellende Kunst) in Vienna. While studying in Vienna under music teacher Prof. Martin Haselböck, she was (and currently still is) also teaching at the private conservatory in Nitra. Now, she works as a musician and uses English every day, not only for communication but also while organising international festivals. "I usually spend six days in Vienna and one day in Nitra. Whatever I do, I use the knowledge and experience that I gained during my studies," says Dr Mária Magyarová-Plšeková.

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Photo: courtesy of M.P.

THE STUDENTS WERE INSPIRED BY THEIR OWN PROJECTS

During the Week of Science and Technology at UKF in Nitra, students were addressed by a lecture on mobile applications marketing. They could test their computer skills in a caravan.



During the Week of Science and Technology, Roadshow presented by Google Caravan came to Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra. Our University was selected by Google Slovakia and the 'Grow with Google' initiative. The students were introduced to the digital world and opportunities in this field. They could also test their computer skills.

More than 100 students were present at the lectures by Peter Šíma, a Google Partners Trainer, and a Googler, Mária Takáčová. Peter Šíma discussed the issue of mobile applications marketing, the field he was active in during his time in America and Austria.

"Students were taught how to create their own mobile application. They were introduced to App Stores (stores with applications) and the way to use them - which strategies to choose in order to offer the application to as many people as possible," explains Peter Šíma. In his lecture, he introduced students to study op-

and the Google ambassadors welcomed the people in their interactive caravan at UKF's campus. They prepared plentiful advice, different tests, games and competitions for them. As Martina Sokolíková says she is pleased to organise Roadshow with Google caravan for the first time in Slovakia. This show provides education in the field of digital marketing, new skills, in-house projects, and new opportunities for start-ups and projects for students.

"Our region isn't developed enough in this area, there aren't so many accelerators and innovating centres for people with inspiring ideas," explains Martina. "Thus these treatments need to be popularized. I believe that we have inspired many students who can find their work in this field."



portunities, stay programmes and other forms of marketing education. The Googlers Martina Sokolíková, Mária Takáčová

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EXPERIENCING AN UNREPEATABLE ERASMUS STAY ABROAD

The biggest obstacle which can destroy students' plans to experience 'the world' is a lack of money. But what would happen if you are given money for travelling abroad without needing to pay it back? This is what the Erasmus+ programme is about.

This vision sounds appealing for every single university student and I wanted to try it, too. Moreover, Nitra is my home town and after four years of study I just wanted to get out. Sunny Portuguese beaches and surfing were attractive enough for me and I could not resist. Then, the usual procedure started: choosing a school, finding and opting for subjects, writing a motivation letter, uploading documents into the system, printing

them and taking them to a coordinator. Then, after being accepted I needed to send the required documents to the university abroad, ask for an acceptance letter, add it into the system and sign the document for the university grant. Bureaucracy discourages many students. Actually, it is very simple and you can do it in one day. Are you willing to have one or two days of stress for a half-year stay abroad? I would always say 'yes'.

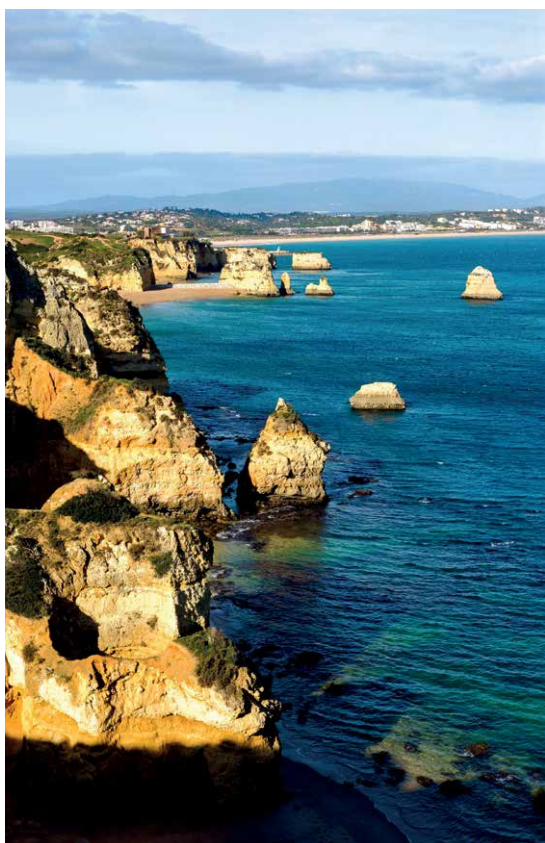


← Evening in Porto..

↙ Masca, a small mountain village
in the north-east part of Tenerife.

↓ Beautiful valleys in Tenerife.

↓↓ Southern coastline of Portugal



What can the Erasmus+ programme offer to students?

Most of them say e.g. 'you will try new ways of learning and teaching, you will get to know yourself, and you will find and try new cultures'. Maybe yes, but I think these are only words, some clichés. Personally, I was able to improve and expand my photographic portfolio, met great people who I could visit in their homelands, and experienced a different lifestyle. Next, I discovered the magic of surfing, improved my cooking skills even in inventing cheaper recipes (when I was short of money). I tried Port wine, visited one of the best jazz pubs in Europe and saw the sunset over El Teide in Tenerife. The term abroad developed my personality and became one of the most beautiful and strongest moments in my life.

What can such an experience give to you?

You can expand your contacts to many countries (not only in Europe), you can learn how to adapt to different living conditions, you can learn a new language, you can discover new places, food, people and you can improve your soft skills, too. Also, your CV will be enriched by new experiences which can be quite interesting for your future employers, amongst other benefits.

Even though I came back without any money (which is my fault), the stay abroad gave me a lot and I strongly recommend this amazing experience to others. Finally, the money spent there was worth of it. Erasmus+ programme gave me new friendships, experiences, and irreplaceable and unforgettable moments.

Text: Matúš Kamenický, student of journalism (2nd year of Master's programme), The Faculty of Arts, photo: courtesy of M.K.

THEY SPOKE ABOUT WHY TO SAY 'YES' TO THE EU

The lecturers introduced the scheme of the European Union to the audience. They also explained the advantage of Slovakia's membership in the EU, they discussed its current issues and the future.

The discussion 'Why to say 'YES' to the European Union', took place on 12th March 2019 at the Counselling and Service Centre (PaSC) of UKF in Nitra. It was organised by Dr Barbara Pavlíková and Dr Miroslav Tvrdík from PaSC, in cooperation with UKF in Nitra, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care and the European Parliament office in Slovakia. Their participants discussed the fellowship of Slovakia in the EU and the recent elections of our MEPs.

Lectures with discussions

Daniel Šmihula, an assistant at the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs, opened the meeting which lasted almost 4 hours. Ivana Janíková from the European Parliament office in Slovakia contin-

er of the European Future in Think-tank Globsec programme, also addressed the audience. Their lectures resulted in an inspiring discussion. They explained how the European Union and its institutions work, and what the advantages of Slovakia's membership are. The lecturers focused on the functioning of the EU and its institutions, the benefits of Slovakia's membership, and the current issues facing the Union, i.e. future, Brexit, migration and other issues.

