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AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



THE FINAL OF THE 17TH ENGLISH OLYMPIAD FOR STUDENTS OF TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES

About 600 contestants from 15 technical universities participated in the first stage of the Olympiad which took place on November 27th 2015.

The 2nd stage of the 17th National Olympiad of the English Language for Technical Universities was held on 22nd and 23rd April 2016 at Poznań University of Technology with 60 participants. The youngest participant was 19-year-old Manuela Krawczyk from the Silesian University of Technology, the greatest enthusiast was Tomasz Hajdel from Gdańsk University of Technology and the best female student was Weronika Trojanowicz from the Silesian University of Technology. After written and oral tests on the 22nd April, 10 laureates were selected who delivered multimedia presentations on 23rd April on the Stephen Hawking quote "Science is not only a discipline of reason but also one of romance and passion".

Finally, the names of the winners were announced:

1st place – Sebastian Brzuzek, Cracow University of Technology
2nd place – Weronika Trojanowicz, Silesian University of Technology
3rd place – Adrian Szymaniak, Poznań University of Technology
4th place – Sylwia Mikołajczuk, Gdańsk University of Technology
5th place – Bartosz Jabłoński, Wrocław University of Technology
6th place – Ksawery Jasieński, Warsaw University of Technology
7th place – Mateusz Walasek, Maritime University in Szczecin
8th place – Adam Plata, Silesian University of Technology
9th place – Marcin Błaszyk, Poznań University of Technology
10th place – Krzysztof Zalewski, Białystok University of Technology.



The final ceremony was honored by:

- Rector of PUT – Professor Tomasz Łodygowski
- Dean of the Faculty of Technical Physics – Professor Ryszard Czajka
- Dean of the Faculty of Machines and Transportation – Professor Franciszek Tomaszewski
- Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Management Engineering – Associate Professor Edmund Pawłowski
- Committee of Philological Sciences, Branch in Wrocław – Katarzyna Buczek, PhD
- The hosts of the Olympiad were:
 - Director of the Center of Languages and Communication – Liliana Szczuka-Dorna, Ph.D.
 - Deputy Director – Barbara Sawicka, M.A.
 - Head of English and French Section at CLC – Edyta Olejarczuk, M.A.

The Olympiad would not have been possible if it had not been for the generous sponsors. The laureates received valuable prizes, numerous books, gadgets and gifts from about 20 sponsors. The organisers would like to thank all sponsors for their great contribution which has enabled us to carry out such a prominent event.

The organizers of the Olympiad

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Dream work, dream employee – a road to success

On April 27, 2016 Poznań University of Technology hosted a group of representatives from a number of large and medium-sized companies who took part in the eleventh edition of an annual student-employer debate. This year, the title and the leitmotiv of the debate was "Dream work, dream employee – a road to success".

The event attended by over 300 students was organized by the Centre of Languages and Communication in cooperation with a local committee of an international student organization, IA-STE. Poznań University of Technology was represented by Professor Jacek Goc, Vice-Rector for Education, Professor Krzysztof Wiśłocki, Vice-Dean of Faculty of Machines and Transport, Magdalena Wyrwicka, Ph.D., D.Sc., Eng., Vice-Dean of Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Management and Liliana Szczuka-Dorna, Ph.D., Director of the Centre of Languages and Communication. The academic discussion was joined by the representatives of the labour market. Our invitation was kindly accepted by Mr. Sebastian Drzewiecki, Head of Business Service Centre from GlaxoSmithKline, Mrs. Izabela Lipiec, the HR specialist from Blum, Mr. Cezary Nawrocki, the Head of Technical Department from Defor, and Mrs. Anna Dyl from Talent Development Foundation. To provide full insight, we also welcomed Mr. Tomasz Donarski, a graduate of Poznań University of Technology currently working for Solaris and Mrs. Małgorzata Zawadzka, a third year student of our University.

The overall aim of the debate this year was confronting the students' expectations regarding their prospect employment and the development of their professional careers with the bitter



realities of a labor market. In other words, the question whether the objectives of both students and employers can be attained at the same time was addressed. The introduction made by Mr. Sebastian Kamiński from CaseWeek was followed by the experts' comments on how the entrepreneurs understand the value of the competences for the labor market, how they evaluate the level of key competences of PUT graduate students, and how they perceive a role of their companies in shaping these competences.

The debate was divided into two parts. The first panel was aimed at presenting a silhouette of an ideal employee as seen by the employer. Whereas the aim of the latter was to frame the students' expectations of an ideal internship or an ideal job. The panelists were making an attempt to answer the question if the students' needs and the employers' expectations coincide in any respect.

Professor Jacek Goc highlighted the need for greater autonomy and engagement of our students in the process of gaining knowledge. The Vice-Rector made an apt and humorous remark that students can basically be divided into two groups, self-educators, i.e. those who learn things for themselves and “non-educators”, i.e. those who do not learn at all.

Lilina Szczuka-Dorna, Director of CLC, emphasized the role of learning foreign languages as one of the key competences on a job market. CLC offers a wide range of language courses, including 120 hours of a technical language course which helps in shaping the competences of future engineers. There are also other opportunities to develop language skills at PUT, for example conversation clubs with native speakers or a Language Doctor programme, to name just a few.

