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AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



The National English Olympiad for Students of Technical Universities is organised by the Centre of Languages and Communication, Poznan University of Technology, to promote excellence in English language learning. The competition has been taking place every year for the last 14 years. It is open to students of all Polish technical universities and is al-

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ways divided into two stages. The first stage of the 14<sup>th</sup> Olympiad took place on December 1, 2012, in which students from 14 technical universities wrote a test including some technical issues prepared by the organisational team here at CLC, PUT. 77 competitors who scored the most points qualified for the second stage, which was organised on April 26 and 27, 2013. The 44 students who turned up on Friday, April 26, first took a two-hour written test at C2 level and then delivered short speeches on a variety of current topics. This part was evaluated by all academic teachers of English from CLC. The top 10 competi-

tion finalists were chosen based on the number of total points they had collected both from the written test and their speeches. On the Saturday, the finalists delivered multimedia presentations on the same topic, namely "Challenges That Our Contemporary World Faces". The winner of this year's Olympiad was Mr Maciej Habant, Opole University of Technology, followed by Mr Adam Pacewicz, Warsaw University of Technology, Mr Przemysław Nikratowicz, Poznan University of Technology, Ms Katarzyna Czarnecka, Warsaw University of Technology, Mr Michał Dziągwa, Wrocław University of Technology,

Mr Michał Gawlas, Opole University of Technology, Ms Kamila Klimek, Poznan University of Technology, Mr Mateusz Gawęda, Kraków University of Technology, Mr Tomasz Mańko, Silesian University of Technology in Gliwice, and Ms Magdalena Kordyka, Poznan University of Technology. We are extremely proud that three PUT students ranked among the Olympiad's ten best contestants. All the top competitors received numerous prizes sponsored by the following people, companies, institutions and foundations: His Magnificence, Rector of Poznan University of Technology, professor Tomasz Łodygowski, Prorector for Lifelong Learning of Poznan University of Technology, professor Stefan Trzcieliński, Director of the Centre of Languages and Communication, Liliana Szczuka-Dorna, Ph.D., Triada Im-ex, Kraków University of Technology, BELL Language School, Lang LTC Exam Centre, Pearson, Macmillan, Nowa Era Publishing House, Oxford University Press, Omnibus Bookshop, Cambridge University Press, Novela Bookshop, Oriflame, and SOLAR, without whom the competition would not have been possible. The media patron was Afera Radio. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of them for their cooperation and support, which have enabled us to continue to organise the event for so many years. Prizes were also given to the Best PUT Contestants, Mr Przemysław Nikratowicz and Ms

Kamila Klimek; the Best Female Contestant, Ms Katarzyna Czarnecka, Warsaw University of Technology; the Youngest Contestant, Ms Maja Starostecka, Wrocław University of Technology; the Best Olympiad Enthusiasts, Ms Magdalena Jałówko, Wrocław University of Technology and Mr Paweł Stawarz, Rzeszów University of Technology, and Mr Michał Dziergwa, Wrocław University of Technology, who won the Audience Favourite Award. The Saturday

event was attended by professor Stefan Trzcieliński, the Prorector for Lifelong Learning of Poznań University of Technology; professor Grzegorz Musielak, the Vice Dean for Education of the Faculty of Chemical Technology; Mirosław Szybowicz, Ph.D. hab., the Vice Dean for Education of the Faculty of Technical Physics as well as Liliana Szczuka-Dorna, Ph.D, the Director of the Centre of Languages and Communication; Iwona Gajewska-Skrzypczak, Ph.D. and Bar-

bara Sawicka, M.A., the Vice Directors of the CLC; and Katarzyna Matuszak, M.A. the Head the English and French Section. The organisation of this year's Olympiad was supervised by Elżbieta Jeziorek, M.A. with Agata Jankiewicz, M.A., Justyna Połomka, M.A. and Agnieszka Sokołowska, M.A. We are looking forward to an exciting and inspiring competition next year, which will mark the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Olympiad.

## MEET THE WINNERS



**Maciej  
Habant**

I hail from Opole and I am currently a sophomore at the Opole University of Technology, with Control Engineering and Robotics being my major. One of my greatest passions is undoubtedly learning foreign languages. Apart from English, I can also communicate at a certain level in Korean and Russian, with just a tiny little bit of Chinese as well.

I had my first contact with the English language at the age of 6 by means of computer games. In 5th grade, I started attending a language institute and ultimately, I was awarded the CAE certificate in June 2009.



