

Education

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AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



The 18th English Olympiad for Students of Technical Universities

December 2nd 2016 saw the organization of the first stage of the 18th Olympiad for Students of Technical Universities. The test in first stage of the contest, prepared by the Centre of Languages and Communication of Poznan University of Technology, was taken by 524 students representing 15 universities.

The group of 156 students who qualified for the second final stage includes 20 students from Poznan University of Technology.

The second stage of the contest will be held on April 21st and 22nd 2017. The first day of the final will cover both speaking and writing parts. On the second day, 10 students with the highest scores after day one will deliver their presentations based on the quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson - Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Following the presentations, the winners of the Olympiad will be announced and prizes will be awarded.

15TH EDITION OF THE **FOREIGN LANGUAGES DAY**

The Foreign Languages Day was held on 6 December 2016 at the lecture hall of the PUT Culture Centre and was attended by students of different faculties. The main aim of the Day was to promote foreign languages learning among students of our university by means of an array of variable quizzes and games.

The event was opened by Edyta Olejarczuk, Ph.D., Head of teachers of English, French and Spanish. The next speaker was professor Teofil Jesionowski, the Vice-Rector for Lifelong Learning, who wished everyone fun and good luck.



The event was also attended by Ewa Kaczorek, Ph.D., Vice-Dean for Student Affairs of the Faculty of Chemical Technology, and Hanna Grzeszczuk-Brendel, Ph.D., Vice-Dean for Student Affairs of the Faculty of Architecture.

Employees of the Centre for Languages and Communication prepared 42 quizzes covering specialist knowledge, cultural awareness and language skills. Students could choose quizzes in English or German; there were also two quizzes testing Polish as a foreign language prepared for Erasmus students who learn Polish at PUT. Another quiz was based on requirements and tasks of BULATS; stu-

dents could also find out more this exam and the possibility of taking it at our university.

The three Kahoot games, the first one on cultural habits and pastimes of the British, the second one on word meanings, and the third one on American election trivia, turned out to be most popular quizzes of this edition of the Foreign Languages Day, mostly due to the fact that students participated in these games by means of their smartphones. Otherwise, the use of electronic devices with Internet access was strictly forbidden.

During the event, all gathered students listened to a presentation on a vocabulary app called SKILLY, delivered by its software creator Mr Zygmański. The app tests ESP

vocabulary taught in language classes of all the faculties available at PUT, and is available free. SKILLY includes vocabulary lists that have been provided by teachers of the Centre for Languages and Communication.

Each quiz winner received a prize and also a sweet surprise, a chocolate figure of St. Nicholas, whose day is celebrated on 6 December.

The organizers would like to express their thanks to the main sponsors of the event:



Even though the weather outside may not be too pleasant, still cold and gloomy at times, Spring and warmth are not too far away. The idioms connected to seasons might be the evidence you need.

I know you're excited about the team winning the game, but they've had a terrible season. **One swallow does not make a spring** – and we can't be sure they'll win the cup.

- a) one situation is similar to another
- b) one occurrence does not mean that something will definitely happen
- c) one person cannot change the outcome

I'd love to have some strawberries right now, but unfortunately they are not **in season**. I'll have to wait until June.

- a) not available to eat or use
- b) not applicable in this situation
- c) not permitted to use

He's been depressed for a long time, but ever since he's won the lottery, he's had **a spring in his step** – he looks happier and more confident!

- a) walk confidently, without looking at people
- b) walk carefully
- c) walk energetically, showing you happiness

As soon as the boos left, the employees **sprung into action** and started preparing the office space for a surprise party.

- a) started moving quickly
- b) started moving the furniture
- c) started leaving the office

You're quite the **busy bee** – you've completed five projects in one day! And it's only 2 o'clock!

- a) active but chaotic
- b) energetic and hardworking
- c) lazy

Answers: 1. B, 2. A, 3. C, 4. A, 5. B