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The university has prepared experts for diverse fields of social, cultural, and scientific endeavour, and its graduates have formed Slovakia’s history in nearly all areas of national life. Our university has given Slovakia a president, prime ministers, and cabinet ministers as well as many top scientists, sportspeople, and other important figures. We are preparing a new generation for the knowledge society, and we are training the nation’s elite. Our graduates hold many key positions in various areas of society.

CU is the largest university in Slovakia and was established in 1919 as the country’s first tertiary institution. Its architecturally noteworthy historical building was designed by František Krupka. It was originally meant to house a produce exchange, a Danube shipping company, a chamber of commerce, a post office, and a provincial archive. The allocation of the building to the university was due to the work of Professor Antonín Kolář, who was the university’s rector.

CU has been the place of defining social events. The university’s students and teachers were among the first figures behind the revolutionary events of November 1989. Today CU in Bratislava is a modern European university with an excellent international reputation; its name is a longstanding symbol of quality in the field of higher education.
THE UNIVERSITY IN RANKINGS

The quality of the higher education and scientific research outputs for our university is assessed by internal surveys as well as by independent and international evaluation agencies. Upon the basis of these international rankings, Comenius University (CU) can be placed among the top 2% of universities in the world.

“For our current placings show that in spite of underfunding, our scientific activity and quality of teaching is comparable to that offered at quality institutions abroad.”

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ARWU WORLD TOP 500 CANDIDATES
701st — 800th place

CU is one of those universities waiting to be placed by ARWU among the top 500 in the world from among more than 1,300 evaluated universities worldwide. CU has been included in this ranking for the first time. The Shanghai ranking of the world’s academic institutions for 2017 placed CU in the 151st—200th band for physics and in the 401st–500th band for mathematics.

THE WUR
601st to 800th place

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings (THE WUR) evaluates the world’s top 1,100 universities from 77 countries.

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS
701st to 750th place

CU received its ranking out of 959 evaluated universities and was ranked 43rd out of the top 300 universities in the sub-region of Emerging Europe and Central Asia.

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585th place

CU’s placement in the CWTS Leiden Ranking is out of 903 world-class universities after evaluation in all fields. For 2017 the university was ranked as follows: 453rd in Physical Sciences and Engineering, 508th in Biomedical and Health Sciences, 527th in Life and Earth Sciences, 685th in Social Sciences and Humanities, and 714th in Mathematics and Computer Science.

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1. Students arriving for the opening of the 2017/2018 academic year
2. The Histology Laboratory at the Institute of Physiology of FMED CU in 1927. Photo: Jaroslav Kott
3. A Faculty of Medicine laboratory
4. A Jessenius Faculty of Medicine of CU operating theatre in Martin
URAP
551st place
The University Ranking by Academic Performance (URAP), which primarily focuses on the most significant publication outputs and number of citations, ranks the world’s top 2500 universities.

SCIMAGO
556th place
The SCImago Institutions Rankings evaluate 5250 universities and research institutions from around the world. The ranking compares scientific outputs, international cooperation, outputs in periodicals with a high impact factor, and publication activity.

WEBOMETRICS
762nd place
The Webometrics Ranking Web of World Universities evaluates 12,000 universities which are selected out of a total of more than 27,000 universities from around the world.

CWUR
658th place
The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) evaluates the top 1000 universities from a total of more than 27,000 tertiary institutions worldwide.

U. S. NEWS
511th place
The U. S. News and World Report Best Global Universities ranking evaluates the top 1250 institutions in 74 countries. It ranks universities according to thirteen criteria focusing on their research output and reputation.

NTU RANKINGS
601st to 700th place
The Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (NTU Rankings) evaluates the top 800 universities worldwide from a broader selection of 4000 institutions of higher education. The ranking primarily focuses on the number of research articles and the number of citations.

RUR
433rd place
The Round University Ranking (RUR) evaluates 930 universities in 80 countries.

There is interest in Comenius University from abroad. In 2017 a record number of 2740 international students from more than 70 countries studied at the university.

Comenius University (CU) is both a national and a European university. In the field of education, it is a unique academic institution where tuition is based upon original research activity and an interdisciplinary approach towards solving problems.
The aim of the university is to create excellent conditions for education by supporting studies in a wide range of disciplines which provide the opportunity to study in Slovak as well as in English, German, and French. In order to ensure the provision of quality tuition, it closely monitors and reflects the latest European trends and standards in its activities in terms of providing a quality university education.

**Students**

23,082 students

In 2017 CU provided tuition to a total of 23,082 students at bachelor’s, master’s, PhDr., and doctoral levels. CU was the choice of 15.25 % of all students in Slovakia studying at public, private, and state universities. A total of 21,206 students were studying at the first, second, and combined levels of study, which represents a decrease of 1,089 students compared to the previous year. A total of 18,961 students were in full-time study, and 2245 were in part-time study.

CU accepted 478 new doctoral students in 2017, which is 68 more than in 2016. In total, 1876 doctoral students were studying at CU, which is more than one quarter of doctoral students nationwide.

2740 international students

CU welcomed a record number of 2740 students from more than 70 countries. CU’s share of international students reached 26.9 %.