Mr. Sebastian Drzewiecki (GSK) was speaking about the trainees from PUT who were on placement with GlaxoSmithKline in superlatives. He praised them for having well-developed soft skills. Besides, he advised our students that before coming to a job interview they should consider why they want to work for a particular company and in what way they can contribute to a further development of a company they want to work for.

In the opinion of Mrs. Izabela Lipiec (Blum), ideal workers are those people who are diligent, not lazy, committed to a compa-

ny, willing to accomplish a task, and most of all, those who are full of enthusiasm and passion towards what they do. She also pointed out that knowing a foreign language, but not merely English but also, for example German or French, gives people better opportunity to find a dream work.

The need for learning foreign languages was also emphasized by another panelist, Mr. Cezary Nawrocki (Defor). He said that his company was looking for engineers who could speak French, and much to their astonishment, there were few candidates on the local job market who could actually meet this criterion.

Talent Development Foundation was represented by Mrs. Anna Dyl. The foundation creates opportunity for students to develop and actively engage in the process of learning and gaining professional experience.

The debate was organized by PUT Centre of Languages and Communication headed by Liliana Szczuka-Dorna, Ph.D. with the following lecturers: Małgorzata Tomaszewska, M.A., Maciej Buczowski, Ph.D. Iwona Flieger, M.A., Waldemar Korczyk, M.A., Alicja Lamperska, M.A., Aleksandra Nikiel, M.A., Artur Urbaniak, Ph.D and Irena Waškowiak, M.A.

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Polish Week

Once again Polish Week for Erasmus students turned out to be a great success !

It was held between February 22nd and February 26th, 2016 and about 92 students participated in it. The students came from different parts of Europe –Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece, France, Slovenia, Finland, Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Croatia, Hungary, Estonia, Belgium, Denmark, Germany and Turkey. Among the participants were also some full cycle international students coming from such distant countries as Algeria, Vietnam, Brazil,

Jordan, Egypt, Iran, Iraq and Pakistan. They all participated in different cultural activities, exploring historical sites and architecture of Poznan and Wielkopolska.

They enjoyed everything that had been planned for them. They had the opportunity to see and visit the unique old Poznan fortifications of Festung Posen (Fort 6) and to watch a short documentary film about the battle of Poznan in 1945.

The students also saw an exciting film about the history of Poland and listened to fascinating stories and Poznan legends, learning a lot about Polish history, customs and traditions. They even managed to pick up a few words and expressions in Polish to be able to communicate in very basic situations of everyday life. This was found extremely useful during visiting the Lech Brewery when after having admired the beer production process everyone could order a glass of beer in the local pub in Polish!

While visiting the Old Town the students were fascinated with the

historical buildings surrounding the Old Market Square and the rich baroque parish church, one of the best examples of this architecture in Europe. They were impressed with the Town Hall and liked the story of the goats that once had saved the city of Poznan. A visit to the Cathedral, the cathedral vaults and crypt where Polish kings had been buried was an unforgettable experience.

The biggest attraction, however, was the trip to Rogalin where students visited the magnificent palace, the Coachhouse, the Painting Gallery and the huge park. Afterwards, they were treated to traditional Polish dinner in a local restaurant (chicken soup, pork chop with potatoes and salad, followed by a cup of

coffee and tea and two typical Polish cakes – cheesecake and poppy-seed cake).

Polish Week was a splendid opportunity to get to know fellow students, break the ice and learn about Polish culture, history and geography. Everybody had a great time. It was definitely a good way to start studying in Poznan!

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Waiting for summer

Longer day, warmer weather, restless people and holiday plans – they are all unmistakable signs that the summer and the holidays are coming.

Look at the idioms and phrases connected with holidays. Select the suitable words from the ones provided below (A-I) to complete the gaps.

1.	The past week I haven't been able to concentrate or do anything productive. The weather is wonderful and I don't want to sit at the desk all day! I must be feeling the _____ fever!	A.	nowhere
2.	There are many people who just want to lie on the beach all day and _____ the sun.	B.	a shoestring
3.	You'll love this hotel! It's remote and hidden in the forest. Almost in the middle of _____, so it's very quiet!	C.	whale
4.	My parents never spend holidays in crowded resorts. They always go for places off _____ track that not many tourists know about.	D.	spring
5.	Students always manage to find the best occasions when travelling, and even though they may not have too much money. They say that if you want to save money and see the world, you should travel on _____.	E.	no place
6.	I'm exhausted! I need to go on a trip to relax and _____ my batteries.	F.	the beaten
7.	We can't go outside on such a hot day! We'd get a heat stroke. It's best to _____ the heat and go to air-conditioned cinema.	G.	recharge
8.	'How was your holiday? Did you have fun?' 'It was great! I did a ton of sightseeing and had a _____ of time in Greece!'	H.	soak up
9.	It's good to be back after a month of travelling. I'm happy to sleep in my own bed tonight. There's _____ like home, really!	I.	beat

9G, 'ZL, '8C, '9F
'1D, '2H, '3A, '4F, '5B,
ANSWERS: