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Management and Organization

The university management

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MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION

Faculties

 NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS OF COMENIUS UNIVERSITY'S FACULTIES

 CU — COMENIUS UNIVERSITY IN BRATISLAVA — FME — Faculty of Medicine — FLAW — Faculty of Law — FARS — Faculty of Arts — FNS — Faculty of Natural Sciences — FEDU — Faculty of Education — FPPARM — Faculty of Pharmacy — FSPORT — Faculty of Physical Education and Sports — FMED — Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin — FMFI — Faculty of Mathematics, Physics, and Informatics — FRCTH — Faculty of Roman-Catholic Theology of Cyril and Methodius — FELTH — Evangelical Lutheran Theological Faculty — FM — Faculty of Management — FSES — Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences.

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Comenius University in Bratislava was established on 27 June 1919. It was the first university in Slovakia to offer higher education in the Slovak language. Last year we started our centennial academic year, and we organized various events to commemorate the one hundred years of Slovakia’s oldest university.

The “100 Years with Amos” student celebrations took place at the end of March 2019. Sajfa and Adela Vincze, both proud graduates, came back to the Comenius University Auditorium after a long time away. On this occasion, Sajfa “grilled” the university’s rector Marek Števček, a cake in the shape of the university’s anniversary logo was cut, and we had the opportunity to listen to an array of interesting speakers. In May, students celebrated the university’s centenary at the AmosFest three-day festival in Mlynská dolina. University employees celebrated the centenary on 14 June in an informal setting at the university’s Botanical Garden. The university’s Gymnik Folk Dance Ensemble performed there alongside other live musical acts. The celebrations culminated in a ceremonial gathering on 27 June, where the Comenius University Rector presented the university’s Grand Gold Medal to the President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic and Charter 77 signatory, Pavel Rychetský. During a gala evening at the Slovak Philharmonic, a symphonic piece by the Slovak composer, Marián Lejava – which had been composed especially for the university’s anniversary – was performed.
Throughout its existence, Comenius University has been renamed several times. On 27 June 1919, the National Assembly of the Czechoslovak Republic adopted Act No. 375, which led to the establishment of the Czechoslovak State University in Bratislava. Following the example of Charles University in Prague and Masaryk University in Brno, efforts were then made to change its name to a shorter one bearing the name of a personality. František Drtina suggested the university be named after John Amos Comenius, and in November of that year, the university was thus renamed Comenius University. During the period of the Slovak State, there were efforts to rename it to Ľudovít Štúr University and thus renounce everything Czechoslovak. Ultimately, a decision was made in 1939 to rename the university as the Slovak University. However, in 1954 the name of Comenius University was reinstated, and the university has retained this name to the present day.

The awarding of an honorary doctorate to the President of the Czechoslovak Republic, Edvard Beneš, on 21 April 1937 was the first ceremony to be held in the university’s Auditorium on Šafárik Square. On this occasion, a fanfare composed by Eugen Suchoň was performed for the first time. In 1938 this fanfare was declared to be the Academic Fanfare of Comenius University by the Academic Senate, and it has been played during university ceremonies ever since.

In the past, students did not automatically receive credit books at enrolment, and only “proper” university students who had attended a matriculation ceremony could receive them. These students were required to carry this document at all times and present it upon request. The colour of these books differed according to the faculty and the decades during which they were used. Today, the obligation to carry credit books is on the decline, and only a few faculties have decided to retain them.

The appearance of the gowns and berets of Comenius University academic officials has changed over time, not only in style but also in colour. The designs of the first Comenius University gowns were made by Professor Josef Žydra and were based upon those of Charles University in Prague. They were worn for the first time on the university campus on 5 December 1923 during an inauguration ceremony for the Comenius University rector, Stanislav Kostiško. The style of the academic officials’ gowns underwent a radical change in 1940. In the 1950s, wearing gowns at academic ceremonies was considered to be bourgeois. The last distinct changes in the design of academic officials’ gowns were made by Professor Milan Corba, a renowned costume designer.

From its establishment up to the end of 2019, Comenius University in Bratislava awarded the honorary degree of Doctor honoris causa (Dr. h. c.) to 124 important scientific, cultural, and social figures. Since its beginnings, the university has issued diplomas in Latin – the ancient language of scholars – and it has carried on with this tradition to this day. Only the honorary doctorate awarded to the journalist and writer František Votruba in 1950 was issued in Slovak. The first honorary doctorate was awarded in 1928 to the historian, journalist, and defender of the oppressed nations in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Robert William Seton-Watson, also known by the pseudonym Scotus Vinctus (“Scottish traveller”); he was a history Professor at the University of Oxford.

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FUTURE DIRECTION

The one-hundred-year history of Comenius University primarily constitutes a tremendous commitment to the future. In its first hundred years, Comenius University firmly established itself in Slovakia and in Central Europe. It is now time to think from a broader European and international perspective and demonstrate our presence on a larger scale. The university has set the following five priorities for the future:

1. Higher comfort for students
   Among the university’s strategic priorities is the replacement of the existing electronic system for students so that it is more user-friendly and can integrate more aspects of university life. The university website will also undergo a change. We plan on introducing e-applications and are looking at issuing e-diplomas. We are also focusing on making students’ accommodation in dormitories more comfortable.

2. Openness and transparency
   We want to be open and transparent, which is why we are collaborating with a foundation that can help us prevent potential corruption. Better asset management might create resources that we want to use primarily to support good science.

3. Bratislava and universities
   We want to cooperate with the city of Bratislava, work as one team, and help each other. Along with other Bratislava universities, we plan on promoting the idea of studying in Bratislava. Together we are building a contact centre for academic activities for students and the wider community. Bratislava should be an attractive city for students.

4. The university as an important voice in society
   We want to be a university whose voice is heard in society. We addressed the presidential elections, promoted the participation of young people in the European elections, and actively supported the climate strike. We do not want to be a passive institution. Instead we want our graduates and the public to be able to count on our support on important issues.

5. An emphasis on increasing quality
   We do not want to rely on our good reputation alone. Our Quality Assurance Council will set up internal control mechanisms. We want to work more on improving the quality of studies. One of the first tasks of the council will be to improve the student assessment system. We will also focus on improving the quality of education by employing the method of peer tutoring and undertaking other measures.
PERFORMANCE IN RANKINGS

In 2018 Comenius University was once again included in all significant international rankings, with its position in each one depending on the focus of the individual rankings and the methodology used. The university ranked better in rankings that also evaluated study programmes. Comenius University is among the top 3% of universities worldwide.

RUR – Round University Ranking
Comenius University was ranked 391st out of 930 evaluated universities from 80 countries, which was its best performance thus far in the history of this ranking. It moved up 32 positions from the previous year, thus ranking among the 400 top universities. Compared to the previous year, Comenius University performed better in all evaluated fields of study.

THE WUR IMPACT RANKING
This pilot project of an innovative university ranking method created by the THE WUR (Times Higher Education World University Ranking) – the leader in the university rankings – placed Comenius University 76th out of over 450 universities from 76 countries. The project measured individual universities’ impact on the economy and more broadly on society.

THE WUR (TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS)
CU was placed in the 801st to 1,000th band out of more than 1,250 evaluated universities from 86 countries worldwide.

ARWU WORLD TOP 500 CANDIDATES (ACADEMIC RANKING OF WORLD UNIVERSITIES) – the Shanghai Ranking
CU was ranked 581st out of 938 world-class universities following an evaluation of all fields of study. The university was ranked in individual fields of study as follows: 495th in Biomedical and Health Sciences, 511th in Physical Sciences and Engineering, 545th in Life and Earth Sciences, 690th in Social Sciences and Humanities, and 716th in Mathematics and Computer Science.

EDUCATION

Comenius University is the oldest, largest, and most prominent university in Slovakia. It bases its education on its own scientific activity, having the ambition to be a leading centre of European education and a university with an international focus. It teaches its graduates to demonstrate the highest degree of personal and professional qualities as well as humanity and caring. The goal of the university is to enhance the scientific and cultural perspectives of the society and its economic prosperity.
In the 2018/2019 academic year, the university offered a total of 860 study programmes at bachelor’s, master’s, PhDr., and doctoral level, in which it was entitled to grant the corresponding academic degrees. The number of offered study programmes had increased by 30 compared to the previous year. Comenius University admitted 10,264 students, of which 7,070 were enrolled in the first year of studies.

Students
In 2018, the university’s thirteen faculties provided tuition to a total of 22,536 students at all study levels (bachelor’s, master’s, PhDr., and doctoral). Despite the lowering demographic trend, Comenius University has maintained its share of students in Slovakia and has even seen that number slightly grow; more than 16% of all university students in Slovakia studied at CU in 2018 compared to 12% in 2008.

The number of students at each faculty as of 31 October 2018

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A significant scientific potential lies in young scientists. More than one quarter of doctoral students in Slovakia study at Comenius University. There were 1,857 doctoral students studying at the university in 2018, which constituted 27% of all doctoral students in Slovakia.

