

IN ENGLISH Education

AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



65TH ANNIVERSARY OF CENTRE OF LANGUAGES AND COMMUNICATION AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

This year CLC is celebrating the 65th anniversary of its foundation and would like to cordially invite all employees and students to participate in all the events:

DATE	EVENT
21.03.2018	American Everyday Life A lecture by E. Vendome, M.A.
13-14.04.2018	19th National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities Second stage and final
18.04.2018	Art exhibition opening for the MaluBajka exhibition by Beata Olszewska
April .2018	The German Higher Education System A lecture by Alexander Bleistein
April 2018	American Arts and Sports A lecture by E. Vendome, M.A. Conversation class – German A lecture by Alexander Bleistein Irish fables and legends workshop with an art workshop In the realm of elves and giants
May 2018	Academic Opportunities for Students and Teachers in the U.S. A lecture by Olivia Schimmels
May 2018	65 years of CLC history Exhibition presenting CLC's history and activity
17-18 May, 2018	The role of CLC in the process of educating the students of Poznan University of Technology – experiences and challenges Conference under the patronage of SERMO

Eventful Spring

at Centre of Languages and Communication

The winter semester passed in a flurry of activity for Centre of Languages and Communication. December brought two major events. First of them was the university stage of the National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities. With 15 universities participating, almost 250 students are going to participate in the second stage in April 2018. Another significant event was Foreign Languages Day. This time the organizers altered the well-known formula and gave the students a true challenge, based on escape room convention. In December, the PUT community could also enjoy an exhibition devoted to presenting Irish Nobel Winners.

In January, the PUT faculty and students had the opportunity to listen to two open lectures. First of them, organized

by CLC and Irish Culture Foundation, was a lecture Meeting Ireland by Justyna Mazurek-Schramm, giving us an interesting insight into Irish culture. Another one was delivered by Olivia Schimmels, B.Sc., a Fulbright scholar currently working at CLC. She discussed the Fulbright grant and the opportunities it offers to Polish scholars.

The following months are going to be equally full of events connected with the celebration of the 65th anniversary of Centre of Languages and Communication. This February – between 19th and 23rd – saw another edition of Orientation Week for international students. We are also going to continue open lectures. In the following months the PUT faculty and students will have the opportunity to learn about the culture of the United States, Ireland, as well as Germany and many more interesting endeavours.

Foreign Languages Day

– a brand new day you cannot escape from

December 5, 2017 was the day during which the future of Poznań University of Technology was at stake. Due to unexplained reasons a bunch of unknown abusers dared to kidnap the Rector, Professor Łodygowski, while he was giving his welcome speech during the Day of Languages organized annually at the Center of Languages and Communication. Thankfully, the troops of students rushed in despair to save the Rector. There was not much time left – only 60 minutes during which the students had to rack their brains to solve the puzzles and clues left behind the Kidnapped. Each solved riddle brought them closer to rescuing our Rector. Fortunately, our students rose to this challenge and within 40 minutes managed to save the Rector, who – safe and sound – was able to perform his duties undisturbed. The saviours could enjoy numerous rewards as laser paintball or escape room sessions, free pizzas and bowling, or even a flight over Poznań and a visit paid to the 31st Tactical Air Base.



Meet our **teachers**



Nuala Mederski

“What are you doing here?” I’ve been asked this question many times (and I’ve occasionally asked myself this on a bad day, too). My route to Poland started with my decision to see a bit of the world after graduating from university. And what easier way to do this than to find work teaching English in other countries? With some qualifications under my belt, I spent time living and working as a teacher in Italy, Spain and Indonesia, before returning to my hometown, London, to teach students who themselves were from all over the world – lots of Poles (of course!), Brazilians, Spaniards, Japanese, and even students from the tiny island nation of São Tomé and Príncipe. Not too long after, however, Poland beckoned (my Polish students must have done a good job advertising the place!), and so I set off again on a new teaching journey to Poznań and PUT, where I’ve been teaching for just over a year.

This time we would like to introduce another two members of our faculty. I hope you will take this opportunity to learn more about the people who teach alt CLC.

Teaching English has given me the chance to meet new people, experience new cultures and see new sights. It’s a challenging job, being a teacher, but it’s a rewarding one, too, particularly when I hear and see the progress my students make. So, what am I doing here? I’m doing a job I love (most of the time!) in a city that’s become my second home. Oh, and I love mooching around stationery shops, baking, watching British drama series and playing board games. ■



Eliza Ciałkowska-Günther, Ph.D.

I still remember the day I went past the Poznań University of Technology as

a child, and it made a great impression on me.

At that time I said to myself: one day I will come back here. And I did. The first time – to study databases during post-graduate studies, and, after a couple of years, to take the job of a lecturer at the Centre of Languages and Communication. I have to admit that during my 11 years of work, I have had a chance to meet many interesting people – not only co-workers, but also students, from whom I could learn a lot. Besides, I had a possibility to participate in a few projects, like for example coordinating the creation of our dictionary of technical terms. This job is my dream which I hope to last for many years.

But it’s not the only one thing I love doing. I also love travelling and visiting beautiful places to learn something different about other nationalities. Whenever I’m free and the weather is nice, I enjoy inline skating. My next passion is jet aircraft in general. And fast cars – I hope to drive one in the future. ■

**On December 1, 2017 we started the 19th National Olympiad
of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities.**

Each of the 15 Polish technical universities
participating in this event held an internal competition
to select the students for the second stage.
This year the number reached almost 250 students.

**The national final is going to take place on April 20 and 21, 2018,
and is going to include:**

- a. Written test: Friday, 20.04.2018, 12.00 (duration: 120 minutes without breaks),
 - b. Oral stage: Friday, 20.04.2018, starting from 15.15,
 - c. Presentations: Saturday, 21.04.2018
- presentations of 10 students with the highest score
from the written and oral parts.

The list of students will be announced on Saturday, before the event, at 8.45.

Topics for presentations this year are:

“All truth passes through three stages.

First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed.

Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.”

Arthur Schopenhauer

and

“Quality is not an act, it is a habit.”

Aristotle

We keep our fingers crossed for all the students,
but for Poznan University of Technology students in particular.

Winners will receive amazing awards.

Organizers of the Olympiad:

mgr Justyna Połomka, M.A.

mgr Urszula Pawałowska, M.A.

mgr Karolina Całka, M.A.

mgr Karol Matysiak, M.A.