

# IN ENGLISH Education

AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



## PUT Day of Languages

Poznan University of Technology has celebrated PUT Day of Languages for the 9th time.

This year's celebration was held on the 9th of December 2010 and the venue was the Conference Room of Polish and German Academic Centre.

At 10 a.m., the authorities of the Department of Modern Languages welcomed guests and students and the ceremony was officially open. In his opening address, M.A Waclaw Szczepaniak emphasized the importance of learning modern languages and the advantages it gives us.

This year's PUT Day of Languages commenced with a short lecture on French pronunciation in which all the students attending the event could take part. The lecture finished with a short competition during which four audacious volunteers had a go at pronouncing tricky French words. After a few spelling rounds, two students were announced the winners.

Students had also a chance to compete in many other contests. Contests for students taking German courses, for instance, offered them a chance to check how much they knew about inventors, as well as names and use of working tools. There was also a possibility to solve a specialist language crosswords or even brush upon on one's mathematics and geometry.

Students attending English courses, on the other hand, could put their know-

ledge about the United States of America, famous architects and constructions, American presidents and film stars to the test.

They could also watch clips of selected movies and guess their titles. Those students who wanted to try their hand at writing were presented with an opportunity to prepare a part of a 'movie script'.

Huge interest was arisen by a contest called „Mensa'. The word mensa itself stands for a canteen. Delicious meals in colorful posters attracted the attention of crowds of students and definitely whetted their appetites. It cannot be ruled out that after seeing the posters, some of the students would like to introduce changes to their canteen menus right now. There was a considerable number of 'Mensa' contestants who got the highest score. However, there was only one prize to win. Therefore, the committee had to select the winner by drawing lots.

It should be mentioned that all the students attending the event were allowed to participate in an unlimited number of contests, regardless of a language course they were actually taking.

The contests commenced at 10.30 a.m. and finished at 2.30 p.m. They were divided into 3 stages and their results were announced respectively.

The prizes were sponsored by the Deans of Poznan University of Technology,

as well as Klett Publishing House, Pearson Longman Publishing House, Nowa Era Publishing House and Omnibus Bookshop. The winners of the contests received books, pen drives and cinema vouchers.

Apart from taking part in a vast number of contests, one could also visit a book fair Book Cellar. It was also possible to be provided with information on other language contests and exams organized by the Department of Modern Languages.

All the language contests were organized by the Teaching Staff of the Department. Even those students who had a day off were more than welcome to take part in the event and have a great time.

The PUT Day of Languages has already become something of a tradition at many universities. It is not enough, however, to communicate in a foreign language once a year. Communication in a foreign language should take place on a daily basis. The impressive results of the contests suggest that the students of Poznan University of Technology are aware of this fact. This, in turn, proves that the idea to organize events like this is a right one.

Iza Cichocka, M.A and. Iwona Flieger M.A, the organizers of the PUT Day of Languages, have already plans for the next year. They are also hoping to find sponsors who can make a day like this even more special.



English Academic Writing Centre at Department of Modern Languages (ALWC) has prepared a paid course for university staff and post-graduate students to develop their writing skills in English. During this intensive five-day course we want to address several topics, ranging from the differences between formal and informal language in writing various papers and correspondence, through paragraph organization,

utilizing linking devices to writing abstracts and summaries of papers, to documentation of sources. The course is open to all the university staff and post-graduate students, and the cost of the course will depend on the number of applicants.

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20 hours (20 x 45min.)