Almost a third of all international university students in Slovakia study at Comenius University. The increased interest of international students in studying at the first and third levels is especially welcome. An increase of 111 international students from over seventy countries was recorded, amounting to a total number of 2,851 international students, which represents 12.7% of the total number of students at the university. The majority of international students study at the faculties of Medicine in Bratislava and Martin and at the Faculty of Management.

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THE ACADEMIC MOBILITY OF STUDENTS IN 2018

by the world renowned CFA Institute, which, among other things, provides students with the opportunity to earn the Chartered Financial Analyst® credential, which is a professional certificate awarded to experts in the field of investment management.

2019 Medical Student of the Year
Five years and five victories: Comenius University may pride itself with this enviable result following the final of the 2019 Medical Student of the Year competition, which took place on 23 and 24 March. Lukáš Weiss from Comenius University’s Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin became the winner of the fifth annual scientific competition organized by the Štefánik hospital network for fifth- and sixth-year students from medical faculties. Third place went to István Bodor, a fifth-year student at Comenius University’s Faculty of Medicine. He was also the winner of the special category of the Dóvera health insurance company.

Štúr’s Pen for Kultúrarium Magazine
The creative work of students and teachers at the Faculty of Arts’ Department of Slovak Language and members of the Slovenská civic association saw them awarded Štúr’s Pen (an important national journalism award) at a ceremony on 13 April 2019 in the Regional Library of Ľudovít Štúr in Zvolen.

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GRADUATES

The number of university graduates at all levels of study from Comenius University faculties in the 2017/2018 academic year was 6,046. The academic title of Doctor of Medicine was awarded to 685 graduates, 2,657 students graduated with a bachelor’s degree, 2,360 students obtained a master’s degree, and the academic title of Philosophiae doctor (Ph.D.) was awarded to 344 graduates.

Lifelong learning

The Centre for Continuing Education at Comenius University provides non-university education to various public groups. It provides language training to international students, thus preparing them for education conducted in Slovak; it also provides career and language education as well as educational programmes for seniors and expatriate Slovaks. The programme portfolio responds to the current needs of the public as well as the needs of the labour market. In 2018 Slovak language courses and specialized subjects taught in Slovak were attended by 394 students from 51 countries.

Summer schools

The sixteenth annual Children’s Comenius University was attended by 345 students aged from nine to fourteen years, and 255 students received their diplomas. In the eighth year of the e-learning programme, 189 students out of the total of 383 enrolled students received their diplomas. The main topic of the sixth annual Children’s Summer University in Martin was “Fire, Water, Air, Earth, and the Human Element”. This was held at the beginning of July and was attended by sixty participants.

The Studio Academica Slovaca summer school took place at the Faculty of Arts and was attended by 156 international students from 33 countries. The central theme of the 54th annual summer school was a reflection on the historic milestones of the twentieth century in language, literature, culture, and society, with a particular focus on the years ending with the number eight. This year, a group of European Commission translators and interpreters who manage the European agenda were among the participants.

THE NUMBER OF UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMMES (ACCREDITED AND ACTIVE) AT COMENIUS UNIVERSITY IN THE SLOVAK CONTEXT

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According to the individual levels of study
Comenius University is one of Slovakia’s most prominent research institutions in terms of the number of researchers, its ability to obtain financial support for research, and the results achieved.

Projects and grants

Comenius University received a total of €9.6 million in state subsidies for its projects in 2018. Compared to the previous year, there was an increase in the number of projects and in the volume of obtained financial resources. Most of the funds came from the Slovak Research and Development Agency (SRDA), which provided a total of €6,314,206 for 231 research projects undertaken at Comenius University’s thirteen faculties and selected units in 2018.

Most research projects at Comenius University were supported by the Scientific Grant Agency (VEGA) of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research, and Sport of the Slovak Republic, which provided support for 342 research projects in 2018. According to the results for 2018, there was a moderate increase in the volume of obtained financial resources despite the lower number of supported projects.

The British theoretical physicist, mathematician, and scientific philosopher Roger Penrose, who is a major figure in modern science...
Top-class research

The highest concentration of top Slovak university research teams – 26 out of a total of 54 – can be found at Comenius University. For students, it is important to know that the top research teams working at Comenius University, who work in an international context, also teach at the faculties.

The research of young researchers, instructors, and doctoral candidates under the age of thirty is also supported through Comenius University’s own grant scheme. In 2018 Comenius University provided grants worth €243,340 to 253 projects.