**Adam  
Pacewicz**

So let's get the ball rolling! I'm twenty one years old and I'm in my fourth semester of Electronics, Information Technology and Telecommunications (believe it or not, it's a single major), and in my second of Technical Physics at the Warsaw University of Technology. I was born in the beautiful city of Olsztyn, perhaps known to you for Kortowiada, where I lived all my life before moving to study.

In my pastime I'm keen on swimming, as well as dancing popping and ballroom dances. A somewhat weird combination, isn't it?



**Przemysław  
Nikratowicz**

My name is Przemek and I study Automation Engineering and Robotics at Poznań University of Technology. I'm a huge fan of both science-fiction films and electronic dance music. I've studied English since my first grade in primary school.

The decision to take part in the contest was a rather spontaneous one. After I've found out from facebook that such a contest exists and given the fact that I haven't had too much contact with English since I finished secondary school, I decided to give it a try, just to refresh my memory a bit.

In middle school, I happened to stumble upon the quotation "Anything worth doing is worth doing well". Ever since then, I have always tried my best to put this particular maxim into practice, especially in regard to constant self-improvement on various fields.

In my opinion, a good command of English is undeniably indispensable in the business environment, with my stress being put here on the professional society of engineers. The conclusion I would like to draw here is that nowadays, one's ability to use English is just as important as their knowledge in a given specialty.

This was my first time in Poznan and I was genuinely charmed by the picturesque city centre. What surprised me on my visit to the Poznan University of Technology, was the spacious campus and the impressive newly constructed buildings, along with the innovative infrastructure. In my eyes, the Staff of the Centre of Languages and Communication proved to be true professionals, who were always kind and helpful to all contestants.

With no doubt, I am definitely going to come back to your city soon!

Learning foreign languages, especially English, is my passion. I took my first steps when I was two, when my father taught me the letters of the English alphabet.

In high school I became Laureate of the English Olympiad (informally known as Henryk Krzyżanowski's Olympiad), and now I've had the opportunity to participate in the final stage of the English Olympiad for Students of Technical Universities. It was a very memorable event for me, particularly the presentation part. The speech about 'Robotic Apocalypse' was so captivating that I actually did some research on the subject on arrival home!

I wish I could take part in next year's Olympiad. I can keep my fingers crossed though that the event will be at least as successful as this year!

What a surprise it was when I realised in January that I advanced to the next stage of the competition!

The organisation of the second stage was pretty neat. Firstly, the time spent on waiting on one's turn before the oral part was cut down to the minimum. Secondly, as far as I know, the number and the quality of rewards exceeded most of participants' expectations. Finally, serving some snacks to reduce the tension before the results was a very nice gesture.

All in all, I had a great impression of this competition. Not only was it a rewarding and pleasurable experience but also a good way to refresh my English skills. I would definitely recommend everyone to try and take part in it next year.

# The English Olympiad

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Olympiad of the English Language, May 19-20th 1995

The participants were PUT students only. The Olympiad was organized by English section teachers. The smooth running of the event was the responsibility of L. Dorina, M.A., B. Lange, M.A. and W. Tyszka, M.A. The Olympiad was a two-stage competition. On May 9th the students faced the challenge of a written test and on the next day they presented their language skills in front of a committee that checked their fluency in a talk on a drawn topic.

The honorary patron of the Olympiad was His Magnificence, the Rector of PUT Professor Eugeniusz Mitkowski, Ph.D. Eng., represented at the Olympiad by the

Rector's Secretary, E. Szmaus, Ph.D.

### Laureates:

1. Irmína Szcześniak
2. Paweł Jachimowicz
3. Katarzyna Peplińska
4. Szymon Ceranka
5. Łukasz Ligęziński
6. Anna Ciał
7. Piotr Wiegandt
8. Joanna Dworak
9. Małgorzata Leżańska
10. Marta Popena

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Olympiad of the English Language, March 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> 1996

The participants were PUT students only. The Olympiad was organized by English

section teachers. The smooth running of the event was the responsibility of D. Bogacka, M.A., K. Ciesielska, M.A., and J. Wolak, M.A. The honorary patron of the Olympiad was His Magnificence, Rector of PUT, Professor Eugeniusz Mitkowski, Ph.D. Eng., represented at the Olympiad by the Rector's Secretary, E. Szmaus, Ph.D.