Modules:

**1. Formal vs. informal language use – (4)**

- a. Formal, neutral, informal phrases
- b. Key phrases: opening, closing
- c. Attachments, enclosures
- d. Advice, suggestions, apologies, complaints
- e. Direct vs indirect/polite
- f. Writing informal/formal emails

**2. Writing a paragraph – (4)**

- a. Structure of a paragraph
- b. Types of paragraphs:
  - i. Comparison/contrast
  - ii. Process/procedure description
  - iii. Problem and solution

**3. Writing abstracts and summaries – (6)**

- a. structural integrity
- b. content and relevance
- c. coherence and cohesion - sequencing

**4. Linking devices and elements of grammar – (4)**

- a. Coordinating conjunctions
- b. Conjuncts (adverbs and conjunctions): besides, however, nevertheless, otherwise, so, therefore, still, yet, though
- c. Reason and result/cause
- d. Concession
- e. Comparison
- f. Time clauses
- g. capitalization
- h. punctuation
- i. relative pronouns and relative clauses
- j. using nouns and pronouns consistently (cohesion)
- k. subject-verb agreement

**5. Documentation of sources – (2)**



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# "GEOGRAPHIC" QUIZ

You are requested to send your solutions and names at [konkurssjopp@wp.pl](mailto:konkurssjopp@wp.pl)

The first three correct solutions will be awarded with attractive books. The names of lucky participants will be announced in the next issue of Głos Politechniki.

1. The Lake District is famous for its lakes and its mountains, and its associations with writings of:

- a) William Wordsworth
- b) William Shakespeare
- c) Emily Bronte

2. Ulysses, a famous book by James Joyce chronicles the passage of Leopold Bloom through:

- a) Dublin
- b) York
- c) Cork

3. Which of these descriptions refers to Ireland?

- a) Greenland
- b) Emerald Isle
- c) Turf Paradise

4. Mark Twain wrote about life on the river:

- a) Hudson
- b) Missisipi
- c) Ohio

5. Shakespeare was known as the bard of the river:

- a) Thames
- b) Severn
- c) Avon

GOOD LUCK!



## A mini course **English at Dean's Office** - part 2

**1. The Rector's office is located in Maria Curie-Skłodowska Square ( Wilda district).**

Rektorat znajduje się przy placu Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej (dzielnica Wilda).

**2. The Office of International Relations is located in the Rector's Office building in Maria Curie-Skłodowska Square (Wilda district).**

**Telephone number... e-mail...**

Dział współpracy z zagranicą mieści się w budynku rektoratu przy placu Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej (dzielnica Wilda).

Numer telefonu... e-mail...

**3. If you have any problems or questions you can contact ...**

**Telephone number...**

W przypadku problemów proszę o kontakt z ...

Numer telefonu...

**4. Here's your student identification card.**

Oto Pana/i legitymacja studencka.

**5. Each student is issued a picture identification card which enables the student to have certain services within the University (library, computer labs) and discounts on the train, tram, museum, theatre, cinema tickets.**

Każdy student otrzymuje legitymację studencką która umożliwia dostęp do pewnych usług na terenie Politechniki (biblio-

teka, laboratoria komputerowe) i zniżek na pociągi, tramwaje oraz na bilety do muzeów, teatrów i kin.

**6. Basic information about PUT can be found at [www2.put.poznan.pl/en](http://www2.put.poznan.pl/en)**

Podstawowe informacje o Politechnice znajdują się na stronie [www2.put.poznan.pl/en](http://www2.put.poznan.pl/en)

**7. PUT Academic Regulations are available at [www.put.poznan.pl/studia/regulaminy](http://www.put.poznan.pl/studia/regulaminy)**

Regulamin Studencki Politechniki Poznańskiej jest dostępny na stronie [www.put.poznan.pl/studia/regulaminy](http://www.put.poznan.pl/studia/regulaminy)

**8. A list of student organizations and activities can be found at [www2.put.poznan.pl/en](http://www2.put.poznan.pl/en)**

Lista organizacji studenckich i działalności znajduje się na stronie [www2.put.poznan.pl/en](http://www2.put.poznan.pl/en)

**9. Guide for international students is available at [www2.put.poznan.pl/en](http://www2.put.poznan.pl/en)**

Przewodnik dla studentów międzynarodowych znajduje się na stronie [www2.put.poznan.pl/en](http://www2.put.poznan.pl/en)

**10. The teaching program is available at [www2.put.poznan.pl/en](http://www2.put.poznan.pl/en)**

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