An original space for the presentation of innovative ideas and research projects by doctoral candidates and young researchers in various disciplines is offered by Falling Walls Lab Slovakia, which is a prestigious international event. It was hosted by Comenius University for the second time in 2018. Out of its sixteen finalists, the winner was a student from the Faculty of Medicine, who went on to represent Slovakia at the event’s international finals in Berlin.

Habilitations and inaugurations

In the 2018/2019 academic year, forty-two lecturers became Associate Professors at Comenius University. In the same year, the university’s Scientific Board discussed and approved:

- eighteen nominations by the scientific boards of the faculties for awarding the title of Professor
- four nominations for awarding the degree of Doctor of Sciences (DrSc)
- five visiting professors
- Five honorary degrees of Professor Emmerich

PUBLICATION ACTIVITY AT COMENIUS UNIVERSITY IN 2018

| Category/ Faculty | AAA, AAB, ABB | ABA, ABA, ABB | ABA, ABB, ABB, ABB, ABB, ABB | ABA, ABB, ABB, ABB, ABB, ABB, ABB | FBA, FBA, FBA | FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA | FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA | FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA | FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA | FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA | FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA, FBA | Other | Total |
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| Total            | 178           | 180           | 164                        | 1,074                       | 108           | 0             | 408           | 10            | 1,724         | 10,046         | 8                | 10             | 10             | 8             | 10             | 10             |
by the S-Case medical technological device, which is the size of a smartphone and which will be able to measure multiple physiological functions in people without the presence of medical personnel.

This device was developed by a team of students from Comenius University in Bratislava and the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava working under the leadership of Martin Pekárčík.

It includes an electrocardiograph, an oximeter, a thermometer for measuring the internal body temperature as well as the environmental temperature, a glucometer, a heart rate monitor, and a blood pressure monitor. The S-Case will be particularly useful for doctors working in developing countries or in refugee camps, because it will enable a quick diagnosis of large numbers of individuals.

People suffering from schizophrenia have difficulty recognizing emotions

Schizophrenia affects one per cent of the population in Slovakia (i.e., about 50,000 people). The ability of these patients to function in everyday conditions depends on their “social cognition”. Dr Michel Mjdék examines social cognition, which is a set of skills through which people perceive and process social stimuli such as facial expressions, intentions, and beliefs. In collaboration with colleagues from the United States, he found out that nearly 75 per cent of schizophrenic patients have mild to severe difficulties in reading emotional expressions and judging what other people think. Therefore, social cognition training may be an appropriate complement to standard therapy.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANIMAL DISCOVERIES

Exceptional archaeological research in the Guatemalan rainforest

Hundreds of ancient cities and thousands of buildings from the times of the ancient Maya civilization were discovered over the course of one year in the Guatemalan province of Petén, which is three quarters the size of Slovakia. A Slovak research team led by Associate Professor Milan Kivčík became part of an international research consortium which started searching for traces of the civilization in the impenetrable Guatemalan jungle using the new LIDAR technology of airborne laser scanning. The research revealed sophisticated agrarian systems of irrigation of terraced fields in mountainous areas and the drainage of swamps in the lowlands.

A new species of snake is named after a long-forgotten kingdom

An international team headed by Dr Daniel Jablonski and Dr David Jandzik discovered a new species of snake in the geopolitically complicated area of Turkey, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Iraq, Iran, and Russia, including a small area reaching into Europe itself. By analysing both genetic and morphological data, the researchers found that the Bliuted snake (Elaphe sauromates) actually included another species that they named Elaphe urartica after the ancient kingdom of Urartu. This discovery of a new species and the analysis of its biogeography is an important step towards gaining knowledge of the formation and development of life forms in Europe and Asia.

THE OPENING OF SPECIALIZATION CENTRES

A modern multimedia studio for future journalists

Since the beginning of 2019, students of journalism at Comenius University have been able to use a new modern multimedia studio with modern recording technology. Future journalists focusing on audio-visual work can learn how to work with their voices, interpret texts, conduct interviews, and edit recordings as a part of the Media Studio and Creative Studio practical courses taught at the Department of Journalism.

The Centre of Active Ageing for the better social inclusion of seniors

The favourable effects of physical activity for seniors, who are among the most passive groups of the population, is something a new project at Comenius University is hoping to implement.

The aim of experts from the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports at Comenius University and the Institute of Physical Medicine in St Pölten in Austria is to improve the conditions for the effective provision of preventive care and support for the health of the elderly, and thus contribute to their better social inclusion.