### Laureates:

1. Krzysztof Śniadek
2. Rafał Bald
3. Sławomir Tomczak
4. Maciej Komosiński
5. Monika Antoniewicz
6. Dominik Darski
7. Mikołaj Dolata
8. Anna Józefowicz
9. Robert Kaczorek

10. Agnieszka Jakubczak

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Olympiad of the English Language, May 16-17<sup>th</sup> 1997**

The participants were PUT students only. The Olympiad was organized by English section teachers, and the whole event was supervised by M. Jakubowska, M.A., A. Nowak, M.A. and I. Wojciechowska, M.A.

#### **Laureates:**

1. Grzegorz Rychlik
2. Marek Miądowicz
3. Marcin Stankiewicz
4. Radosław Ochmański
5. Arkadiusz Niemira
6. Kamil Kurpiz
7. Wojciech Dubowik
8. Marzena Banach
9. Mariusz Walkowiak
10. Katarzyna Kawecka

An additional prize went to Małgorzata Zawodna.

The main prize for the Laureate was a three-week Business English course at Darlington College of Technology in the UK. The award ceremony was held in the presence of the University authorities represented by Pro-rector for Education, Professor A. Iskra, Ph.D. Eng., sponsors and guests.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Olympiad of the English Language, May 8-9<sup>th</sup> 1998**

The participants were PUT students only. The honorary patron of the Olympiad was His Magnificence, Rector of PUT, Professor Eugeniusz Mitkowski, Ph.D. Eng.

#### **Laureates:**

1. Jarosław Woźniak
2. Michał Wódczak
3. Bartosz Kłosowski
4. Emanuela Śmiglak
5. Marcin Żurawski
6. Leszek Chwaliński
7. Piotr Płusa
8. Marcin Nowacki
9. Łukasz Krzymień
10. Ariel Olesiak
11. Piotr Mucha
12. Kazimierz Kwiręg

The main prize for the winner was a two-week English course at Darlington College of Technology in the UK.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Olympiad of the English Language, May 7-8<sup>th</sup> 1999**

The participants were PUT students only.

#### **Laureates:**

1. Hanna Piskorek
2. Paweł Mroczkowski
3. Tomasz Kniola
4. Michał Kaczmarek
5. Bartłomiej Łapiński
6. Magdalena Regel
7. Sławomir Nowaczyk
8. Adam Weryszko
9. Jakub Piasecki
10. Wojciech Grycewicz

Additional prizes went to Przemysław Nowicki, Adam Weryszko, Grzegorz Pawłowski and Bartosz Sokołowski.

The main prize was a trip to Great Britain.

### **1<sup>st</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities, March/April 2000**

After the Olympiad had been held at PUT for five years, we noticed a lot of positive reactions, and therefore the DFL staff decided to invite students from other universities to take part in this form of rivalry. The organizing team: D. Otto, M.A., B. Olszewska, M.A., I. Gajewska-Skrzypczak, M.A. and L. Schmidt prepared the competition rules and took steps to carry out the 1st National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities. The Olympiad was a two-stage event. Around 600 students from 16 technical universities participated in the 1st, which was held on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2000. 79 qualified for the 2nd stage. The finals of the 1st National Olympiad took place at the PUT campus. 60 students from 14 technical universities came to participate. After facing the written test and an interview, 10 laureates were selected. They were awarded a number of prizes funded by generous sponsors, including a trip to Great Britain.

The main prize, a trip to Darlington

College of Technology in Great Britain, funded by Darlington College, went to Tomasz Szynalski from Wrocław University of Technology. The second place was taken by Lech Rowiński from Warsaw University of Technology, the third by Katarzyna Biernat from Wrocław University of Technology.

#### **Laureates:**

1. Tomasz Szynalski (Wrocław)
2. Lech Rowiński (Warsaw)
3. Katarzyna Biernat (Wrocław)
4. Łukasz Pytel (Wrocław)
5. Jacek Wiśniewski (Silesian University)
6. Michał Stangel (Silesian University)
7. Michał Wrotek (Warsaw)
8. Piotr Marek Sarna (Cracow)
9. Jarosław Adamowski (Gdansk)
10. Tomasz Lewicki (Wrocław)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities**