6579 graduates

The number of graduates from all levels of study at CU faculties in 2017 was 6579. The first two levels of study produced 6180 graduates. The academic title of “Philosophiae doctor”, which represents the completion of third-level studies, was awarded to 399 graduates, which represents a 24 % share nationwide.

**Study Programmes**

In 2017 CU offered a total of 830 study programmes at bachelor’s, master’s, PhDr., and doctoral level.

Joint study programmes with other universities

The university is continuously developing strategic partnerships with other universities with the aim of creating joint scientific and research projects which have the participation of students as well as young scientists and researchers. The creation of new contacts with international partners in forming joint master’s and particularly doctoral study programmes for CU students (including international students) reflects the needs of social practice.

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”

Aristotle
Economics and Law, Law and Economics

Joint study programmes in Economics and Law at bachelor’s level and at master’s level in Law and Economics have been created in cooperation with the University of Economics in Bratislava. Students acquire core knowledge about economic disciplines as well as appropriate legal training and methods of applying economic knowledge in organizing business affairs.

Physics of the Earth

CU and the University of Vienna run the joint and unique master’s-level Physics of the Earth study programme. Studies focus on the monitoring of physical factors and processes in the environment, environmental protection, the analysis of geohazards (particularly seismic threats), and minerals exploration.

Social and Industrial Psychology

This doctoral studies programme involved cooperation between CU’s Institute of Applied Psychology and the Slovak Academy of Sciences’ Institute of Experimental Psychology. CU’s Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, where the Institute of Applied Psychology is based, primarily provides the educational part of the programme in the first year of full-time studies (in the first two years of part-time studies).

The CFA Institute Research Challenge regional final in Prague

A team of economic and financial mathematics students from the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics at CU — Richard Grambička, Samuel Horváth, Michal Martoňák, and Andrej Remák — came second at the seventh CFA Institute Research Challenge regional final in Prague. This year thirteen Czech and Slovak universities took part in the event.

The Mirror of the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition

Students from the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics at CU received an excellent placing at the 77th year of this event. Martin Vodička scored 99 points and came second (Grand First Prize), and Michal Tóth, who scored 59 points, was in the 24th to 27th placement band (First Prize).

The Google Hash Code 2017 programming competition

A team from the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics at CU finished in a brilliant tenth place in the world final of the Google Hash Code 2017 programming competition, which took place in Paris. The competition involved 2815 teams from around the world. Of the Slovak teams, only CU, represented by Eduard Batmendijin, Jozef Brandys, and Roman Hudec, fought its way to finish among the world’s best.

Medical Student of the Year 2017

The winner of the third edition of the nationwide Medical Student of the Year competition was 24-year-old Filip Olekšák from CU’s Jessenius Faculty of Medicine. Second place went to Zuzana Horváthová from the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine, and third place went to Ján Sýkora, also from the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine. The competition attracted 133 medical students in the fifth and sixth years of study in the specialization of General Medicine, who had the chance to exhibit their theoretical and practical knowledge and skills.

A simulated court case before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg

A team of students from CU’s Faculty of Law was one of the twenty best teams to make it to the oral round of the international final of a simulated court case before the European
The 2017 Štúr’s Pen for Farmakoviny Štefanská, Martin Kotovský, and Adam Máčaj were the first from the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. CU’s team (Sandra Sakolciová, Viviana In 2017 the rector awarded Academic Mentions and motivational grants Prize for an Excellent Diploma Thesis, carrying motivational grants totalling €11,315. The total amount of motivational grants paid out at CU faculties in 2017 was €1,376,816.

The Akadémia & Vapac® education and careers fair From 10 to 12 October 2017, CU and all its faculties participated in the Akadémia & Vapac® education and careers fair, which is the largest of its kind in Slovakia. The 21st edition of this event was held under the auspices of Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission; Martina Lubová, the Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic; and Rudolf Kropil, President of the Slovak Rectors’ Conference. A support centre for students with special needs In 2017 there were 247 students with various special needs who were studying at CU. CU has students suffering from blindness, deafness, and other physical disabilities as well as students with chronic and mental illnesses. The centre provides information, advisory services, and support services to students with special needs during their studies as well as technical support in the form of assisting technologies and online advice.

Working with high schools In 2017 CU continued in activities aimed at attracting the most talented high school students to consider studying at the university. Many activities were organized over the year directly at the faculties. Of the enormous number of activities, the most popular included the Informatics, Physics and Mathematics Summer School, A Day in the Life of a University Student, and Genetics on Wheels. With the support of the CU Non-Investment Fund, the university once again in 2017 presented the principals of selected high schools in Bratislava with certificates of academic merit and university merchandise as prizes for their most talented students. CU and its faculties also presented themselves to prospective students at open days and at education fairs.

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The 2017 Štúr’s Pen for Farmakoviny Farmakoviny, the magazine of the Slovak Pharmaceutical Students’ Association, which is based at the Faculty of Pharmacy at CU, received the Golden Štúr’s Pen for its long-term quality of publication. The 22nd edition of Štúr’s Pen, which is a national journalism competition for high school and university students, took place as a part of the 31st annual Štúr’s Zvolen event.