A laboratory for the “healthy life” of seniors

The average life span of Slovaks is nearly 74 years, but the average length of a “healthy life” is only 54.5 years for men and 57 years for women. Through a project entitled “Nutrition and Healthy Ageing (Nutriageing)”, scientists from the Faculty of Medicine at Comenius University and the University of Vienna want to increase awareness about nutrition among seniors. The project aims to monitor the impact of certain nutrients and physical activity on the health of seniors.

The students who developed the S-Case
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

In partnership with the Faculty of Management at Comenius University, the Slovak Economic Association organized the annual Slovak Economic Association Meeting at the faculty on 21 and 22 September 2018. It attracted numerous foreign participants. One hundred and sixty authors and co-authors from over 100 institutions and 23 countries presented more than 100 papers covering nearly all areas of economic research. The keynote speakers were Viivi Carin (University College London) and Gérard Daniel (University of California, Berkeley).

From 24 to 26 October 2018, the Department of the New Testament at the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Faculty of Comenius University organized an international conference on the topic of “The Apostle Paul’s Testimony in the Context of Second Temple Period Judaism.” The papers that were presented focused on depots of bronze and ceramic artefacts and analyses of settlement structures and their basic forms.

From 29 May to 1 June 2019, the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics, and Informatics at Comenius University, in partnership with the Department of General History of Settlement Structures and their Basic Forms at the Faculty of Arts in partnership with the Institute of Archaeology at the Slovak Academy of Sciences, organized the Closing International Conference, which was about the independence and the ethical dimension of the exercise of judicial power in the digital society. The conference introduced gender, the position of women and men, and various aspects of their lives in this period. The conference was organized by the Department of General History at the Faculty of Arts in partnership with the Centre for Holocaust Studies at the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich, Germany, and the Institute of History at the Slovak Academy of Sciences. The conference also introduced a virtual museum of Gisa Fleischmann, who actively contributed to saving Slovak Jews from deportation.

As the main coordinator of the First successful twinning project within Horizon 2020 in Slovakia, Comenius University organized its closing international conference focusing on excellence in electron technologies. The partners of the ELEvaTE project (Excellence in Electron Technologies) were Leopold-Franzens-Universität in Innsbruck, Austria, and the Open University from the United Kingdom. The project, whose main coordinator was Professor Stefan Matyók from the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics, and Informatics at Comenius University, sought to promote the Electron and Plasma Physics Laboratory at the faculty. On 14 and 15 February 2019, the Faculty of Law at Comenius University held the Bratislava legal forum. At this international academic conference, which focused on the independence and the ethical dimension of the exercise of judicial power, prominent representatives of legal studies and practice discussed law enforcement in the digital society and the importance of judicial power in environmental protection.

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CENTRAL EUROPEAN REGIONAL COLLOQUIUM

Central European regional colloquium. The event was attended by over 100 experts on Dutch language and culture from twenty countries. They presented dozens of topical papers in areas such as translation, interpretation, linguistics, literature, and cultural history in the spirit of the slogan “Building Bridges”.

SIGNIFICANT VISITORS TO COMENIUS UNIVERSITY

On 15 October 2018, the Auditorium held a discussion on “The Price of Freedom” as part of the One World International documentary film festival. It featured Professor Rockford from Westminster College, who is a famous writer and historian specializing in the history of Central and Eastern Europe, the Holocaust, and the challenges that liberal democracies face.
On 8 December 2018, Comenius University hosted the eighth lecture by a Pulitzer Prize winner in partnership with the Tatra Banka Foundation and the Petit Academy. This time the university welcomed Ian Johnson, who gave a talk entitled “The Rise of a New Superpower” in the Auditorium. Johnson is a writer and journalist focusing on society, religion, and history who is currently writing for The New York Times and The New York Review of Books. He spoke about the extensive changes that China had undergone as it transformed from a poor country to one of the world’s superpowers.

On 14 December 2018, Comenius University was visited by Professor Odile Eisenstein from the University of Oslo. She is the president of the International Academy of Quantum Molecular Sciences, which is made up of the most successful scientists in the field of theoretical chemistry. Her talk on the study of chemical shifts in the NMR spectra of organometallic compounds attracted scientists interested in theoretical and experimental chemistry.

On 14 and 15 February 2019, Comenius University hosted Sir Roger Penrose, a British theoretical physicist, mathematician, and scientific philosopher from the University of Oxford. He had come to Slovakia to attend the Quantum Spacetime ’19 conference held at Comenius University. Sir Roger Penrose, who is considered one of the leading contemporary scientists, talked on the topic of “Are We Seeing Hawking Points in the Cosmic Microwave Background?” in the Auditorium.