According to Dr Pavlíková, the main aim of the discussion was to explain the current situation in the European Union and to answer students' questions as well. The Rector of UKF, Prof. Libor Vozár, who held the auspices over it, expressed his gratitude at organising such event. "It has already been 15 years since the Slo-

European countries are too small

In his lecture, Daniel Šmihula introduced the main tasks and advantages of the EU membership. "Why do we say 'YES' to the European Union? All European countries are too small to work individually. They have to agree to use a common platform," he says. One of the main priorities for Slovakia in being an EU country is also NATO membership, for ensuring peace, security in Europe and the world, a common economic system, globalisation, cultural diversity and



ued with the lecturing, and afterwards, a discussion followed. Students were interested in the related topics and eager to have answers to their questions. Radovan Geist, an analyst from Euractiv.sk, and an economist Tomáš Meravý, a lead-

vak Republic became one of the EU member countries. Entering the EU was a very important step and I am convinced that for such a small country and economy, being a part of European society is a big advantage," says the Rector Vozár.

strengthening of political, social, cultural, and human contacts. He explained that the Union is the main source of development, technical and social modernisation using grants, funds, and direct payments.

Ivana Janíková from the European Parliament office in Slovakia focused on importance of the elections to the European Parliament. According to her, the EU is generally seen as not reflecting issues in human society. "Maybe this is partly true. But it is important to realize that these are the interests of the 28 member countries and there is also a representative of Slovakia sitting at each negotiating table, who is able to



global population has grown to 8 billion. "The goal of being the most competitive economy has not been met, in total R&D spending with China which is ahead of us. Migration represents another serious issue but I think it helps the economy. America is traditionally accustomed to the arrival of about 1 million migrants a year, which drives economic growth as more people produce more money," explains Tomáš Meravý. "But Europe is not accustomed to such migration, but rather accustomed to emigration. Just recently, immigration has been increasing. By playing a big role in national identity, Europe finds



influence some things in some ways," says Janíková. Radovan Geist, Euractiv.sk analyst discussed whether it is necessary to say 'YES' to the EU all the time. He says no. "I say 'YES' to Europe based on freedom, equality and solidarity principles. I say 'YES' to a Europe that helps people to find their happiness, which is fair to others, that hasn't got any prejudices, that doesn't care about colour of people's skin, or gender. I say 'YES' to a Europe which cares about solving its global, environmental or social problems. Solutions have to come from the common platform of the EU countries or from cooperation with other large global countries," confirms Geist.

Challenges for the European Union

In his lecture, Tomáš Meravý, a leader of the European Future in Think-tank Globsec programme defined a possible future form of Europe or the European Union. As he says, the aim of many strategies, e. g. Europe 2020 was to make the European Union the most social and ecological economy in the world. However, he thinks that Europe's position in the world is getting weaker. In 1990, Europe's population was approximately 400 million. Currently, it's about 740 million but the

it more difficult to integrate people from diverse cultures, different languages and religions. Integration of these people is one of the biggest challenges for the European Union." According to him, Europe needs to cut public spending to a reasonable level, it needs pension reforms, sustainable demography, a smart immigration policy and more investment in education, science and research.

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SINGING AND TASTING IN MUSIC PAVILION

Students tried the role of cooks, bakers and organizers of gastronomic events. They offered 'keltýš' cake, pepper stew with gipsy bread, potato flat cakes with goats cheese, and a 'key cake'.



also invited. "Students were divided into groups and took part in different organisation support, e. g. preparing invitations, decorating rooms, presenting the event, and preparing food. Most students were engaged by preparing regional food – Slovak and Hungarian local specialities from the Nitra region. Third-year bachelor students got inspired by recipes found on the Internet – they bought ingredients, prepared food and served it at the event. First-year Master's students helped their third-year bachelor colleagues," says Dr Ľudmila Mazúchová, the guarantor of practice at the Department of Tourism.

During the event, the students presented the meals they had prepared to the visitors. They cooked or baked them early that morning, or prepared them the day before. From a rich autumn-decorated board full of tempting meals, one could taste traditional 'keltýš' cake, pepper stew with gipsy bread, potato flat pancakes with goats cheese and sour cream, 'key cake', poppy-apple strudel or carnation cakes. Almost 20 traditional dishes of our region.

The event also included a presentation of wines, wine-growing, wine-making and tasting with sommelier Rastislav Masrn, who has worked in Dubai and also in a prestigious Asian restaurant. The event was accompanied by performances of singers Alexandra Kochanová, Jana Rakúsová, and Petra Jakubíková, students of the teaching programme of the Performing Arts and accompanied



The World of Tastes and Smells of the Nitra region took place on 15th November 2019 in the Music Pavilion (Department of Music, at the Faculty of Education, UKF). It was visited by many young people who wanted to try using different tastes and smells. It was a part of Students Days of Universities in Nitra and it was prepared by the Department of Tourism, Faculty of Central European Studies at UKF in Nitra. The aim was to raise awareness of food culture to UKF students and to learn about its management.



The bilingual event was part of the Gastronomy subject for third-year students of Regional development and tourism. It was attended by 68 students; first-year students of Master's programmes were

by pianist Dr Viktória Nagyová from the Department of Music, the Faculty of Education UKF.

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PERSONAL STORIES IN THE GALLERY UNIVERZUM

Their joint exhibition was motivated by the fact that they know each other, and they think and create in a similar way. They held their first exhibition in Nitra, at UKF.

One could view a remarkable exhibition by six Czech and Polish artists that took place on the 13th April 2019 at the

even though they saw just a picture. "We have known each other for several years; some of us studied at the University in

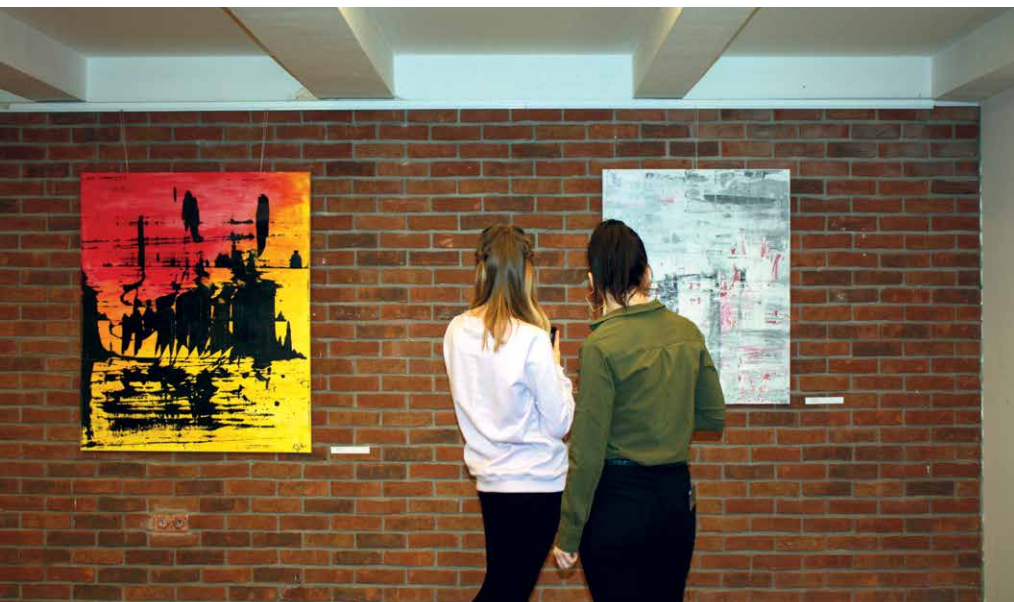
Katowice, Poland. Nowadays the four of us teach there," says Ewa Ćmok, living in the Czech Republic. She studied drawing but doesn't work in this field any longer - she works as an accountant.