Motivational grants In 2017 the rector awarded Academic Mentions and motivational grants worth a total of €10,890 to 66 graduates. On the occasion of International Student’s Day, Academic Mentions were awarded to 31 CU students for their exceptional representation of the university both nationally and abroad along with motivational grants totalling €11,315. The total amount of motivational grants paid out at CU faculties in 2017 was €1,376,816.

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Domestic grants are mostly awarded by the Slovak Research and Development Agency (APVV) and the Scientific Grant Agency of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak republic and the Slovak Academy of Sciences (VEGA). In 2017 a total of 213 scientific projects were implemented at CU with APVV support, and a total of 328 scientific projects were implemented with the support of VEGA.

International Projects and Grants

Horizon 2020 is the largest research and innovation programme in the EU. It connects all existing tools which support research, development, and innovation at an EU level. The total success rate for receiving grants from Horizon 2020 is relatively low, and in Slovakia’s case is only around 12% of all applications.

However, success in this remarkably difficult international competition has been achieved by some research teams at CU. In 2017 six projects were continued at the university and two more were added. CU is the main coordinator in one project, and in the others it is a member of a consortium. In addition to this, CI became involved in new projects within the EU’s Rights, Equality, and Citizenship programme and the Europe for Citizens programme.

Elite Teams

In its second round in 2017, the Accreditation Commission identified another 17 elite Slovak scientific teams; seven of these teams are based at CU. In its first round in 2015, the commission had identified 37 elite teams working at Slovak

### Domestic Projects and Grants

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CU’s Share of Total Publication Activity by Slovak Universities and the Slovak Academy of Sciences

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CU rector, Professor Karol Mičieta

“Tuition at CU is influenced by its multilateralism, emphasis on education quality, the linking of scientific research to teaching, and the interdisciplinary connection of study disciplines.”
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universities, with 19 of them being based at CU. This makes CU the location of the largest number of elite scientific teams at Slovak universities: 26 teams out of a total of 54 are based at our university.

FIRST ROUND

Philosophy, logic, methodology: challenges of the 21st century
Mariana Szapuová

Language and linguistics in context
Juraj Dolník

National literatures reflected in literary science
Ján Zambor

Slovak history in the Central European context
Eduard Nižňanský

The centre of the physics of complex systems
Roman Martoňák

The physics of physical neutrinos, underground laboratories, and the structure of cores
Fedor Šimkovic

The physics of plasma and of elementary processes in plasma
Štefan Matejčík

The team of numeric modelling of seismic movement
Peter Moczo

The mineralogy and petrology team at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, CU in Bratislava
Marián Putiš

The geodynamic development of the Western Carpathians research team
Michal Kováč

Organic catalysis and other methods
Radovan Šebesta

Theoretical and computational chemistry
Ivan Černušák

Invasive biology and the eco-morphology of fish
Vladimír Kováč

Integrational and behavioural biology
Michal Zeman

The diagnosis and surgical treatment of tumorous and functional diseases of the brain
Juraj Šteňo

The Martin research group for neurological and tumorous diseases
Dušan Dobrota

Disorders of the metabolism and haemostasis during pregnancy
Mariana Mokáň

THE CU SCIENCE PARK

The CU Science Park is a science and research centre at the university. Its main objective is the provision of the transferring of results from scientific and technological endeavour into economic and social application. As a science and research centre, the Science Park performs concentrated innovative research in selected areas of biomedicine, biotechnology, environmental medicine, and interdisciplinary research. The science and research infrastructure of the CU Science Park is currently being used by around 160 scientists from several faculties at the university. The formation and development of businesses emerging from the CU academic environment is supported by the CU Science Park Incubator, which focuses on using research and development results and developing new and innovative products, commodities, and services. The CU Science Park Technological Centre focuses on close partnerships with the business sector and the public promotion of science and research through its activities. The CU Science Park is a member of the International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation.

CU'S SHARE OF PUBLICATIONS BY SLOVAK UNIVERSITIES AND THE SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WHICH WERE INDEXED IN THE CURRENT CONTENTS CONNECT DATABASE IN 2017

CU — Comenius University, SAS — Slovak Academy of Sciences, PŠUK — Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, UP — University of Prešov, STU — Slovak University of Technology, TUK — Technical University of Košice, ZU — University of Žilina, UEB — University of Economics in Bratislava

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ESSENTIAL SCIENCE INDICATORS (ESI) 2008 TO 2018

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The technology of the development, preparation, and analysis of nanostructures is a prestigious research area which is supported all around the world. This field is dealt with at CU’s Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics by a working group at the Advanced Technologies Laboratory, which focuses on four research areas: biomaterials, sensorics, superconductivity, and hard layers and coatings. The laboratory is headed by Professor Andrej Plecenik and Professor Peter Kúš, who have both been developing activities which support top-level science in Slovakia which reflects the needs of industry. Their successes are evident in their publication output in prestigious journals and their high level of international cooperation in European research teams and projects.

The Centre for Nuclear and Accelerator Technology is based at CU’s Centre for Nuclear and Accelerator Technology; it has a tandem ion accelerator and aims to develop research into new technologies in the physical, technical, biomedical, and archaeological sciences.