On 14 March 2019, the Rector’s Hall held the presentation of the book “A History of Transylvania”, which is about the formation of modern Romania after the First World War. The book was presented by one of its authors, Professor Ioan Aurel Pop, who is the Rector of Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, and the Chairman of the Romanian Academy.

On 29 April 2019, Slovakia welcomed Professor Klaus von Klitzing, a German physicist who is famous for his discovery of the integer quantum Hall effect, for which he received the 1985 Nobel Prize in Physics. He is the director of the Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research in Stuttgart, and he gave a lecture at the Slovak University of Technology about why it was necessary to change the definition of a kilogram. His visit was co-organized by Comenius University.

On 3 June 2019, on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of Slovakia’s entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the university welcomed Madalaine Moon, who is the President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. She talked to the university’s students also as a long-term member of the lower house of Parliament in the United Kingdom who focuses on the alliance’s future security and defence strategy.

On 27 August 2019, Paul Seymour from Princeton University in New Jersey (United States) received a Commemorative Medal From Comenius University. The Professor, originally from Britain, is an elite academic in discrete mathematics and a winner of several significant awards in this area. He visited the university while appearing as a keynote speaker at the European Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory, and their Applications, which took place at Comenius University.

On 9 September 2019, Slovakia was visited by another honoured guest: Ben Lucio Feringa, a Dutch Professor from the University of Groningen, who was awarded the 2016 Nobel Prize in Chemistry alongside Professor Jean-Pierre Sauvage and Sir James Fraser Stoddart for the design and synthesis of molecular machines. In the Auditorium, he talked about nanorobots as the future of science and received the university’s Grand Gold Medal from the Rector.
WE POPULARIZE SCIENCE

The basic mission of the university is to develop and spread education by disseminating scientific knowledge among students and the general public.

European Researchers' Night

On 28 September 2018, Comenius University took part in the twelfth year of European Researchers' Night, which is organized in more than 350 cities across 30 European countries. As is tradition, Comenius University experts prepared interesting lectures and interactive activities at scientific booths for the visitors of this festival, which had the motto "The Researchers Inside Us". As a part of the event, Comenius University participated in the Science in the Encampment project for the ninth time. This year, the secrets of the natural sciences were explored by children and young people in Prakovce and Mníšek nad Hnilcom.

Science and Technology Week

"Fifteen years of encounters with science! Explore it together with us!" This was the motto of the fifteenth anniversary of Science and Technology Week in Slovakia, organized annually by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research, and Sport of the Slovak Republic in cooperation with the Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information. Several faculties of Comenius University participated in over four hundred events across Slovakia which culminated in the "Scientific Autumn", which took place from 5 to 11 November 2018.

Science Fair

In cooperation with the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics, and Informatics of Comenius University and the Slovak University of Technology, the Veda nás baví (We enjoy science) non-profit organization organized the fourth year of the Science Fair on 13 September 2019. In the square next to the Europa Shopping Centre, young and old science fans had the opportunity to see various demonstrations from the fields of robotics, electrical engineering, astronomy, diverse chemical experiments, and physical phenomena.

WE WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Comenius University ensures the quality of its education by accepting the best students and actively looking for them and working with them in primary and secondary schools.

The Akadémia & VAPAC® Education Fair

From 9 to 11 October 2018, the Aegon Arena NTC in Bratislava welcomed thousands of secondary school students interested in educational opportunities at universities for the 22nd time at the Akadémia & VAPAC® education fair. All twelve Bratislava-based faculties of Comenius University were represented. This is the largest international education and career fair in Slovakia and has as many as 7,000 visitors.

Experience a Day in the Life of a University Student

Two May mornings on 20 and 28 May 2019 managed to attract hundreds of secondary
school students to Comenius University. The reason was the fourth year of the popular “Experience a Day in the Life of a University Student” event, which allows lower-grade secondary school students to make use of the time when their older schoolmates have school-leaving examinations to get to know the university environment. The students had the opportunity to see 24 lectures on interesting topics by Comenius University experts.

WE INSPIRE

The university does not avoid pressing issues in social discourse and explains them from a comprehensive and interdisciplinary perspective.