The fact that they know each other, think in a similar way and create similar things inspired them to organise the joint exhibition. Even though they have organised several exhibitions of their own, they wanted to try a joint project. "We didn't know what the situation would be like. Knowing each other, we were convinced it would be a great idea to create an exhibition presenting our works."

There were plenty of techniques used in the presented works, including pencil, acrylic, glass, sand techniques, and combined techniques. The visitors found them very inspiring. Since the authors followed the topic Personal Stories, they displayed something from their childhoods, youth, common study experiences and other interesting moments from their lives worthy of being expressed artistically.

According to the exhibition's curator and the exhibitor Katarzyna Pyka, their works are very unique and related to memory and time. They particularly deal with memory footprints - the engrams, which, although they are mostly created in childhood, do not change, nor deform in any way. It is reflected in objects and images based on individual feeling.

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Gallery Univerzum of UKF in Nitra. This exhibition was arranged by The Faculty of Education at UKF and the Gallery Univerzum. Artists Ewa Ćmok (the Czech Republic), Julia Polok (the Czech Republic) and their colleagues from the Instytut Sztuki Wydziału Artystycznego Uniwersytet Śląski Katowice in Poland - Hanna Grzonka-Karwacka, Paulina Poczęta, Aneta Głowacka and Katarzyna Pyka participated in the exhibition's opening on the 12th of March 2019. They presented their works in Nitra and specifically at UKF for the first time. The exhibition was named Personal Stories.

One of the authors, Ewa Ćmok, explained the beginnings of the project. They were searching for a larger space for presenting their works abroad. The Gallery Univerzum seemed to be the best place for them so Ewa's Slovak friend Marika recommended it to her. They both liked it from the very first time





UKF STUDENT AS A YOUTH DELEGATE TO THE UN

Petra Pauerová, a student at Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra, has been selected to represent the interests of Slovak youth at UN meetings within the UN Youth Delegates Programme over the next year.

be undertaken during their mandate. They also specified their voluntary work, previous and temporary. The evaluation of documents selected the TOP 6 candidates for a personal interview (2nd selection round). The Board comprised representatives of both ministries, AKRAM Association, the institute Iuventa and the current UN delegate, Dominik Porvažník. All candidates demonstrated their knowledge about the UN, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Moreover, they showed their extensive experience in youth and voluntary work, and their motivation to represent Slovak young people at the UN. Petra was declared the winner.

She aims to involve more university students

Petra is going to be youth delegate for one year. She will provide workshops and lectures on SDGs. "Personally, I would like to involve more university students, but I have to discuss my plan with others," she adds. In addition, she will focus her attention on young people from marginalized groups and co-organize events supported by the Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations in cooperation with delegates from other countries.

Every experience is valuable

Petra studies Russian in Intercultural and Business Communication and Eurasian Studies at UKF Nitra. She claims that the study has been highly beneficial for her since now she understands the principles of the UN as a global organization and its orientation in international matters. Moreover she has adopted another UN negotiating language - Rus-

sian. Besides her studies, she has held membership in the international youth organization AIESEC in different positions. "Honestly, the membership developed my skills, as e.g. time management, team management and teambuilding, and other organizational skills which I had to use in the interview," Petra explains. "I think a student needs to experience many things, including student life. Along with my activities in AIESEC, I also had a part-time job as a receptionist. I appreciate my job experience, as each one taught me the things that I could use in my study."

Her mandate is not yet a success for her. "I will consider it a success after I am able to show the work I have done. Now I feel it a great responsibility to perform the task, I will do my best," Petra concludes.



Global Village is usually held in the shopping centre OC Centro Nitra after the evaluation of individual voluntary projects under the auspices of Nitra's AIESEC.

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The project was implemented by the Slovak Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport in cooperation with the Slovak Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Association of Regional Youth Councils (AKRAM) and the institute Iuventa. The project was restarted in 2018, after a 5-year break. Petra Pauerová is going to replace the former delegate, Dominik Porvažník.

Almost thirty candidates faced two rounds of interviews

In June, two demanding rounds of the selection process took place. The first, based on the general advertisement, involved 26 candidates. In addition to evaluating their CV and a role description, they had to demonstrate their leadership skills, personality features and knowledge in an essay entitled "How can young people contribute to current global problems solutions? In your response, you may consider the discrimination of marginalized groups, the refugee and migration crisis, climate change, gaps in Agenda 2030's implementation and war conflicts among other issues you deem important."

The candidates had to clearly demonstrate their English proficiency and the ability to outline the timetable for the delegate's activities which should

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSLATION STUDIES RENEWING ITS MEMBERSHIP OF THE EMT NETWORK

In June 2019, the Department of Translation Studies at the Faculty of Arts, UKF in Nitra renewed its membership of the European Master's in Translation (EMT) Network for the coming period.

Thus UKF remains the only Slovak university being involved in the EMT Network (in the neighbouring Czech Republic, EMT membership is held only by Charles University in Prague). 'European Master's in Translation' associates renowned higher education institutions and universities from selected EU member countries and non-EU countries which provide translation and interpreting curricula to students. They can gain membership only after undergoing rigorous tests conducted by the European Commission - Directorate-General for Translation.

The Head of the Department of Translation Studies, Dr Emília Perez, explains that the selection is based on strict evaluation criteria. The aspect of applicability of the study programmes in future students job employment in the translation field is especially examined and evaluated. "The data on the graduates' job as well as the selected characteristics of the department are evaluated. By them, the study program offers practice for trans-

interpreters, using their knowledge and skills in practice-oriented seminars.

Nevertheless, the result was not certain. "We were concerned about the decision as there are more applications in each selection round, and after five years, each applicant is judged anew," says Dr Perez.

The Department of Translation Studies at UKF in Nitra gained its first membership of the EMT Network as well as international recognition and this quality label in 2011. Now, they have succeeded with the strict evaluation process again, without requiring further clarification, explanation or additional information.

According to Dr Perez, the Department is placed among the TOP 80 European programmes in this field. This fact motivates her, the teachers, and the students at the Department of Translation



lators-to-be, respecting the needs of the translation market," she adds. "The evaluators track educational and training

activities in connection with key competencies, teachers and their ability to provide practical training for students, research activities in translation, then contact with translation practice and key market leaders, and recognition of the department at an international level."

The latter item was extremely demanding as they had to choose limited noteworthy events when filling in the application, as thanks to numerous partnerships they keep in lively contact with translation practice. Moreover, some teachers are recognized experts renowned in Slovakia and abroad, and most of them are professional translators and

Studies. "We have a lot of work to do, because EMT is not just about prestige. It is a commitment to move forward, to strengthen contact with market leaders at both national and international levels, to reflect changes in the translation field and to improve the programmes we offer to our students in order to get them ready for the translation profession in the best way," she concludes.

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MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PIEDMONT COLLEGE IN THE US

In June, Piedmont College was represented by Carson Webb (Harry R. Butman Chair of Religion and Philosophy) at Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra, Slovakia. Dr Webb discussed research and pedagogy with scholars from UKF and the Central European Research Institute of Søren Kierkegaard.