Since 2015 the Martin Centre for Biomedicine (BioMed Martin), which is based at CU’s Jessenius Faculty of Medicine, has been an excellent place for science and research in the area of medicine at the university, specifically in the neurosciences, molecular medicine, oncology, and respirology. BioMed Martin provides an intellectually stimulating environment and the newest infrastructure for innovative projects with a potential for clinical application. It creates ideal conditions for the protection of intellectual property and the transfer of technology into practical application. In 2017 the centre presented new findings on the behaviour of cells during ischaemia (insufficient blood perfusion). This discovery describes what happens in the regulation of the expression of genes involved in apoptosis (programmed cell death).

The Technology Transfer Centre is a unit of the CU Science Park with a university-wide presence and has the aim of ensuring the implementation of the transfer of knowledge and technology from CU to industry. Technology transfer is directly bound to processes of protection and commercialization of industrial property, particularly the patent protection of inventors and licencing.

CU grants
The university awarded grants for the support of scientific, educational, and artistic projects of researchers, young teachers, and internal doctoral students at the university up to 30 years of age. The university supported 232 of 403 submitted projects, distributing a total sum of €225,250.
Honorary doctorates

CU awarded its 121st honorary doctorate (Doctor honoris causa) to the world-renowned expert in mineralogical sciences, Professor Emil Makovicky. Incidentally, Professor Makovicky graduated from the university’s Faculty of Natural Sciences in 1962. He is currently a professor emeritus at the University of Copenhagen. Professor Robert Kolb from Concordia Seminary (St Louis, United States) became the 122nd person to receive an honorary doctorate from CU for his contribution to research on the Reformation and his many years of work with the university’s Evangelical Lutheran Theological Faculty. Professor Robert Kolb is a leading academic authority on the Reformation and post-Reformation periods, Martin Luther and his associates, and Evangelical theology.

Professorial lectures

The cycle of professorial lectures at CU in 2017 was enriched by contributions by some of CU’s top academics. Professor Darina Malová from the Faculty of Arts spoke on the “Glitter and Poverty of Slovak Politics”, addressing the issues of current politics and democracy in Slovakia. Professor Vladimír Kováč from the Faculty of Natural Sciences spoke on why it is not a good idea to equate evolution with Darwin.

Falling Walls Lab Slovakia

CU in Bratislava and its partners brought the Falling Walls Lab event to Slovakia for the first time. Speakers were chosen from among applicants by an expert panel and gave three-minute presentations in English on their research, initiative, or business proposal to address diverse and primarily society-wide problems.

EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS BY OUR SCIENTISTS

Professor Michal Zeman worked with an international team which analysed how artificial light can disrupt circadian rhythms. The experts suggested that the direction, colour, and intensity of lighting should change so that the negative impact of artificial light on the body is minimized.

Archaeological research led by Professor Jozef Bátora from CU revealed that architecture and buildings of a proto-urban character in Central Europe were three hundred years older than was previously thought. In the Early Bronze Age, at least one thousand people had lived in a fortified settlement at the location of Vráble-Fidvár; this represents an exceptionally large population for that period.

The biologist Dr Andrej Čerňanský discovered a 47-million-year-old lizard. The discovery was made in the German locality of Messel (near Frankfurt am Main), which is on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

A study by an international team of scientists led by Dr Matúš Hyžný from CU determined the oldest fossil evidence of pistol shrimps, which is in rock about 28 million years old, using invasive and non-invasive analytical methods.

Female are less anxious than males. This was a conclusion reached by the CU doctoral student Emese Domonkos, who performed her research on rats. A higher occurrence of anxiety and depressive states among females and the growing occurrence of these disorders in males as they get older are indicative of the role of sexual hormones in the aetiology of affective disorders.
Comenius University (CU) has strengthened its international profile through membership in various associations. An important factor is the fact that Slovakia has been a member of the European Union since 2004 and a member of the OECD since 2000.

Membership in international organizations
CU is strengthening its international standing through membership in a variety of associations. The university is an active member of the European University Association, the Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (UNICA), the Utrecht Network, the Danube Rectors’ Conference, the European University Information Systems organization, the European Association for International Education, The Central European Initiative (CEI) University Network, the International Association of Universities of the Third Age, the European Federation of Older Students in Universities, the Erasmus Student Network, and Agence Universitaire de la francophonie.

In the interests of expanding contacts and partnerships in Asia, CU has joined the ASEAN European Academic University Network. In 2017 the university became a member of the European Association of Communication Professionals in Higher Education (EUPRIO).

Bilateral relations
Despite its focus on membership in multilateral groupings, CU is also systematically building a network of firm relationships all over the world through bilateral contracts. The rich portfolio of international universities which CU has formed cooperation agreements with is growing every year, and it includes universities from all over the world.

International conferences and lectures
International conferences and lectures by important European and global figures are an integral part of academic life at CU.

ATLAS experiment
On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the ATLAS experiment, an event was held in the CU Auditorium which included the participation of over 300 particle physicists from more than 100 institutions from around the world. The experiment is a top-level event in particle physics which focuses on exploring the fundamental natural laws of the world, including...
the mysteries of origin and evolution. It is being performed at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN).

The Equal Learning Opportunities for the Elderly

The Equal Learning Opportunities for the Elderly international conference was organized by CU and its Centre for Continuing Education in partnership with the National Institute for Continuing Education and the Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe; it took place in Bratislava as part of the 100th meeting of the International Association of Universities of the Third Age.