TEDx at Comenius University

The first TEDx event at Comenius University (TEDUniverzitaKomenského) took place on 18 November 2018 at the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences. This event combines attractive academic lectures with authentic and powerful stories on a wide range of topics. The pilot edition had the central topic of “On a Journey”. Lectures were given by speakers from the fields of sport, art, management, life changes, and agriculture.

Living science in real time

On 21 December 2018, the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences hosted the first year of the Žijem vedu naživo (I live science in real time) conference. The aim of the organizers was to create room for discussions about current problems of scientists (not only) in Slovakia and to search for ways to solve them. The organizers of the conference included active members of the Žijemvedu.sk platform and scientists who felt an absence of mutual interdisciplinary discussion and general scientific awareness-raising, especially the absence of communicating the successes of great Slovak scientists who are active at home or abroad.

Daniel Tupý Prize

Since 2010 the Faculty of Arts has awarded the Daniel Tupý Prize to students who can submit their papers supporting the idea of fighting against violence, xenophobia, racism, Nazism, intolerance, and other such phenomena in the Slovak and international context. By awarding the prize, the faculty also honours the memory of its student, Daniel Tupý, who was murdered by a group of neo-Nazis on the Danube’s embankment in 2005 at the age of 21. This tragic incident also served as the inspiration for a film entitled “By a Sharp Knife”, which was screened in the Auditorium before being released in cinemas in February 2019. After the screening, there was a discussion with the creators of the film and Daniel Tupý Sr, the father of the victim.

ECOmenius

Comenius University participated in the 23rd edition of the Pohoda multicultural music festival, which took place from 11 to 13 July 2019 in Trenčín. The visitors could find Comenius University experts at the booth and in discussions as well as out and about. Around 250 volunteers, including Comenius University students, taught festival visitors how to separate waste correctly. Pohoda is one of the most ecological festivals in Europe thanks to the ECOmenius project.

Climate March

In September 2019, Comenius University supported the worldwide march for climate justice for all people and living things through a joint declaration with the Slovak Academy of Sciences and the Slovak University of Technology and by organizing a march on 20 September 2019. A group of almost 200 people from the march joined the climate strike organized by Fridays for Future.

AWARDS OF SCIENTISTS

Every year Comenius University scientists receive various national and international awards.

Science and Technology Week

During Science and Technology Week, the Science and Technology Awards in Slovakia were presented. The laureates included three scientists from Comenius University: Professor Peter Moczo, Professor Milan Kokavec, and Dr Michal Chovanec.}

Pribina Cross (1st Class)

The President of the Slovak Republic, Andrej Kiska, presented this state honour to Professor
Pavel Povinec from the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics, and Informatics for his special contribution to the economic development of the Slovak Republic and his significant scientific results in the field of nuclear and environmental physics.

The 2018 Crystal Wing Laureates of the 2018 Crystal Wing included Comenius University alumni. In the Journalism and Literature category, there was Associate Professor Etela Farkašová – a long-time member of the Department of Philosophy and the History of Philosophy. In the Innovations and Start-ups category, there was Dr Tomáš Brngál, a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine and a co-founder of the Virtual Medicine company. In the Medicine and Science category, there was Dr Michal Hulman, the head of the Cardiac Surgery Clinic at the National Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases.

Literary Fund Prize
The Scientific Publication Prize in the Biological and Medical Sciences category was awarded to Professor Jozef Rovenský, Professor Juraj Payer, Associate Professor Zdenko Killinger, Professor Marian Bernadč, and others for their work entitled “Rheumatology Through Case History: Rheumatic Diseases in the Surgery of a General Practitioner”. Professor Ingrid Brucknerová (and others) received recognition for their work entitled “Neonatology for Students of the Faculty of Medicine”. In the category of Natural and Technical Sciences, a special award went to Professor Michal Fečkan, Dr Michal Pospíšil, and Professor JinRong Wang for their publication entitled “Fractional-Order Equations and Inclusions”. Another special award for scientific and specialized literature in the Social Sciences category was given to Professor Juraj Dolník for his book called “Language in Social Culture”.

Gold Medal of Masaryk University
On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Masaryk University, their Rector Miroslav Kocifaj presented an award to Comenius University’s Professor Karol Mičeta, who is a member of the Masaryk University Scientific Board and an internationally respected expert in the field of botany; for his support of scientific cooperation with Masaryk University.