He discussed plans for a future volume of *Acta Kierkegaardiana* with Prof. Králik. Finally, he met UKF's Vice-Rector

entific research. In the afternoon, Dr Pavlíková and Prof. Králik enjoyed a lunch in their honour with several faculty mem-

bers from the Humanities department. This lunch was attended by Dr Hugh Davis (Chair of Humanities), Prof. Tim Lytle (Professor of Philosophy and Religion), Tim Garvin-Leighton (Chaplain), and Dr Webb. They discussed their own personal experiences from international cooperation. These meetings resulted in a bilateral agreement between Piedmont College and UKF for ongoing academic cooperation, signed by President Mellichamp and UKF's Rector Libor Vozár. This is the first bilateral agreement between academic institutions at the presidential level in the history of UKF Nitra, and is the result of the activities and efforts of Dr Pavlíková and her colleagues.

Vice-President Silber characterized the initial meeting as informative and delightful, and he looked forward to future discussions. President Mellichamp stated that "it was a pleasure to meet Vice-Rector Pavlíková and Prof. Králik. We look forward to discussing opportunities for future cooperation between Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra and Piedmont College."

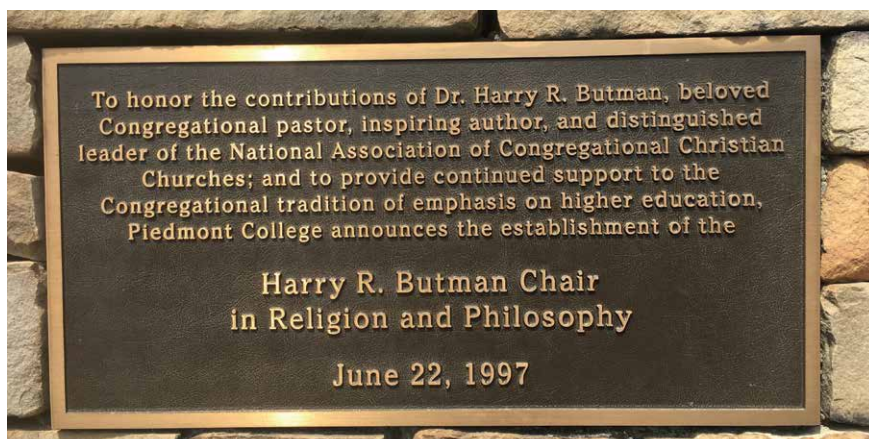
During the business trip, Vice-Rector Martina Pavlíková had a meeting with former US President Mr Jimmy Carter at Jimmy Carter's Presidential Library and Museum in Atlanta.

Text: Dr Martina Pavlíková and Dr Carson Webb



of International Relations, Dr Martina Pavlíková, Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Prof. František Petrovič, and the Vice-Dean for Science and Research, Prof. Radoslav Omelka, from the Department of Botany and Genetics.

Vice-Rector Pavlíková and Prof. Králik visited Piedmont College in May. They met with Piedmont College President Dr James Mellichamp and the Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Dr Dan Silber. They outlined opportunities for mutual cooperation between the universities within the Erasmus KA107 project and academic cooperation in the area of sci-



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN UKF AND UNIVERSITIES IN ST PETERSBURG

Between the 10th and the 16th June 2019, the Vice-Rector for International Relations, Dr Martina Pavlíková, negotiated opportunities for cooperation with representatives of both St Petersburg State University and Pushkin Leningrad State University (Russia).

The other representatives of UKF participating in the working sessions were Assoc. Prof. Miroslav Tvrdoň, Vice-Rector for Public Relations and Social Affairs, Prof. František Petrovič, Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Prof. Zdenka Gadušová from the Department of English and American Studies.

Visit to St Petersburg State University

The UKF delegates were welcomed by representatives of St Petersburg State University, notably by Dr Anna Porodin, deputy Vice-Rector for International Relations, and Dr Yuliya Medvedeva, Head of the International Research and Technology Department. They learnt about the history of the university, which dates back to 1724, its founder Peter the Great and the structure of the university including all relevant faculties.

At Pushkin Leningrad State University, the UKF representatives were welcomed by Prof. Sergei N. Bolshakov,



Vice-Rector for Education, Assoc. Prof. Maria E. Charitonova, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Cultural Studies and Art, Assoc. Prof. Lyuba V. Kocjubinska, Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Prof. Elena B. Gogolevska, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Assoc. Prof. Tatjana I. Sidnenko, Director of the Center for Educational Technologies.

Meeting at Pushkin Leningrad State University

During the working sessions, new working contacts and opportunities for cooperation in specific areas of scientific research activities and education were agreed between UKF, St Petersburg State University and Pushkin Leningrad State University. Both partner universities showed their interest in the Erasmus+ project. This agreement on international cooperation between UKF and St Petersburg State University is another result of international cooperation between UKF and Russian universities.

Text: Dr Martina Pavlíková, Vice-Rector for International Relations
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COOPERATION BETWEEN SLOVAKIA AND GEORGIA

From 22nd to 27th April 2019, Prof. Joseph Salukvadze and MSc. Salome Kobaize from Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia visited the Faculty of Natural Sciences at Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) Nitra. Prof. Salukvadze is an internationally acclaimed expert in human geography and planning; Ms Kobaize is a PhD student with valuable experience in nature and landscape conservation in Georgia. The visit took place within the international development cooperation sphere of the Slovak Republic. Its main goal is to share



experience and expertise in the field of ecology, environmental sciences and regional development between Slovakia

and Georgia. Cooperation and international projects between the universities were firstly discussed at a meeting involving Assoc. Prof. Miroslav Tvrdoň and H.E. Pavel Vizdal, the Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Tbilisi, (February 2019).

Thanks to the activities of Vice-Rector Tvrdoň, UKF researchers can participate at international conferences held at the International Black Sea University (May 2019) and Grigol Robakidze University Tbilisi (September 2019).

Text: Dr Martina Pavlíková, and Assoc. Prof. Peter Mederly, PhD, Faculty of Natural Sciences
Photo: Assoc. Prof. Miroslav Tvrdoň

VISIT OF THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES OF CANADA TO UKF

On April 9, 2019 the Rector of UKF, Prof. Libor Vozár, welcomed the Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Canada to Slovakia, Mr John von Kaufmann. At their meeting, the Rector of UKF introduced to him UKF's faculties and fields of study. The Vice-Rector for International Relations, Dr Martina Pavlíková, was also

present at the meeting. She informed Mr Kaufmann about Canada - Slovakia projects and other activities carried out at UKF with the active participation of Canadian universities: project Acta Kierkegaardiana with the University of Toronto, established cooperation with the University of Ottawa and the successful Erasmus project KA107. Mr John von Kaufmann also learned about the special contribution of Prof. Abrahim H. Khan (professor at Trinity College, University of Toronto), who was awarded the honorary title of doctor honoris causa by the Rector of UKF in 2017.

The Rector of UKF and the Chargé d'Affaires from the Office of the Embassy of Canada to Slovakia discussed further opportunities for international coopera-



tion in the field of education, science and culture between UKF and Canada.

After meeting with university representatives, the distinguished guest, Mr John von Kaufmann, gave a lecture to UKF students entitled Canada's Foreign Policy and the Work of the Office of the Embassy of Canada in Bratislava.

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THE AMBASSADOR OF GERMANY LECTURING AT UKF

On April 3, 2019 a distinguished guest – the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, H.E. Joachim Bleicker – visited the Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra. He was welcomed by the Rector, Prof. Libor Vozár, the Vice-Rector for International Relations, Dr Martina Pavlíková, and other university representatives.