The 1<sup>st</sup> stage, in the form of an intramural qualification round, was held on 25th November 2000. About 500 students from 14 technical universities participated. They were faced with a test prepared by the organizers of the Olympiad (I. Gajewska-Skrzypczak, M.A., D. Żarnowska, M.A. Eng., K. Olszewski, M.A., T. Pawlak, M.A. and J. Stokłosa, M.A.). The 2nd stage took place on the 11-12th May 2001 at DFL PUT in Poznań. It consisted of two parts: a written one with 110 participants and an interview of 30 selected students. Finally, the 15 best students were chosen from all the contenders and they were named Laureates and received related prizes. One of them was given an opportunity to develop their language skills in Great Britain at Severn Vale Academy in Shrewsbury, another at BEET Language Centre in Bournemouth. These prizes went to Marcin Floryan from Warsaw University of Technology and Maciej Zimniak from Poznań University of Technology respectively. The overall value of the prizes funded by the above-mentioned institutions and other sponsors: His Magnificence, Rector of PUT, Solar, Oriflame, Prawo Jazdy, Softronik, Program Bell, Omnibus, Malta Ski, Alfons Bilski company and bookshops: Nowela, Omnibus, Liber, Longman, was over 14,000 PLN.

The honorary patron was His Magnificence, Rector of PUT, prof. dr hab. Jerzy Dembczyński and the Honorary Consul of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Włodzimierz Walkowiak.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities**

The first intramural stage, based on a test prepared by the organizers of the Olympiad (I. Gajewska-Skrzypczak, M.A., D. Żarnowska, M.A. Eng., B. Skwarska, M.A., K. Olszewski, M.A., A. Kubot, M.A.) was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2001. It gathered over 450 participants from 13 technical universities.

On the 10-11<sup>th</sup> May 2001 PUT was the host to 97 participants of the second stage of the contest. 40 of them were selected for an interview, and 15 of them received the title of Laureate.

#### **Laureates:**

1. Adrian Kosowski (Gdansk)
2. Szymon Bartosiak (Poznan)
3. Michał Wrotek (Warsaw)
4. Małgorzata Tłoczek (Poznan)
5. Maciej Zięba (Poznan)
6. Anna Dibowska (Gdansk)
7. Karolina Szarmach (Wroclaw)
8. Krzysztof Grzelak (Warsaw)
8. Marcin Kmiec (Poznan)
9. Paulina Budzyńska (Koszalin)
10. Filip Idzikowski (Poznan)
11. Bartosz Grabiec (Poznan)
11. Tomasz Wala (Silesian University)
12. Krzysztof Pilch (AGH, Cracow)
13. Magdalena Walc (Rzeszow)

Representatives of the authorities of PUT, Professor Tomasz Łodygowski, Ph.D. Eng, representatives of sponsors and our guests were present at the final ceremony of the Olympiad. The honorary patron was His Magnificence, Rector of PUT, Professor Jerzy Dembczyński, Ph.D. Eng., and the Honorary Consul of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Włodzimierz Walkowiak.

Assessed value of prizes funded by the sponsors of the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for students of

Technical Universities in the academic year 2001/2002: Two-week language course in Beet Language Centre in Bournemouth, including flight and pocket money – to the value of about 7,500PLN; Two language courses organized in Poznan by Omnibus School of Languages and Program-Bell School of Languages to the value of about 1,000PLN each and two equivalent language courses for the students from Wroclaw of a similar value (4,000PLN altogether); Skiing course for 10 students from Poznan organized by Malta "Ski" – to the value of about 1,000PLN; Clothing voucher to the value of 300PLN; Non-cash prizes (printers, mini stack hi-fi, portable CD player, compact discs, decorative knives, cosmetics, manicure set, clothing) to the total value of around 2,800PLN; Books (popular science and scientific publications, dictionaries, albums) to the total value of about 4,400PLN

The overall value of the prizes was about 20,000PLN.

### **4<sup>th</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities**

The honorary patron was His Magnificence, Rector of PUT, Professor Jerzy Dembczyński, Ph.D. Sc., and the Honorary Consul of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Włodzimierz Walkowiak.

Report: 4<sup>th</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities.

Organizer (co-organizers): Department of Foreign Languages of Poznan University of Technology and the Students' Union

Date and place – the 1<sup>st</sup> stage was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2002 at 13 technical universities that expressed their willingness to participate in the qualification stage. The 2nd stage was held at DFL PUT on the 9th May 2003.