Slavonic Languages, Literatures, and Cultures in Contact

The Faculty of Arts at CU hosted an international academic conference entitled “Slavonic Languages, Literatures, and Cultures in Contact”, which was held to honour the head of the Department of Slavic Studies, Associate Professor Mária Dobríková. The conference included participants from thirteen European countries.

Migration: Challenges and Opportunities

The Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences at CU organized a conference entitled “Migration: Challenges and Opportunities”, which was held under the authority of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic and the Slovak Commission for UNESCO. In the Rector’s Hall there were talks by Marta Cygan, the Director of the Strategy and General Affairs Department of the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, and John Crowley, Chief of the Section for Research, Policy, and Foresight in the UNESCO Sector for Social and Human Sciences.

THIRTY YEARS OF THE ERASMUS PROGRAMME

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Erasmus programme, CU received an award from the Slovak Academic Association for International Cooperation for exceptional activity and results in running European educational programmes from 1998 to 2017. CU is the most active university in Slovakia in terms of internationalization, mobility, and involvement in European projects. On 10 May 2017, Viera Bennárová, the head of the Department of International Relations at the Faculty of Management at CU, was awarded the 2017 Erasmus+ coordinator at the faculty.

International Relations

“We are pleased at the high level of internationalization and the multicultural environment. We provide the most significant potential for the acquisition of international experience by our own students as well as by international students in Slovakia.”

CU Rector, Professor Karol Mičieta

Society and the national university are united vessels. The university educates and comprehensively forms future generations. The success it has in fulfilling its core aims is something our future depends on.

Photo: Viktor Hlavatovič
PROMOTING SCIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

The core mission of the university is to develop and spread learning among its students as well as among the wider public by popularizing scientific findings.

The Science Fair

In partnership with Comenius University’s Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics, the Veda nás baví (Science is Fun) non-profit organization once again organized the Science Fair in September 2017. This year’s event was focused on discoveries which are used in everyday life. Attendees could learn about new developments in new mobile applications and from the world of virtual reality as well as about model cars running on an alternative form of propulsion and the manufacture of chemical beer.

European Researchers’ Night

In September 2017, Comenius University (CU) once again took part in the eleventh edition of European Researchers’ Night, which seeks to raise public awareness about science. The event took place concurrently in thirty countries across Europe. Visitors were able to meet with scientists at lectures and in a more interactive form at science booths. As a part of the event, CU experts once again got involved in the Science in the Settlements project, where academics from the Faculty of Natural Sciences and the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics presented scientific findings over two days to children in Veľka Ida, Moldava nad Bodvou, and Luník IX.

Science and Technology Week

The scientific autumn reached its peak in November 2017 with the popular Science and Technology Week, which was organized by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic and the Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information. Through their activities, several faculties from CU participated in more than one hundred promotional events. The event included the presentation of Science and Technology Awards. The award winners included scientists from CU in Bratislava: Professor Roman Martoňák (Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics), Dr Martin Urík (Faculty of Natural Sciences), Associate Professor František Kundracik (Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics), and a team under the leadership of Associate Professor Andrej Šteňo (Faculty of Medicine).

ENGAGING WITH YOUTH

CU secures the high quality of its education with its acceptance of top high school students who it actively seeks out; the university works with them while they are still studying at high school.

Children’s CU

The popular Children’s CU, which is a result of a partnership between CU and the Arena Theatre, celebrated its 15th year of operation and welcomed a total of 335 students from 9 to 14 years of age. Over the summer, the children listened to nine lectures. The first lecture was given by Professor Dame Carol Robinson from the University of Oxford, and the last lecture was given by Professor Tomáš Zima, who is the rector of Charles University in Prague. The fifth Martin Summer Children’s University also took place, being organized by the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine.

A Shared Country

In September 2016 the Department of Political Science at the Faculty of Arts at CU, in partnership with the Denník N newspaper, launched the Spoločná krajina (translatable to "The greatest education in the world is watching the masters at work." — Michael Jackson

In addition to lectures, children can participate in an interesting programme of events and workshops on things such as hip hop, architecture, and IT.
as “Shared Country”) project, which has the aim of spreading values of tolerance, freedom, and justice among young people through a series of discussions at high schools. In 2017, the project, which was headed by Professor Jozef Bátora, included 28 organized discussions at high schools and 10 broader discussions in regional houses of culture and town squares all over Slovakia.

Trojsten
Students from the Trojsten civic initiative once again organized three two-week summer schools aimed at high school and primary school students focusing on programming, mathematics, and physics at the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics at CU. 150 lectures were followed by 300 students from all over Slovakia. In addition to the summer schools, Trojsten regularly organizes seminars, workshops, camps, competitions, and other various activities which take up to 140 days in the year.

Genetics on Wheels
Scientists and doctoral students from the Department of Genetics at the Faculty of Natural Sciences at CU implemented an original project called “Genetics on Wheels”, which is a series of activities which includes a visit by a mobile laboratory to Slovak high schools. One of the prepared experiments involves forensic analysis, where the high school students can seek out the “culprit” of a crime by analysing DNA samples directly at their school. Thanks to its mobile laboratory, Genetics on Wheels travelled more than 3000 km in 2017, and laboratory experiments were performed by 360 students from all over the country.