This was the Ambassador's second visit to UKF, after the first in September 2018, when he participated at the Rector's inauguration ceremony and had an official meeting with him. This time, after being welcomed by the university management, H.E. Joachim Bleicker was introduced to university students by Vice-Re-

ctor Martina Pavlíková. In the morning, he gave a lecture to students of the Department of German Studies at the Faculty of Arts, in German. A common photo with students and teachers of the Department of German Studies participating at the lecture – Dr Olga Wrede, Assoc. Prof. Viera Chebenová, and Dr phil. Daniel Kraus, DAAD lecturer – will remind both sides of the special moment.

After, Ambassador Bleicker met other UKF students and spoke in English on 'Current Challenges for the EU and its Member States'.

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SIGNING A BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNIVERSITIES IN CHILE

From 18th to 22nd March 2019, the Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Prof. František Petrovič, visited universities in Chile and negotiated opportunities for future mutual cooperation. The university visits were preceded by previous communication between the Vice-Rector for International Relations, Dr Martina Pavlíková, and representatives of the rectorates and heads of international offices.

Part of the visit to the Universidad de Santiago de Chile involved signing a bilateral cooperation agreement. The Head of the Department of International Relations, Ms Anoek van den Berg, and the International Cooperation coordinator, Ms Mayerley Pacheco, organized the meeting of the two parties in which specific cooperation was discussed by university and faculty representatives. The Faculty of Humanities was represented by the Vice-Dean, Diana Arenque, and by teaching staff, namely Prof. Lucia Dammert, Barbara Barahona, Claudio Broitman, and Prof.

María del Sá, and Prof. Marcela Soto, Head of the Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences. The university is also interested in cooperation in the field of physics and is ready to sign a bilateral agreement between the universities.

The third university to be visited was Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, where representatives showed considerable interest in cooperation in the fields of natural sciences, philosophy and religious studies.

Dean Petrovič introduced Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra, the departments of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and their publishing activities. Their partner in the meeting was the Head of the International Relations Department and the International Relations coordinator, Rodrigo Coloma.

Special thanks go to both H.E. Branislav Hitka, the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Chile, and H.E. Gloria Navarrete Pinto, the Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to Austria, who helped UKF representatives to contact the universities in Chile.

The Rector of Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) Prof. Libor Vozár recognized Ambassador Hitka and his assistance in developing international relations between UKF and Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru and Colombia by a letter of thanks to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Miroslav Lajčák. The Minister was pleased to receive the letter and wished UKF further success in developing international cooperation with partner universities in Latin America.

Tangible evidence of this cooperation with H.E. Branislav Hitka included a concert by the string quartet "LAS CUATRO ESTACIONES" from Santiago de Chile, which took place on the 23rd September 2019, in Nitra. H.E. Gloria Navarrete Pinto attended this exceptional event herself.

The soonest possible opportunity for scientific cooperation with universities in Chile is going to be developed by Assoc. Prof. Anton Trnák, Head of the Department of Physics who is lecturing at the Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María in Valparaíso in September 2019.

Text: Dr Martina Pavlíková, Vice-Rector for International Relations
Photo: Prof. František Petrovič



María del Sá. The Faculty of Natural Sciences was represented by Claudia Vargas and Pablo Perez.

Prof. Petrovič also paid a visit to universities in Valparaíso: the Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María, where he met Ms Karol Trautman, Head of the International Relations of-

PROFESSOR FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA LECTURING AT UKF

Prof. Gary Slater from the University Research Chair in Biological Physics at the prestigious University of Ottawa, visited UKF in Nitra between the 8th and 12th April, 2019. The visit took place within the project 'Enhancing the quality of higher education through internationalization' at UKF in Nitra. He was invited by Dr Martina Pavlíková, Vice-Rector for International Relations, during her research stay at the University of Ottawa in August 2018.

Prof. Slater gave a lecture to PhD students entitled 'Canada: University Research and Graduate Education in Globalized World' and talked to doctoral students and staff of the Department of Physics at the Faculty of Natural Sciences on 'How do we Read DNA?! The Impact of Physics in Quantitative Biosciences'.

Prof. Gary Slater toured the Molecular Biology Laboratory of UKF, a specialized facility at the Department of Botany and Genetics (Faculty of Natural Sciences) researching biological processes at the level of DNA, RNA, proteins, cells and tissues. He also visited the Thermophysical Laboratory at the Faculty of Natural Sciences which primarily studies processes in the heat treatment of different ceramic materials.

The lecture was supported by UKF Rectorate's Department of International Relations in cooperation with the Dean's Offices of the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Faculty of Education at UKF in Nitra.

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Photo: Ing. Jana Černáková



VISIT BY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

H.E. Zvi Vapni, Ambassador of the State of Israel, learnt about the history of the university, academic background and international activities including the Erasmus+ project.



On the 27th of November 2018, the Rector of Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra, Prof. Libor Vozár, welcomed the Ambassador of the State of Israel. The Rector outlined opportunities for cooperation with Israel and the Ambassador offered him assistance in arranging lectures from experts in the field of Jewish culture and Israel's history in Slovakia.

At the meeting, Prof. Roman Králik (Department of General and Applied Ethics at Faculty of Arts) and Prof. Zdenka Gadušová (Department of English and American Studies at Faculty of Arts) fully participated.

Afterwards, H.E. Zvi Vapni held a discussion with UKF students on matters of Israel, Europe and Middle East in times of tectonic shift. He underlined the importance of remembering historical events in Europe during World Wars I and II in order to avoid similar situations in future and to prevent negative manifestations of xenophobia and racism. Ambassador Vapni added that "teaching and education of young people is very important," and in these terms, the university plays an extremely important role in society. He also explained the situation in the Middle East and clarified some temporary social issues. The lecture was followed by an inspiring debate involving the Ambassador, students and teachers of the University.

In July, a specific cooperation with the Israeli institutions was initiated by Prof. Alexander Sirotkin, who visited two Israeli institutions - Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem and the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot. At Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center he was hosted by Prof. Imbar Tal, Head of Fertility Preservation Service and expert in cryoconservation, embryology and RNA interference. At Weizmann Institute of Science he was welcomed by Prof. Nava Dekel, Head of the Department of Biological Regulation and one of the world's leaders in the study of ovarian functions.

Prof. Sirotkin and the Israeli partners negotiated opportunities for future mutual cooperation and joint applications for Erasmus+ KA-107 grants. They showed their interest in student exchange stays with UKF Nitra.

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VISIT OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

On April 10, 2019 the Rector of Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra, Prof. Libor Vozár, welcomed the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, H. E. Lin LIN, accompanied by his wife Madame LIAO Yuancui and the Attaché, Mr ZHANG Jiahui. Prof. Libor Vozár, Rector of UKF, Dr Martina Pavlíková, Vice-Rector for International Relations, and Prof. František Petrovič, Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, participated at an official working session and introduced the guests to the structure of the university, its faculties and fields of study. In his remarks, the Rector expressed



China's tremendous contribution to economics, international relations and education worldwide. Ambassador H. E. Lin LIN informed the Rector about opportunities for bilateral cooperation between the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and UKF, in areas of education and culture. He outlined several possible levels of cooperation via international exchange stays for students and teachers, organization of Summer Schools of Slovak Language for Chinese students, with an emphasis on Slovak language and culture.



The Vice-Rector for International Relations, Dr Martina Pavlíková, introduced the Ambassador to cooperation between UKF and China via the Erasmus+ KA107 project; bilateral cooperation agreements with academic institutions in China focusing on science, research and education; membership of UKF's Gemological Institute of the Faculty of Natural Sciences in the International Colored Gemstone Association (ICA), and finally on the teaching of Chinese at UKF.