The number of participants – 340 students from 13 Polish universities entered the 1<sup>st</sup> stage. 137 students from 12 universities were qualified for the 2nd stage. 98 of 137 students took the written test. 51

students reached the final interview stage.

The form of task completion – the 1st stage had the form of an intramural qualification based on a written test prepared by DFL PUT. The 2nd stage began with a written test, on the basis of which the finalists, who had to take an oral exam, were selected. 10 laureates were chosen from the group of finalists. That year the best proved to be PUT student Krzysztof Jędrzejek and he was the one to win the main prize, a trip to Great Britain, along with other prizes.

Full information on task fulfilment (with particular consideration given to the fulfilment of organizational and programme guidelines as well as the set objectives, factual results attained etc.) – the Olympiad ran splendidly; the knowledge of English and of English speaking countries were checked. The organizers managed to give the Olympiad its due status and gain the recognition and prestige of the university authorities, as well as the didactic units they represented. The objective of the Olympiad was and remained the arousal of the willingness to compete in the language field among students of technical universities and to participate in the Socrates-Erasmus international programmes and to encourage them to become better acquainted with the culture of English speaking countries.

#### **Laureates:**

1. Krzysztof Jędrzejek (Poznan)
2. Anna Stręk (Cracow)
3. Dawid Huczek (Wroclaw)
4. Mateusz Zająkała (Poznan)
5. Marcin Piłśniak (Cracow)
6. Alicja Buczkowska (Gdansk)
6. Maciej Giemza (Warsaw)
7. Łukasz Dobrzański (Wroclaw)
8. Karol Walędzik (Warsaw)
9. Krzysztof Bartoszek (Gdansk)

### **5<sup>th</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities**

The 1<sup>st</sup> stage was held in November 2003 with the participation of 300 students from 11 Polish universities. 134 students from 11 universities were qualified for the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage. On the 7-8th of May 2004 the



following stages took place: the written test, which was taken by 87 of 134 students. 49 students qualified for the final interview, of which 10 Laureates representing 5 technical universities were selected.

Laureates:

1. Kuźmińska Katarzyna (Wrocław)
2. Michalska Natalia (Poznań)
3. Jagielak Maciej (Cracow)
4. Szostak Magdalena (Cracow)
5. Kazienko Michał (Wrocław)
6. Idzikowski Grzegorz (Wrocław)
7. Poleski Piotr (Poznań)
8. Dudziak Maciej (Poznań)
9. Korzeniowska Renata (Białystok)
10. Grobelny Bartosz (Szczecin).

For several years May has been a special month for the students of Polish technical universities who want to have their language skills tested in a pleasant and attractive way. In this month, the campus of Poznań University of Technology hosts the finals of the 5th National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities organized by the employees of the Department of Foreign Languages.

This year students fought to gain the winner's title, aiming to defeat their competitors in a two-stage contest. In accordance with the Competition Rules, the 1<sup>st</sup> stage was held in November 2003. It took place at 11 technical universities and gathered almost 300 students. The stage consisted of solving the test which included parts checking: grammar, listening and reading comprehension, as well as the knowledge of technical issues and the knowledge of English speaking countries. 138 of the contenders qualified for the next stage. These students were invited to Poznań to enter for the final challenge on the 7th May 2004. Of this large group, 89 made it to Poznań.

To become a laureate they not only had to get through the written part, but also the oral one. By presenting their opinion on a drawn topic each person could demonstrate their rich lexicon, fluency, excellent pronunciation and grammatical competence. The selected group of 10 laureates was chosen after summing

up the points for the written test and an interview.

The final ceremony and award-giving was held on Saturday the 8th of May at the PUT Senate Conference Room in the presence of the authorities of PUT and invited sponsors and guests. The Rector was represented by Professor Leszek Pacholski, Ph.D. Eng – the Dean of the Faculty of Computing, professor Krystyna Balińska was also present. The students had the opportunity get to know the president and vice president of the Polish-Irish Society Krzysztof Schramm and Justyna Mazurek and Anna Gębka-Suska the chair of the private language school Program-Bell.

