

# IN ENGLISH Education

AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



## Foreign Languages Day - 14<sup>th</sup> Edition

In December, CLC employees and students celebrated the Foreign Languages Day at PUT. The event was opened by the CLC Director, Liliana Szczuka-Dorna, Ph.D., and a speech was given by the Prorector for Education, Professor Jacek Goc. Our guests this year were also the Dean of Technical Physics Faculty, Professor Ryszard Czajka, and Professor Edmund Pawłowski (Faculty of Management Engineering).

This year, CLC employees prepared 44 competitions and quizzes testing students' technical, cultural and linguistic knowledge. They could participate in competitions in English, German, French and Spanish, and international students could check their knowledge of Polish culture.

Students who were the most knowledgeable won books, dictionaries, self-study materials, pendrives and, something new for this year, invitations to laser paintball. Once again, Foreign Languages Day attracted crowds of enthusiastic students.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our sponsors this year for providing generous prizes for the competitions: Oxford University Press and LektorKlett for books and dictionaries, Express Publishing for providing both books and gadgets, and Laser Tag Poznań company for providing invitations to laser paintball. And



From the left: Ms Liliana Szczuka-Dorna, PhD, prof. Ryszard Czajka, Ms Agnieszka Rutkowska, Ms Iwona Flieger



# The English Language Olympiad for Students of Technical Universities

The English Language Olympiad for Students of Technical Universities is an annual event that gathers students who want to challenge their language skills and are ready to compete against the best in Poland. The Olympiad was first organised in 1995. Originally, it only took place at Poznan University of Technology but it has since expanded to include 15 Polish technical universities.

The first stage of the 17th English Olympiad for Students of Technical Universities was held on 27th November 2015 at Poznan University of Technology and other Polish technical universities. The aim was to test students' command of technical and general English as well as their knowledge of the culture of English-speaking countries. The best candidates for the next stage of the competition were then selected.



This year, over 600 students from 15 technical universities participated in the Olympiad, which shows students' growing interest in this event. The most highly represented universities include: Silesian University of Technology, Poznan University of Technology, Wrocław University of Technology and Rzeszow University of Technology.

In the next stage of the Olympiad, traditionally hosted by Poznan University of Technology, the 99 top-scoring participants will take a high-level test on 22nd April 2016. Participants will then be further shortlisted for the interview stage and on 23rd April, 10 finalists will give a multimedia presentation inspired by Stephen Hawking's words: "Science is not only a discipline of reason but also one of romance and passion".

We are all looking forward to this event held under the honorary auspices of the Rector of Poznan University of Technology, prof. Tomasz Łodygowski, Poznań Town Hall, the Mayor of Poznań Jacek Jaśkowiak, the Consulate of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Honorary Consul Włodzimierz Walkowiak, the Consulate of the Ireland, Honorary Consul Mateusz Morawiecki, the Committee for Philology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Wrocław Branch, prof. Piotr Chruszczewski and the media patronage of Radio Afera.



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# 2015 Entrepreneurship & Soft Skills Development Programme **for PhDs and Young Scientists**

**E**dyta Olejarczuk, M.A., representing the Centre of Languages and Communication of Poznan University of Technology as well as the Adam Mickiewicz University Faculty of English participated in a two-week Entrepreneurship & Soft Skills Development Programme for PhD students and young researchers. The project was called TransFormation.doc and it was organized by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education in Poland. The course took place at the University of Alberta, Canada from November 15th to November 29th, 2015. The programme consisted of lecture-style training modules, visits to start-up companies, innovation incubators and research institutes, as well as group projects in entrepreneurship. In particular, the key areas developed within the course were as follows:

- creative development and design thinking;
- soft skills training: successful presentations and public speaking, negotiations, effective communication, intellectual and interpersonal competence;
- working in interdisciplinary groups;
- career planning;
- innovation and business;
- intercultural communications;
- leadership.