The briefing ended with an expression of the wishes of Prof. Vozár and H. E. Lin LIN, to develop and deepen mutual relationships between China and UKF in Nitra. Afterwards, the Ambassador gave a lecture to students from the Department of Political Science and the Department of Journalism at the Faculty of Arts.

In September 2019, four UKF staff visited Beijing International Studies University (BISU) within the KA107 project. They aimed to hold lectures and develop further cooperation. Our gratitude goes to H.E. Lin LIN for his support in establishing cooperation between BISU and UKF.

Text: Dr Martina Pavlíková, Vice-Rector for International Relations,
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COOPERATION WITH ARGENTINA GETS UNDERWAY

During the negotiations, the Rector of Universidad Nacional del Nordeste, Prof. María Delfina Veiravé expressed her deep interest in developing close cooperation between the universities, especially on cultural and minority matters.

Between the 14th and 20th November 2018, Dr Martina Pavlíková visited five universities in Argentina: the University of Buenos Aires, National University of La Plata, Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Buenos Aires, Universidad Nacional del Nordeste UNNE and the Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires.

She negotiated with university management representatives to establish international cooperation between Argentinian universities and Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra. One of the most significant results of the negotiations was the signing of

National University of La Plata and the Universidad Nacional de San Martín.

Dr Martina Pavlíková established cooperation with H.E. Rafael Mariano Grossi, the Ambassador of Argentina to Slovakia (seated in Vienna), who helped to contact the universities in Argentina. She also worked with the Embassy of Slovakia in Buenos Aires, Argentina and its head representative, H.E. Branislav Hitka, who participated in negotiations on international cooperation at UNNE and at the National University of La Plata. Close cooperation was also established with Mr César Mangiaterra, chairman of the Slovak



a bilateral agreement on international cooperation between the Universidad Nacional del Nordeste (UNNE) and UKF Nitra. Another successful result of the negotiations (based on publication outputs in the Scopus database) is the invitation to several UKF researchers to hold lectures and participate at conferences by the Vice-Rectors of the

Cultural Association in Buenos Aires. Mr Mangiaterra accompanied Dr Martina Pavlíková to the universities of La Plata, Resistancia and Buenos Aires.

Text: Dr Martina Pavlíková, Vice-Rector for International Relations
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PROJECT INTERNATIONALIZATION

As part of the university development project 'Enhancing the quality of higher education through internationalization' at Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra - funded by the Slovak Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport - the International Relations and Mobility Office at UKF in Nitra has prepared a series of invitation lectures for PhD students and young scholars.

In the academic year 2017/18, several academic personalities from five outstanding universities accepted invitations to lecture at UKF: Prof. Piotr Cap from University of Lodz, Poland; Prof. Mark Lencho from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, USA; Prof. Marián Mark Stolarík from the University of Ottawa, Canada; Dr Jim McKinley from the University of Bath, U.K., and Dr Rowan Middleton from the University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham, U.K.

The invitation lectures, which were primarily designed for PhD students and young scholars, were also inspiring for students of Master's programs and colleagues from different departments of

ing of publication outputs and he shared his experience of assessment activities. He gave junior scientists valuable tips for writing eye-catching abstracts and avoiding mistakes which can put the negatively impact the article at the very beginning of the assessment. He also pointed out negative phenomena in a competitive academic environment. Professor Piotr Cap is a unique example of a successful academic with a Slavonic background who became successful at a global level.

Professor Mark Lencho from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, USA, represents another type of lecturer. He introduced his peer review experience for international scientific journals, comparing Central European practice with the English-speaking environment. The lecture was less formal and strongly interactive – the listeners were often asked questions by Prof. Lencho – because as he said, 'a good lecturer can always learn something from his audience'. The students were knowledgeable and willing to answer. For example, they answered the question How to understand the term 'Central Europe', and what is 'Slavonic' and 'Anglophone' in journals published in English.

Professor Marián Mark Stolarík from the University of Ottawa, Canada was the third lecturer. In a very attractive way, he introduced the chronology of Slovak emigration to the USA which started in 1870 and continued in five stages. He discussed specific aspects of the emigration of Slovaks, i.e. the reasons for leaving their homeland, their first settlements in North America, the work they did, the institutions, journals and publications they founded, and eventually what divided them and what they had in common. He also discussed the historiography of the area and illustrated it on the map of America. The winter-term series of invitation lectures was conclu-

ded in November, by Dr Jim McKinley, Director of Doctoral Studies in Teachers Programs at the University of Bath, U.K. In his lecture he highlighted the preparation process of doctoral research, the importance of defining specific achievable goals, hypotheses and methodology, and the need to update or even change the original intentions in relation to the initial results of the research.

In the summer term (May 2018), Dr Rowan Middleton, an expert on cultural studies and creative writing, visited UKF



in Nitra. His lecture linked the study of history and literature in a very attractive way. As a representative of the School of Liberal and Performing Arts, he explained interconnection of natural sciences and humanities, their importance in education, reflection in art, human knowledge, and thinking.

The series of invitation lectures introduced doctoral students and young scholars to different types of scientists and teachers, and to internationally respected academics with diverse geographical and cultural backgrounds. Via their lectures they demonstrated different ways of presenting and keeping in touch with listeners. The audience appreciated the direct contact with significant experts as well as the opportunity to present their opinions in English.

Positive responses to a series of invitation lectures for PhD students and young scholars have inspired the organizing staff to prepare the next series which were offered in the next academic year, 2018/2019.



UKF and its partner institutions. Prof. Piotr Cap opened the series of invitation lectures during the winter term (October - November 2017). His lecture on gaining targeted recognition for his own research in international publications provided the listeners with useful information on how to opt for high-quality journals for their work and tools for citation recording. He also presented a methodology for evaluating universities in Poland, he mentioned categorization and the scor-

Text: Prof. Gabriela Miššíková
Photo: archive of the project

COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE AT UKF AND NORWAY

Within the Erasmus+ project, the Head of the Department of Social Work and Social Sciences (Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care) Prof. Martina Mojtoová and Assoc. Prof. Elena Gažíková attended a lecture stay at VID Specialized University Sandnes in Norway. With about 4,500 students and 450 employees, VID Specialized University is Norway's third largest private educational institution with workplaces in Oslo, Bergen, Stavanger and Sandnes.

VID consists of three faculties – the Faculty of Health Studies, the Faculty of Social Studies and the Faculty of Theology, Diaconia and Leadership Studies.

The programme of Prof. Mojtoová and Assoc. Prof. Gažíková was full and productive, consisting of fourteen working meetings arranged by the Erasmus coordinator Mrs Hanne Line Wærness. Most of the meetings took place at VID Specialized University in Sandnes and Stavanger. During the meetings they learnt about the University's study programmes and they negotiated with the Vice-Rector, Mr Bård Mæland, the Dean of the Faculty of Health Studies Mrs Kristin Fjelde Tjelle and the management of the faculty.

They discussed opportunities for cooperation, highlighting their focus on family, children, youth, elderly, health and social areas, and discussed the overall situation in Slovakia concerning Romani and refugee issues. They also met several researchers and introduced ongoing projects in order to find



opportunities for research cooperation. In addition, they visited various types of facilities dealing with social work in the family: state-supported, self-government and private, representing different ways, methods and particularities of the work.

The visit to Norway definitely contributed to the development of cooperation between the universities in the fields of education, science, research and practice.