After the official greeting of the gathered guests by Liliana Szczuka-Dorna, M.A., the Head of the Department of Foreign Languages and a brief speech given by prof. Pacholski came the moment awaited by everyone – the announcement of the results. If it had not been for the generosity of our sponsors, the moment would certainly not have been that exciting. Only thanks to them – the Rector, the British Council, BEET Language Centre, Malta-Ski, the American Embassy, the Australian Embassy, Wielkopolska Spółka Gazownictwa – Zakład Gazownictwa Poznań, Omnibus School of Languages, Private language school Program- Bell, Clothing company Solar, Surgical Instruments Factory AESCULAP CHIFA Ltd, Triada Imex S.C., cosmetics company Oriflame, Tourist Agency ATAS, WARSAW VOICE S.A., EL GAZETTE London, Hotel Poznań NOVOTEL, publishing houses: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, LONGMAN ELT, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, MACMILLAN, LEKTOR KLETT, WAGROS, KURPISZ S.A., bookshops: Pol-Anglo, Nowela and Liber, the Olympiad is not only about having fun.

Among the laureates this year were the representatives of 5 technical universities. They were awarded not only with prizes and books but also subscriptions to English magazines and tickets to Malta-Ski.

The first placed winner was particularly honoured with a language course in Great Britain. This year the prize went to Katarzyna Kuzminska, a student of Wrocław University of Technology.

No matter which place the competitors took, all of those who reached the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage received a Certificate of Participation.

After the official part, during the refreshment break, many people shared their impressions on the spot. One could conclude that many students were interested in participation in the coming editions of the Olympiad and they were really impressed by what they had experienced.

### **6<sup>th</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities**

#### **Laureates**

1. Łapiński Tomasz (Gdańsk)
2. Jelińska Julia (Wrocław)
3. Schmidt Adam (Poznań)
4. Żochowski Paweł (Gdańsk)
5. Szwarc Paweł (Silesian University)
6. Kosiba Marcin (Poznań University)
7. Buczkowska, Alicja (Gdańsk)
8. Gorczyński Paweł (Warsaw)
9. Matyja Dariusz (Wrocław)
9. Ryżejno Michał (Gdańsk)

On the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May at the PUT campus, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, final stage of the 6<sup>th</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities took place. Traditionally, we host the representatives of Polish technical universities fighting for the title of laureate. Students displayed their knowledge of English, and had already passed an intramural stage on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2004. From 240 students of 11 universities, 132 were invited to participate in the final.

Pro-rector of Poznań University of Technology, Professor Tomasz Łodygowski, Ph.D. Eng, and Head of the Department of Foreign Languages at PUT, Liliana Szczuka-Dorna, Ph.D, officially opened the second stage on 6<sup>th</sup> May, congratulated the participants on their knowledge and, naturally, wished them good luck. After short announcements students started the written part. As in the first stage, future engineers faced material requiring not only grammatical, but also cultural knowledge.

Out of 71 people, 50 were qualified for the interview, where they all received no

less than 29 out of 50 points. The next day, students presented their opinions on various topics. The evaluating committee, and especially the British Council representative, Paul Fairclough, emphasized the very high level of the participants.

The atmosphere during the written and oral parts was very pleasant. We have noticed, also in previous Olympiads, that students are very comfortable with this form of rivalry and treat it as great fun. The attraction of the Olympiad is also in the prizes, which we give out thanks to the generosity of our sponsors. They allow the competitors to enjoy various prizes, enrich their personal book collections and broaden their horizons with language courses and apprenticeships in Poland and abroad. This year's prizes made the laureates very happy. Their names were announced during the award ceremony at Aula Magna of PUT, in the presence of the university representative – Professor Aleksandra Rakowska, Ph.D. Eng. Students could also meet and express their gratitude to the present sponsors. Among the guests at the ceremony were also the British Council representative, Paul Fairclough, Katarzyna Lisowska of Program Bell Foreign Language School, Małgorzata Gajewska from Oriflame, as well as representatives of technical universities from Warsaw, Gdansk, Szczecin, and naturally Poznan.

Regardless of the number of points, the 2nd stage participants received a Certificate of Participation, and laureates were extremely satisfied with the results, and we hope that they will encourage even more students to enter the competition in the following years.

