

Education

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AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



60TH ANNIVERSARY

OF CENTRE OF LANGUAGES
AND COMMUNICATION
AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY
OF TECHNOLOGY

The Department of Foreign Languages was established as a part of High School of Engineering on the 1st of April 1953. The Department occupied only one room in a building at 1 M. Skłodowska-Curie Square.

The first head as well as the organizer of the faculty unit was Feliks Załachowski, M.A., prof. The department employed eight teachers who taught English, German and Russian. Prof. Bolesław Orgelbrand, M.A. Eng. was the Rector of High School of Engineering at that time.

THE CONFERENCE

As a part of the anniversary, the conference „From the concept to the word - modern languages in 21st century didactics and science” will be held. The main theme of the lectures and seminars will be Languages For Specific Purposes (LSP) taught at technical universities. A series of lectures, seminars and round tables will discuss advances in the teaching ESP, paying attention to existing and new challenges that researchers face in the future.

The conference will be held from 24 to 25 May 2013 at Poznan University of Technology.

All details regarding the program and registration are available on the website: <http://www.clc.put.poznan.pl/>.

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CONFERENCE SESSIONS

1. E-learning in teaching LSP: new technologies in the development of language competencies.

Social networks in teaching and learning foreign languages. Is online learning the future of teaching foreign languages or does it merely represent an added value to language classes?

2. The preparation of LSP teaching programmes at universities.

Selection and adaptation of teaching materials. Individual differences and educational needs of students. Concepts and models of language competencies in university language classes. Motivating students; setting short-term and long-term goals in foreign language teaching. „We do not just teach a foreign language” and „we teach a foreign language not a university subject”- are these statements contradictory?

3. Teaching LSP at different academic levels: BA studies, MA studies, PhD studies.

The content of curricula. Students’ individual language needs. Each student is different- how should we conduct classes, what should be taught in order to get positive feedback from students? In what way can language classes at university attract future students to start studies at a particular university? Learners’ characteristics, assessment of their needs and interests.

4. Testing and evaluation of students’ knowledge; quality in foreign language teaching.

Final exam preparation. Methods of testing subject knowledge during language classes at universities. Evaluation of progress in the development of language competencies. The development of reading skills through subject-related literature.

5. Psychological aspects of a language teacher’s job at a university.

Vocational training. Personal development.

What skills should a foreign language university teacher possess? Are there any differences between teachers who work at technical and life sciences universities and those who work at universities which focus on humanities? How can teachers overcome „professional burnout”? To what extent can a language teacher be autonomous? Improvement of professional skills - courses, training courses, workshops, conferences, class observation. Reflection on daily work. The use of educational innovations. Is the future of education based on on-line teaching or, is a teacher still needed? The changing role of the teacher in the educational process. How general knowledge, beliefs, language competencies and culture affect the perception of teachers by students?

6. Intercultural differences: between theory and practice.

Working with multicultural groups. Teaching Polish to foreigners. The teacher in a new geopolitical and cultural situation.

7. Language policy in Europe: student and teacher exchanges. Programmes and systems of teaching foreign languages in different countries.

Cooperation in international exchange programmes; what is the influence of participation in the given programme for the given department? Is it possible to create joint programmes for similar types of universities? The exchange of experience as a constant element of broadening knowledge.

8. CLIL-Content and Language Integrated Learning at university. CLIL: the preparation of teachers and students in CLIL.

Students’ and teachers’ problems. CLIL at primary, secondary and higher education levels-tasks and expectations. Educational policy and CLIL.

Poster contest

Another event organized for PUT students to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Centre of Languages and Communication is a Poster Contest entitled „Foreign Languages - My Future“. The aim of the contest is to encourage young people to learn foreign languages, promote different cultures and develop our students` creativity. The required size of a poster is A2 and it can be prepared individually or collectively using a variety of media.

The participants are requested to submit the contest posters until April 5th 2013 to the CLC Secretary's Office, Piotrowo 3A. The winners will be announced on May 13th 2013 and the awards will be given at the special gala on May 24th 2013 where the 60th anniversary will be celebrated.

The jury consisting of PUT Prorector Prof. PhD. Eng. Stefan Trzcieliński, the Dean of Architecture Faculty PhD Eng. Jerzy Suchanek, the Director of the De-

partment of Drawing, Painting, Sculpture and Visual Arts Prof. Włodzimierz Włoszkiewicz, a representative of Put Students' Union, the Director of the Centre of Languages and Communication PhD. Liliana Szczuka-Dorna, a representative of CLC PhD Iwona Gajewska-Skrzypczak, a representative of CLC M.A. Małgorzata Jakubowska will award three prizes /audiovisual equipment, books/ and one distinction.

The rules of the Contest are available at www.clc.put.poznan.pl
We think the contest will be an interesting challenge for creative and talented Put students.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGES SONG CONTEST

As part of the celebrations of the 60th Anniversary of the Centre of Languages and Communication of Poznań University of Technology, we have the pleasure of organizing a Foreign Languages Song Contest for undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students of Poznań University of Technology. The event will be held at the beginning of May 2013. The Rules of the Contest and the Entry Form can be found at www.clc.put.poznan.pl. The aim of this enterprise is to promote musical talents as well as foreign language command of our students.

Students can perform a foreign language song solo or with a band. It is important to note that a student from Poznań University of Technology does not have to be the leader (singer) of a band. He/she can perform as an instrumentalist, while another person will sing the lyrics of a song. In a band there should be at least one representative of Poznań

University of Technology. The participants of the contest will be evaluated by the jury consisting of three lecturers from the Center of Languages and Communication and two members of a well-known musical group Audiofeels, who will take into consideration the following aspects: the level of performance, the musical transparency, the linguistic accuracy, arrangement and originality. We are preparing attractive awards for the winners, who will perform at the special gala on May 24th 2013, where we will celebrate the above mentioned anniversary. We strongly encourage students to take part in the contest. The participants are requested to fill out the Entry Form and send it to the following address: karol.matysiak@put.poznan.pl until April 10th 2013.

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would like to invite all employees and students

to events in the academic year 2012/13
to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the foundation of CLC:

EVENT	WHEN
Polish Week for Erasmus students	September 2012/February 2013
Foreign Language Day	6 th December 2012
14 th English Olympiad for Students of Technical Universities in Poland	1 st stage – November 2012
Open Lectures	2 nd stage – April 2013
Competition for a poster promoting the slogan: Foreign languages - my future	All year
Contests for PUT students	October 2012 – April 2013
Lectures in English	All year
M.A. Elżbieta Vendome: American Life and Institutions	Spring 2013
Exhibitions presenting CLC's history and activity	Spring 2013
A debate with employers and students on the significance of ESP	Spring 2013
A celebratory meeting with PUT authorities and invited guests on the occasion of the 60 th Anniversary of the foundation of CLC	24 th May 2013
Didactic and science conference Od myśli do słowa – języki obce w dydaktyce i nauce XXI wieku (From the concept to the word – modern languages in 21 st century didactics and science)	24 th – 25 th May 2013
Foreign language song contest	May 2013