Since academic year 2017/2018, based on a bilateral agreement, Norwe-

gian students have been serving their internship in our partner organizations - STORM (citizens association with its facilities in Nitra and Sereď), Centre for Hospice Care - House of Peace and Reconciliation of St Bernadetka in Nitra (Hospic – Dom pokoja a zmiernu sv. Bernadetky) and Social Services Centre 'Light' in Olichov (ZSS Svetlo). As there was much positive feedback from the

Norwegian students, in the winter term 2019/2020 more students are expected to come.

Prof. Mojtoová and Assoc. Prof. Gažíková hope that the cooperation with Norway will develop and UKF students will opt for the VID Specialized University in Norway as part of Erasmus exchange stays.

Text: Prof. Martina Mojtoová and Assoc. Prof. Elena Gažíková, Department of Social Work and Social Sciences
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UKF AMONG THE BEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE REGION

For the second time, Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra has been ranked in the TOP 300 universities within the region of emerging Europe and Central Asia, according to EECA QS Rankings (EECA - Emerging European and Central Asia) conducting the evaluation since 2014. This year results

were published by the British association for education and careers guidance Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) on October 30, 2018. The association rated TOP 300 universities from 26 countries. UKF ranked at 161st – 170th place, which is a twenty-position leap upwards compared to last year. The evaluation methodology

consists of ten indicators, i.e. reputation of the university in academic environment and employers, international research network, and proportion of international students (a new indicator for 2019 evaluation). Among the TOP 300 universities ranked, another five Slovak universities were placed.

Text: Mgr. Jana Krajčovičová,
Media Department

OUR CULTURE MAKES US EUROPEANS

European Commissioner, Tibor Navracsics, and Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Pál Csáky, discussed issues of national identity in the European Union, Brexit and migration.

Community, values and challenges of the European Union were the highlights of lectures held by the European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Tibor Navracsics and

thorised representative for education in languages of national minorities, Dr Ladislav Baráth. He also discussed opportunities for cooperation at the European Union level.



MEP, Pál Csáky, preferably for students at UKF university on 22 November 2018.

They were both received by the Rector of the University of Constantine the Philosopher (UKF) in Nitra, Prof. Libor Vozár, together with the Dean of the Faculty of Central European Studies, Dr Žofia Bárcziiová, the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Central European Studies for International Relations and Development, Dr Orsolya Hegedüs, and the Rector's au-

Being European does not mean one must deny national identity

"National differences need to be accepted; education is not a homogeneous unit," says Mr Navracsics. He sees a challenge to create a network of European universities and institutions particularly in humanities; especially in literature and culture, which are the most sensitive items from a national perspective.

"We should emphasize students' mobility as there are many young people in European countries who want to learn our languages. Bringing the culture or language of another country closer is an important factor." According to him, students who have had the opportunity to study abroad via the Erasmus project feel more European and proud of their identity at the same time.

"Being European does not mean denying national identity," he explains his understanding of Europe as a common home of different communities.

"Geographically, Europe is only the headland of the Asian continent. What makes us Europeans? What identifies us in comparison with Asia is our culture."

Debate instead of war

The fact that members of different nations can nowadays sit round a table in peace is, according to Pál Csáky, a great achievement. For those young people who feel unsatisfied with the present situation he recommends the novel by E. M. Remarque *All Quiet on the Western Front*. "In 1914, the German youth who were bored, welcomed the war. They were eager to fight, and in three and a half years the war ended in the complete destruction of Germany." There are numerous discussions in the European Union now, but debates are conducted in a completely different way.

According to Csáky, students represent the future and intelligence. "The operation of the European community is not problem-free at all," he says.

"However, I am convinced that a civilization of a higher level has emerged in Europe, i.e. there exists a pension system, nevertheless billions of people in the world have no idea what social security is. Europe is a continent where we can live and we have to be very careful to take care of it properly."

The biggest problems of the European Union

Pál Csáky considers the leaving of Great Britain from the European community, migration and population decline as great problems. The new European Parliament, following the elections, will have to reflect on three other challenges: the issue of the euro and monetary stability, the security system and finding Europe's place in the world due to the present European Union's problematic relationship with the United States, Russia and Turkey.

Students were also involved

In the question-and-answer session with Tibor Navracsics and Pál Csáky, students were interested in the following issues: how can Slovakia get involved in EU challenges, how can the European Parliament and its MEPs motivate students to vote, whether the Erasmus+ programme would continue or to what extent criteria for universities can be settled on in Europe.

"When the UK leaves the European Union, there will be no European universities in the TOP 10 universities," explains Navracsics. "That's why we have launched a new programme for establishing new types of universities, so-called European universities. We want to support universities in Europe so that they cooperate together, issue joint degrees and overcome the fragmentation which characterizes the current situation.

"Regarding the Erasmus+ programme, which is popular and widely used by both students and staff of our university, it will continue. Moreover, from January 1st, 2021, its budget will be doubled, and higher scholarships will allow young people from Slovakia, who are not as well-off as their colleagues from other regions of Europe, to participate in the programme."

At the end of the session, the issue of identity and arriving migrants resonated strongly.

According to Pál Csáky, there is also a liberal idea across Europe to create a single European nation, European attitudes, European opinions, similarly to the US. "I think it will not work in Europe, the values that our ancestors had created are much deeper in us. 90 percent of migrants want to assimilate, 10 percent represent the biggest problem and then there is the second and third generation of migrants. I am convinced that Europe can keep its European identity as well as national identities. The next twenty years will prove it," he adds.

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Mgr. Jana Krajčovičová,
Media Department



On 8th and 9th of November 2018, the international project FITPED (Work-Based Learning in Future IT Professionals Education) was successfully launched at the Department of Informatics at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) in Nitra. At the introductory meeting, partners representing universities and companies from Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland, the Netherlands and Spain gathered. The project led by UKF in Nitra has been funded by a 250,000 € donation from Erasmus+ under Key Action 2 Strategic Partnerships. It gives organizations and colleagues from Europe the opportunity to cooperate.

"Thinking like a programmer and knowing at least one programming language is a necessity for today's generation just as it was working with office software 20 years ago. The labour market world-wide reports a lack of programmers and experts who are able to work in the field in diverse positions. Employers are willing to pay multiples of average wages however they demand knowledge of the issue, flexibility and the ability to improve oneself," explains the chief coordinator Dr Martin Drlík from UKF.

Over three years, the partners will develop and test a unique system which supports introductory courses to programming languages using the most modern approaches: interactivity, micro-learning and automated evaluation of programming assignments. Introductory courses will pro-

vide students with the knowledge and skills which will be further developed in real projects in the study of data analysis, information systems, web and mobile technologies.

"Our goal is to offer education to Generation Z in an appropriate way - to put education on the web and smartphones, to encourage students to cooperate, and to bring gamification elements into education so they can compete, or otherwise collaborate," explains Peter Švec, responsible for system development.

The uniqueness of the project is in both idea and scope - comprehensive courses for eight modern programming languages will be created. They will be translated into five languages and then be made available for hundreds of students at five universities.

Text: Dr Ján Skalka, Department of Informatics, Faculty of Natural Sciences, photo: LB



THE IMAGE OF SLOVAKIA FROM THE BRITISH PERSPECTIVE IS POSITIVE

Andy Garth has adopted Theresa May's rhetoric on Brexit. Leaving the EU will bring many changes in conditions, but both sides will have to cooperate in a number of areas, notably on trade and security issues. What would be changed? Would students continue to study at British universities?