A Day in the Life of a University Student
An event on 23 May 2017 called “A Day in the Life of a University Student”, which was held by three CU faculties – the Faculty of Arts; the Faculty of Natural Sciences; and the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics – attracted over 500 high school students. The students could also participate in ten expert lectures on interesting topics in the CU Auditorium and the Auditorium Maximum.

The Human Rights Olympiad
The UNESCO Chair for Human Rights Education was once again one of the partners of the Human Rights Olympiad, which is a competition for high school students and one of the most important and well-established initiatives concerning education and training in human rights and democratic and European citizenship.

The European Union Science Olympiad
In May 2017, the European Union Science Olympiad took place. This competition is open to students up to 16 years of age and is focused on the natural sciences (physics, chemistry, and biology). Both Slovak teams, which were under the leadership of Associate Professor Andrea Ševčovičová from the Faculty of Natural Sciences at CU, won silver medals in the competition against competition from twenty-five countries.

EDUCATING PEOPLE ABOUT GOODWILL AND DEVELOPING AN INTEREST IN ONE’S SURROUNDINGS
CU educates people in social responsibility and organizes several events aimed at helping people in poverty. It also seeks to improve its surroundings.

The University Drop of Blood
The eighth University Drop of Blood, which was once again organized by CU in partnership with the National Transfusion Service of the Slovak Republic, was the most successful to date. Five hundred and five donors, who were students, employees, and friends of the university, gave this most precious of liquids as a part of the campaign.

The Comenius Book Collection
To celebrate Book Month, CU organized a collection of children’s literature for children’s homes as well as for hospitals and social services facilities. Employees and students contributed 1928 books for children and young adults to the Comenius Book Collection; these were subsequently distributed to several relevant institutions. The 2017 Comenius Book Collection built upon a 2011 pilot project which collected children’s literature.

The University Wishing Tree
For the third time, the Students’ Section of the CU Academic Senate students organized the University Wishing Tree charity project, which aims to help children living in children’s homes as
The St Nicholas Collection was initiated by students at the Martin Medical Students’ Club in Bratislava to provide a friendly meeting, or going to the cinema together by responding to wishes left on Christmas trees at the Bratislava faculties of the university.

A toys and clothes collection

Before Christmas the Martin Medical Students’ Club organized a collection of toys, presents, crayons, games, clothing, sweets, and other gifts which made children happy at the Martin Children’s Home and at the University Hospital Martin.

Community gardens

In 2017 two CU faculties in Bratislava contributed to the building of community gardens which provide access to a common growing area and which are a part of various activities in building and strengthening relationships with the community and the environment. In Mlynské luhy there is the “Small Community: A Garden for Everyone” project run by the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences at CU. The Faculty of Natural Sciences at CU in Mlynská dolina is the location of the “Good Idea” garden.

A plaque commemorating those students who on 16 November 1989, one day before the Velvet Revolution, demonstrated in Bratislava for student and civil rights, was unveiled on 16 November 2017 by the president of the Slovak Republic, Andrej Kiska, also at the seminar, “The Reformation and Its Influence on Changing the Spiritual Paradigm” colloquium in the Rector’s Hall.

The Holocaust and Extremism

In November 2017, a seminar entitled “The Holocaust and Extremism: Have We Really Learnt from the Past?” took place at CU. It was organized by the university’s Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts alongside the Embassy of Israel to Slovakia. Historians, political scientists, and lawyers spoke from the podium; they all dealt with extremism from various angles and periods in history. The President of the Slovak Republic, Andrej Kiska, also spoke at the seminar.

We are dealing with broad social issues

The university is a key institution in a free democratic society. It provides the opportunity of scientific and pedagogical immersion in issues relevant to the development of society, and it plays a role as one of the social anchors of the values of democracy, humanism, human dignity, and freedom. It reminds people of important events, does not steer away from contentious topics of social discourse, and explains these phenomena in a comprehensive and interdisciplinary fashion.

500 years of the Reformation

Several events took place at CU on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In September 2017 the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Faculty of CU organized an international interdisciplinary academic symposium entitled “500 Years of the Reformation in Slovakia”; the opening lecture was given by Professor Robert A. Kolb from Saint Louis in the United States. In the interest of preventing anti-Semitism and expressions of intolerance, an international colloquium entitled “The Reformation and the Holocaust: History and the Present Day” opened up a range of complex theological, historical, and social questions concerning some positions held by Martin Luther. The Faculty of Arts also directly contributed to the anniversary by holding “The Reformation and Its Influence on Changing the Spiritual Paradigm” colloquia in the Rector’s Hall.

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Philosophers in November

In November 2017 the academic community gathered before the memorial plaque on the university’s historical building and commemorated the students’ march of 16 November 1989, which contributed to the fall of communist party rule in Czechoslovakia. The students’ march and subsequent events are covered in the book Filozofii v Novembri (Philosophers in November), which was presented at the Faculty of Arts at CU by its compiler, Professor Valér Mikula.

Hosting exhibitions

From January to March 2017 the CU Science Park hosted and allowed visitors to enjoy the travelling Sparks exhibition, which was part of an eponymous European project which identifies new ways of engaging people in scientific research and innovation. Nine displays at the exhibition outline the stories of people who, thanks to available technology, contributed to an effective solution to problems which affect thousands of people worldwide.