Prizes in the 6th National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities

1<sup>st</sup> place: language course in Great Britain (BEET Language Centre, Bournemouth), Home cinema set, Books and dictionary, subscription to WARSAW VOICE, Warsaw Voice wallet

2<sup>nd</sup> place: DVD player, Voucher of 500PLN and a gift from SOLAR, Books and a dic-

tionary, Subscription to WARSAW VOICE, ORIFLAME cosmetics Warsaw Voice wallet

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Mini hi-fi, Books and dictionaries, Aesculap-Chifa decorative knives, Subscription to WARSAW VOICE, ORIFLAME cosmetics Warsaw Voice wallet

4<sup>th</sup> place: Portable DVD player, Books and a dictionary, Subscription to WARSAW VOICE, ORIFLAME cosmetics Warsaw Voice wallet

5<sup>th</sup> place: Portable DVD player, Subscription to WARSAW VOICE, Books and a dictionary, ORIFLAME cosmetics Warsaw Voice wallet

6<sup>th</sup> place: Electronic organiser, Books and a dictionary, Subscription to WARSAW VOICE, ORIFLAME cosmetics

7<sup>th</sup> place: Calculator, Books and a dictionary, ORIFLAME cosmetics

Places: 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> (2): Books and a dictionary, ORIFLAME cosmetics

Additional prizes: Gift sets for 10 finalists from SOLAR company ; A month apprenticeship for a PUT laureate from Wielkopolski Zakład Gazownictwa; Language course from Program-Bell Language School for a PUT laureate; Language course from Omnibus School of Languages for a PUT laureate; Language course from IDEA Language Centre for a PUT laureate; A prize for the youngest finalist; Language course for the best Warsaw University of Technology participant, sponsored by the Rector of Warsaw University of Technology; Books for Gdansk University of Technology participants, sponsored by the Rector of Gdansk University of Technology; Tickets for Malta Ski Skiing Centre for 10 PUT finalists; Language course and books for the finalists from Wrocław University of Technology; Language course for the best student from Warsaw University of Technology; Books for Gdansk University of Technology finalists, sponsored by the Rector of Gdansk University of Technology; Tickets for Malta Ski Skiing Centre for 10 PUT finalists; Language course and books for Wrocław University of Technology finalists

## **7<sup>th</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities**

The Department of Foreign Languages at PUT closed the 7th National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities. The honorary patron was taken His Magnificence, Rector of Poznan University of Technology, Professor Adam Hamrol, Ph.D. Eng, and Honorary Consul of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Włodzimierz Walkowiak.

This year the 1<sup>st</sup> stage took place on 26th November, with 342 students from 13 technical universities. From this group, 99 students of 9 universities passed to the next stage, and 51 came to compete in Poznan. The final began on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2006 with a written test. 30 students passed to the interview stage, where they expressed their opinions on a selected topic.

Finally, 10 laureates of 5 universities were selected: 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Michał Giemza of PUT, 2nd to Maciej Kutyło of Szczecin Technical University, 3rd went to Agata Pytel of Wrocław Technical University and Maciej Sołtysiak of PUT; 5th place went to Michał Alenowicz of Gdansk Technical University, 6th to Robert Rychicki of Szczecin Technical University, 8th went to three students: Marcin Kordasz of PUT, Daniel Ożminkowski of PUT and Grzegorz Wroblewski of Lodz Technical University.

Organising our Olympiad would not have been possible without our generous sponsors. This year we had the help of: BEET Language Center – Great Britain – sponsor of the main prize (2-week language course); His Magnificence, Rector of PUT, Professor Adam Hamrol, Ph.D. Eng (material prizes); Triada Imex private partnership from Poznan (material prizes); British Council (dictionaries); The American Embassy in Warsaw (books); Wielkopolska Spółka Gazownictwa – Zakład Gazowniczy Poznań (a month apprenticeship for a PUT laureate); Omnibus Language School, Poznan (language course); Private Language School Program-BELL, Poznan (language course); Solar clothing company, Poznan (voucher for clothing); AES-CULAP CHIFA Ltd, Nowy Tomysl (material

prizes); Oriflame company (cosmetics); WARSAW VOICE Ltd. (subscriptions); Publishing houses: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, LONGMAN ELT, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, MACMILLAN, LEKTOR KLETT, WAGROS, EGIS S.A., Express Publishing (books); Poznan bookshops: Liber, Pol-Anglo, Nowela (thematic publications and dictionaries); Department of Foreign Languages of Wrocław and Gdansk Universities of Technology (books)

The value of the awards was about 19,900PLN.

The closing ceremony took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in Aula Magna at PUT, in the presence of university authorities represented by Pro-rector for Education, Professor Tomasz Łodygowski, Ph.D. Eng, sponsors and guests. During the ceremony the laureates' list was announced, the awards and certificates of participation were given, and there was a short refreshment break.