It's already been a hundred years since the end of the World War I. Since then, Slovakia has changed its political or economic direction several times. What image does Slovakia have in the UK today?

Slovakia's transformation is from the perspective of the United Kingdom overwhelming. There are several stunning moments in your history, e.g. the establishment of the First Czechoslovak Republic, or declaration of an independent Slovak Republic. The British people will never forget the Slovaks who joined the Allied troops during World War II and fought against the Nazis in the Royal Air Force. You have done a lot of work, especially in economics, e.g. in the vicinity of Nitra, there are top factories being built.

What common interests there will be between the UK and Slovakia after you leave the EU?

Although the United Kingdom is leaving the European Union, our common interests will persist, for example, a free market, job creation and opportunities for developing European society. In Britain, we usually solve problems pragmatically. Although we will be outside the EU, we intend to participate in important decision making.

Which problems do we need to solve together?

The potential economic shock. Any negative incidents can jeopardize jobs, thus people. Great Britain represents the second largest economy on old continental Europe

and Slovakia's fifth largest partner, so if our economy does not thrive, you will feel the consequences. In the future, Slovakia, the EU and the United Kingdom must ensure a stable and free market.

The UK EU membership referendum also expressed dissatisfaction with the EU borders low security. What will the UK's foreign policy on security look like?

There are several external threat sources, such as the conflict in Ukraine and the activities of Russia. Europe needs to protect its external borders because terrorism and organized crime does not have limits. Even after leaving the EU, we aim to be a strong partner in NATO, the common guarantee of security. Police and secret services also need to exchange information.

Why does Slovakia need the United Kingdom?

I would say both countries seem to support each other. The UK aims to have a positive acceptance within the Union. Moreover, there are approximately 100,000 Slovaks living on the islands. This has resulted in the investment in and construction of the Jaguar Land Rover plant in Nitra. The investment was motivated not only by business but also by history and cultural proximity.

Regarding Slovaks on the islands, the number of job offers in Britain has been declining. What would the situation be after Brexit?

I would say it is about the flow of people. They come to Britain and they often return home after five or six years, after getting experience. I must say that we really appreciate the Slovaks. They help our community to grow and we appreciate their talents. We do not want to lose clever people from abroad.

What would be the situation with visas and work permits for foreigners after Brexit?

We want to encourage talent, so we will continue to support students and academics who are interested in our country. I assume that the acceptance process for potential students would be a bit different than before. Britain will become a non-EU country. When young people want to study in America, they also have to undergo a process. The British do not like bureaucracy. Therefore, we will try to make the whole process as simple as possible.

However, after the Brexit phase there will be more bureaucracy.

I would say it will be about the application process. It will not be complicated since, as I mentioned, we are not keen on paperwork.

What will the situation be for the students opting for universities in the UK?

Surely, all grants in the UK which are currently underway will continue. The students who have just chosen a study programme in the 2019/2020 academic year,



will not have to worry about any changes. The conditions will remain.

Will the number of offers of the Erasmus and other exchange projects decline?

We aim to continue in the programmes. We hope that the European Commission will agree, but we still need to clarify the conditions precisely.

What impact would Brexit have on workers?

It will be a similar process as for students. We have not introduced the final conditions yet, but of course, we need skilled workers. When we turn into a non-EU country, logically, workers will also have to undergo a process.

Do you think that Slovaks display some characteristics which the British lack?

I have noticed there are some things that we have in common and the things that make us different. Seemingly, I've been so happy here for four years now. The things we share are alike and Slovaks have a good sense of humour. When I think about my weight, it's certainly love of good (not always very healthy) food. (Laughter)

Do you miss anything British in Slovakia?

I miss our typical 'fish and chips' and certainly British tea. Your tea has a slightly different taste. It's like when you drink different kinds of beer; you can also find the differences. I have also tried Tatratea, but it is totally different. (Laughter)

Text: Mgr. Matúš Veselý and Mgr. Lubica Račková, Department of Journalism, Faculty of Arts, photo: LB

DUAL DIPLOMA PROJECT CONTINUES

On the 4th of December 2018, another 'batch' of students from the Department of Media Communication and Advertising of the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) Nitra – Alena Hrešová, Timea Chyláková, Gréta Kozmová and Jozef Krusch - defended their bachelor theses, passed their state examination, and received another bachelor's degree in the study programme Journalism and Social Communication at the Faculty of Informatics and Communication, University of Economics in Katowice, Poland.

They graduated and received a dual diploma within the ESF project 26110230080 Equivalence of Study Programmes at the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) Nitra and the leading university in Poland. On the committee, UKF was represented by Prof. Katarína Fichnová.

The aim of the project was to foster the granting of dual diplomas, and thus to ensure the graduates' competitiveness in the joint diploma programme, to create better start-up conditions in the labour market and increase their employment chances in Slovakia and Poland. By creating joint study programmes and granting diplomas from both universities, higher education institutions have adjusted themselves to the needs of knowledge society and supported the principle of quality improvement in universities by experience exchange. The ESF project lasted from 2013 to 2016 and it consisted of equivalence of joint programmes, pilot implementation, study and lecture stays.

The joint programme with University of Economics in Katowice, Poland was prepared and successfully implemented by a team of teachers from the Department of Media Communication and Advertising led by Dr Tomáš Koprda, and the guarantor, Prof. Katarína Fichnová.

Another 18 students from UKF participated in the programme. The sustainability of the project is ensured by funding by Erasmus+ study and lecture stays.

Text: Dr Györgyi Janková, Department of Mass Media Communication and Advertising, Faculty of Arts

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SLOVENIA

Between the 16th and 18th May 2019, the Vice-Rector for International Relations, Dr Martina Pavlikova, participated at the 7th International Scientific Philosophical Symposium of Miklavž Očepek in Slovenia. As an honored guest, she addressed the audience during the plenary session. The conference was organized by Dr Primož Repar, under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Mr Borut Pahor. Prof. Abraham



Khan from Trinity College in Canada, also spoke at the conference. Afterwards, Prof. Khan and Dr. Pavlikova discussed opportunities for further cooperation between UKF

and the University of Toronto. Dr. Pavlikova also met the Dean and Director of the Institute of Philosophy, Prof. Ouyang Kang from China and Dr. Paula Arizpe del Valle, the Di-



rector General for Liaison with Civil Society Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mexico. Dr. Pavlikova and Prof. Jasna Koteska from the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, discussed opportunities for deeper mutual cooperation between the universities (from August 2019).

Text: Dr. Martina Pavlíková, Vice-Rector for International Relations, photo: courtesy of M.P.

OBTAINING AN INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE

A team of scientists at the Physiological Analytical Laboratory of the Department of Zoology and Anthropology at the Faculty of Natural Sciences at UKF in Nitra comprising Assoc. Prof. Ida Petrovičová, Dr. Branislav Kolena, Dr. Miroslava Šidlovská, Mgr. Henrieta Hliseníková and Mrs. Michaela Földešiová reaffirmed their scientific focus. They managed to obtain the scientifically acceptable and internationally recognized quality control certificate G-EQUAS - German External Quality Assessment Scheme for toxicological analyses in biological material (round 61-2018/2019) in environmental medicine for selected phthalate metabolites: metabolites of 5-OH-MEHP, 5-oxo-MEHP, 5-carboxy-MEPP, MEHP, and MBzP in urine.

Text: Scientists at the Physiological Analytical Laboratory, Department of Zoology and Anthropology, Faculty of Natural Sciences
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