From April to December 2017, the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences hosted the “70 Years of the UN: the San Francisco Conference (25 April to 26 June 1945) and the Slovak Republic at the UN”, which had been opened for the first time in 2015 in the historical building of the National Council of the Slovak Republic on the occasion of the visit of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon to Slovakia. From there the exhibition had travelled to New York, Houston, and other American cities before returning to be viewed by the Slovak public in 2017.

In September 2017, the Ars Nova Foundation, which focuses on installing sophisticated visual arts projects in public spaces in Bratislava, worked with CU and put a large installation entitled “Prison for Malevič” by the academic artist Professor Rudolf Sikora in the university’s historical building.

In November 2017 the ceremonial opening of the “Hungarians in Soviet Camps, 1944 to 1956” exhibition, which was prepared by the Veritas Institute for Historical Research with the support of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, took place in the CU foyer as a part of the Festival of Freedom.

Notable visitors to cu

The prestige of our university has been confirmed by visits by significant European and world figures, representatives of renowned universities, and people working in diplomacy and politics, who have presented their expert and personal views on a range of social issues.
In March 2017, the Faculty of Law at CU hosted an event on the “Necessity of Europe” in the Rector’s Hall. The French Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, Jean-Marc Ayrault, who was also the French Prime Minister from 2012 to 2014, and his Slovak counterpart, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs Miroslav Lajčák, both spoke at the event.

Professor Václav Klaus, President of the Czech Republic from 2003 to 2013, gave a lecture in the CU Auditorium on the topic of “The European Union and the Euro: A Risky Experimentation with Europe”. Professor Klaus currently teaches at the University of Economics in Prague.

In April 2017 there was a discussion in the CU Rector’s Hall on Europe with the President of the Austrian Republic, Alexander Van der Bellen, who spoke out in favour of the process of European integration, emphasized the role of culture in supporting European identity, and expressed his opinion on the need for structural changes.

In partnership with the Tatraská banka Foundation and the Petit Academy, CU hosted the seventh lecture by a Pulitzer Prize laureate in April 2017. This time the double-holder of the Pulitzer Prize, Martha Mendoza, spoke on the topic of modern-day slavery in the CU Auditorium. Martha Mendoza is an investigative journalist who has worked for the Associated Press and who lectures at the University of California in Santa Cruz.

In May 2017, the President of Georgia, Giorgi Margvelashvili, gave a lecture in the Rector’s Hall at CU on “Security in the Black Sea Region as a Basic Foundation of European Stability”, where he emphasized the importance of international cooperation which would take into account the maintenance of the correctness and stability of secure relations in this area.

In October 2017 there was a ceremonial event where a CU Gold Medal was awarded to Cardinal Kurt Koch, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

STUDENT EVENTS

The richness of university life is shown in the number of student-initiated events at CU.

The CU Convention

In March 2017, the students’ section of CU’s Academic Senate initiated an informal meeting at the university called the “Comenius University Convention”, which brought together various student representatives. The aim of this meeting, which included the participation of the then Minister of Education, Professor Peter Plavčan, was to present to student representatives information about the current state of affairs in higher education and its effects on the student community, and to talk in some detail about selected topics which affect the student community at CU in particular.

The CU Lámvica

In March 2017 the Refinery Gallery hosted the CU Lámvica, an event which involved a rich musical programme, and discussions with successful students and young graduates of the university.

The Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences Festival

Students of the faculty organized the 2017 Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences Festival. More than 200 visitors could attend lectures and discussions on environmental awareness, positive thinking, fighting corruption, and current social issues and music.

AWARDS FOR CU SCIENTISTS

The high level of expert recognition of CU academics and the social contribution of their research activities have been confirmed in both national and international awards.

The Pribina Cross (2nd Class)

In January 2017, Professor Ladislav Kavčík from the Faculty of Natural Sciences received the Pribina Cross (2nd Class) from the university.
President Andrej Kiska for his many years of exceptional work in education and in developing Slovak society.

The Crystal Wing

The Crystal Wing laureates for 2017 included Professor Lukáš Plank from the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine, who is the head of an expert consultation centre of bioptic diagnostics of lymphoid tumour illnesses and other rare diseases in Slovakia. Another laureate was Professor Juraj Šteňo from the Faculty of Medicine; he is a foremost expert in neurosurgery and received an Exceptional Award from the Grand Jury of the Crystal Wing.

Slovak Woman of the Year

Associate Professor Barbara Ukropcová, who lectures at the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports, and the Faculty of Natural Sciences at CU, received the award in the Science and Research category and then received the Absolute Slovak Woman of the Year award. Associate Professor Lucia Kurilovská, who lectures at the Faculty of Law, received the award in the Education and Supporting Young Talent category.

Fides et Ratio

The 2017 laureate of the Fides et Ratio Prize was Gašpar Fronc from the Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology of Cyril and Methodius at CU.

The Hevesy Award

Professor Povel Povinec from CU’s Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics was awarded the prestigious Hevesy Medal Award for 2017 in South Korea in recognition of his scientific results in the nuclear sciences, the development of ultrafast diagnostics, and acceleration technologies, and their application in research into environmental processes and rare nuclear transformations.