As organizers, we hope that the next editions will continue to attract large numbers of future engineers and help them realize the necessity of foreign languages, regardless of their profession.

#### **Laureates:**

1. Giełda Michał (Poznań)
2. Kutyło Maciej (Szczecin)
3. Pytel Agata, (Wrocław)
3. Sołtyś Maciej (Poznań)
5. Alenowicz Michał (Gdańsk)
6. Rychlicki Robert (Szczecin)
7. Baczyski Marek (Gdańsk)
8. Kordasz Marcin (Poznań)
8. Ożminkowski Daniel (Poznań)
8. Wróblewski Grzegorz (Łódź)

Prizes in the 7<sup>th</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities:

1<sup>st</sup> place: language course in Great Britain (BEET Language Centre, Bournemouth, DVD player, Book and a dictionary, WARSAW VOICE subscription, Oriflame cosmetics

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Home cinema set, books and a dictionary, WARSAW VOICE subscription, Oriflame cosmetics

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Clothing voucher of 500PLN from Solar company, books and a dictionary, WARSAW VOICE subscription, Oriflame cosmetics

3<sup>rd</sup> place: MP3 player, Traineeship in Wielkopolski Zakład Gazowniczy, books and a dictionary, WARSAW VOICE subscription, Oriflame cosmetics

5<sup>th</sup> place: Portable DVD player, WARSAW VOICE subscription, Dictionary and books, Oriflame cosmetics

6<sup>th</sup> place: Simplus cellular phone from Aesculap Chifa company, books and a dictionary, WARSAW VOICE subscription, Oriflame cosmetics

7<sup>th</sup> place: Traveller translator, books and a dictionary, WARSAW VOICE subscription, Oriflame cosmetics

8<sup>th</sup> places (3 students): books and dictionaries, WARSAW VOICE subscription, Oriflame cosmetics, Two language courses for Poznań laureates

#### **Additional prizes:**

For the best finalist in the interview and the youngest participant – a gift Language course and books for Wrocław University of Technology finalists

### **12<sup>th</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities**

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May the Department of Foreign Languages held the final of the 12<sup>th</sup> National Olympiad of the English Language for Students of Technical Universities, with the honorary patronage of His Magnificence, Rector of Poznań University of Technology, Professor Adam Hamrol, Ph.D. Eng, Honorary Consul of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Włodzimierz Walkowiak, and the president of the Polish-Irish Society Krzysztof Schramm. The first stage (test prepared by DFL PUT) took place in November last year. The final stage started on 13<sup>th</sup> May with a written test and an interview, with 34 out of 59 students from 11 universities (2 PUT students).

On 14<sup>th</sup> May, the 13 best students

fought for the first place by presenting a multimedia presentation on Technical Developments and Their Influence on Third World Countries. First place went to Paweł Woźniak of Łódź University of Technology, second place went to Konrad Buchoski (Lublin), and third to Adam Śmiechowski (Wrocław).

The Olympiad was concluded with an award ceremony, with prizes from our sponsors: BEET Language Centre in Bournemouth, England - 1st prize, a language course, for the best finalist from Poznań University of Technology sponsored by the Rector of PUT and Deans of Faculties: Technical Physics, Machines and Transport, Electrical Engineering. Material prizes were sponsored by CC Partners Telecom from Leszno, AESCULAP CHIFA from Nowy Tomysl, and the following Poznań companies: Oriflame Cosmetics, Solar Company TRIADA-IM-EX Trading and Service Company, NIKU Fitness and Squash Sports Centre, REM-PLUS Fit and Travel, Malta Shopping Centre, Multikino Malta Poznań.

The American Embassy and the following publishing houses (in alphabetical order) sponsored books: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, EGIS, EXPRESS PUBLISHING, MACMILLAN, NOWA ERA, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, PEARSON-LONGMAN and WAGROS. Books were also sponsored by Novela Livres de France bookshop, with which we have had a long and fruitful cooperation. Also, our guests from Departments of Foreign Languages from Wrocław, Gdańsk and Opole Technical Universities provided books for the Olympiad finalists.

The 12<sup>th</sup> final brought together students with magnificent linguistic skills. The organizers spared no effort in preparing the competition and ensuring a good atmosphere and the appropriate hospitality. The Olympiad has become a constant element in the PUT calendar. Every year, the Olympiad attracts more and more students from all over Poland, thus helping us promote our University and maintaining cooperation between universities.