The Literary Fund Prize

The Literary Fund Prize for Scientific and Professional Literature in 2016 in the category of Biological and Medical Sciences was won by Professor Milan Buc from the FMED CU; the category of Natural and Technical Sciences was won by Dr Jozef Mladý and Associate Professor Tomáš Derka from the FNS CU. The category of Natural and Medical Sciences saw third place awarded to a work by Associate Professor Marek Myslín and Associate Professor Alexandra Bradnová from the FMDU.

The Jiráš Prize

This Charles University award for the best textbook for 2016 in the category of Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences went to a work with featured Associate Professor Ivan Varga from the Faculty of Medicine of CU as a co-author. The book, entitled Memoriák, is the first comprehensive textbook on histology in the Czech and Slovak Republics for thirty years.

The Japanese Society Prize

The Japan studies scholar Dr Jana Urbanová from CU’s Faculty of Arts won the “Zenchū Nakahara” Japanese Society Prize in Okinawan Studies for her work in Okinawan literature, specifically her research into ryūka poetry.

Scientist of the Year

The 21st Scientist of the Year award went to Professor Michal Fečkan from the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics at CU in recognition of his exceptional publication activity. His area of academic interest is non-linear functional analysis and dynamic systems and their application.

President Ladislav Kováč from the Faculty of Natural Sciences received the Pribina Cross (2nd Class) from President Andrej Kiska.
Comenius University is more than just a place for tuition and study. It is a large and complex institution of enormous scope which provides students with a full range of services, including dormitory accommodation, where renovations are in progress.

THE ACADEMIC LIBRARY

In 2017 the library’s services were used by 17,511 registered users. Most of these users (15,829) were CU students. During over year, 543,175 items were borrowed. The library provides access to nearly 330,000 electronic books and around 100,000 online periodicals.

CU PRESS

In 2017 CU Press published 237 works. From 1 April 2017 a change in organizational structure meant that the activities of the CU Information Centre became a part of CU Press’s responsibilities.

CU DORMITORIES

Milny CU is the largest student dormitory community in the former Czechoslovakia. Its sleeping capacity for 6600 people is divided into three buildings: the Štúrak high-rise block, the Atrium houses, and the „Married Couples“ dormitories.

THE CU ARCHIVE

The archive is a specialized centre which collects, registers, preserves, and makes available archived documents dealing with CU and education in Slovakia. Its collections include diplomas, photographs, general documentation, audio-visual documents, and museum items including gowns, medals, insignia, and teaching aids.

THE CU BOTANICAL GARDEN

The CU Botanical Garden meets educational, scientific and research, promotional, and recreational needs. Its displays are available to primary and high schools as well as to the broader public in the form of exhibitions and seminars.

THE CU CENTRE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The centre provides the operation of information systems and professional care of the information and communications infrastructure. On the technological side, it takes care of the A62 academic information system, electronic mail, the university’s Internet presence, the IT Support Centre, and other things.
In addition to scientific and research activities, an important part of Comenius University (CU) is sport. In addition to a multitude of domestic and international matches, tournaments, and other events, university sport also improves the lives of people outside the university environment.

Senior Fitness, which started in 2016, is the result of fifteen years of active research undertaken by experts at the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports at CU. The project has three trimesters over the year. Each trimester has a maximum of 64 people. Currently there are 47 participants (32 women and 15 men). The youngest of them is 60 years old, and the oldest is 80.

Under the guidance of Dr. Matej Chren from the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports, senior citizens have two 60-minute lessons each week. Before the course begins, CU scientists assess the health and fitness of the senior citizens who want to take part; they are monitored for three months and then receive an evaluation following the course’s conclusion.

This event, which was organized by the Slovak Association of University Sport, saw competition in basketball, floorball, futsal, volleyball, and football. First place was won by the CU women’s and men’s basketball teams as well as the floorball team.

In August 2017 Taipei hosted the 29th Summer Universiade, which had the slogan “For You, For Youth.” The young Slovak participants took away two medals: a silver medal in the mixed doubles tennis and a bronze in the sprint.

In September the Medical Students’ Run took place. This event has been organized by the Bratislava Medical Students’ Association since 2014. Through this event, students from the Faculty of Medicine at CU were able to raise awareness about a healthy lifestyle and regular physical exercise, which is something no medicine can replace.
THE UNIVERSITY REGATTA

For the fifth time, the CU rowing team was victorious over the Slovak University of Technology team in the September race on the Danube River.

KING OF THE BAY

In partnership with the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports at CU, the Board Academy sports club organized a King of the Bay paddle-boarding event in October 2017. Races took place at the faculty’s Liptov boathouse in two disciplines: the technical race and the board cross. The best performer at the event was Matej Šmída, who was first in both disciplines.

THE WORLD INTERUNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Out of 66 universities from around the world, CU managed to place 6th at the World Inter Universities Championships in Barcelona. The futsal players won their tournament against 36 other teams.

THE UNIVERSITY ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The CU ice hockey team was once again crowned the winners of the University Ice Hockey Tournament in Bratislava. This is the fourth time they have won the tournament.

CU is one of the largest employers in Slovakia. In terms of developing its human resources, the university has primarily focused on the most qualified area. Over the 50% of employees are teachers and researchers.

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