The Dr Ludmila Sedlárová-Rabanová Fund Prize
Dr Katarína Bodová became a laureate of the Dr Ludmila Sedlárová-Rabanová Fund Prize for her publication in the journal Genetics, where she was the main author. This publication combines genetic, evolutionary biological, and mathematical analyses to explain mechanisms that prevent the autogamy of plants and lead to the creation of genes that are responsible for the recognition of their own gametes and for preventing inbreeding. Support from the Dr Ludmila Sedlárová-Rabanová Fund was also received by three young researchers: Dr Barbora Konečná, Barbora Gromová, and Dr Filip Červenák.

St Gorazd Medal
On the occasion of Teacher’s Day, the Ministry of Education, Science, Research, and Sport of the Slovak Republic awarded the Grand St Gorazd Medal to Professor Martin Políč for his teaching and research activities and to Professor Jan Čižmár for his unique lifetime contribution in the field of teaching the theory of mathematics and the history of mathematics. The Minor St Gorazd Medal was awarded to Professor Marta Pančíková for her long-time management of the Slovak-Polish Commission of Humanities at the Slovak Ministry of Education and for her lifelong teaching activities in the field of Slavic linguistics.

The Annual Samuel Zoch Awards and Commemorative Letters of the President of the Bratislava Self-Governing Region
The annual Samuel Zoch Award for 2018 went to two representatives of Comenius University: Professor Karol Mičeta (then the university’s Rector) and the literary academic Professor Ondrej Sliacky. Recipients of the Commemorative Letter of the President of the Bratislava Self-Governing Region included Associate Professor Ivan Haverlík, who was a co-founder of the Department of Theoretical Cybernetics and who also contributed to the establishment of the Biophysics Department at the Faculty of Natural Sciences.
containing the number eight which have also been important in the history of Czechoslovakia (1918, 1968, 1989, 1998, and 2018).

The programme also included a discussion with inspiring people, a presentation on the topic of populism with Michal Simečka, and a discussion with the faculty Dean, Lucia Mokrá. As a part of the festival, thematic films introducing various opportunities for travelling abroad were screened. Students of the faculty who were in a musical mood could show off their talents in the “FSES Project”.

Lámvica
On Wednesday 6 March 2019, Refinery Gallery hosted a student party called Lámvica. The event connected the two strongest Slovak universities – Comenius University and the Slovak University of Technology. The event included performances by well-known artists such as Iné Kafé, Gleb, and Medial Banana.

The 2018 Medical Students’ Run in Martin
This sports event with a charitable cause took place at the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine at Comenius University in Martin, welcoming 506 participants. The proceeds of €3,675 were used for the purchase of two infusion pumps for the Paediatric Surgery Clinic at the University Hospital in Martin.

Action Day
The goal of this event was to draw attention to the urgent need to deal with the climate crisis. The day started with a strike by secondary school students and continued with a march that finished in front of the historical building of Comenius University in Bratislava with the passing of a symbolic baton to university students. Afterwards, the Climate Crisis Student Forum took place in the Auditorium and featured the participation of several experts.

University Tree of Wishes
Students and graduates organized another year of this charitable project to help people from social services homes, residential facilities, and crisis centres. This year, we collected roughly 400 wishes from seven facilities. Students and employees could find them hanging on eleven Christmas trees located at the faculties.

Prize for Lifelong Learning
As a part of the Week of Lifelong Learning event, an award for contributions in the field of lifelong learning went to Dr Nadižda Hrátková, who is a long-time principal methodology specialist of the University of the Third Age at the Centre for Continuing Education at Comenius University and the president of the European Federation of Older Students. She has made a significant contribution to the development of the education of seniors in Slovakia.

Fides et Ratio
Professor Zlatka Piašenkoš received the Fides et Ratio prize during a ceremony in the Primát’s Palace in Bratislava. The goal of this prize is to express respect towards those who through their activities contribute to a dialogue between science and faith.

The Silver Flying Pen
During one of the most significant international festivals of poetry called Slavic Embrace, Associate Professor Zvonko Tanasek received an award in the field of literature for his lifelong works, which have been translated into sixteen languages.

FROM STUDENTS TO STUDENTS

AmosFest 2018
From 24 to 26 September 2018, the popular AmosFest student festival took place in Mlynská dolina. Visitors had the opportunity to attend a public lecture by Anton Heretik, who alongside presenter Adela Vinczeová talked about the topic of aggression. There was also a Traveller’s Cinema about national parks in the United States, a presentation of student associations and organizations, and another series of events. Students could also take part in a charitable sports event called Amosbek (AmosRun); the proceeds from that event went to the Dúha Crisis Centre in Bratislava.

FSES Fest
On 10 December 2018, the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences organized the popular FSES Fest. 2018 saw the eighth edition of this event, and so its topic was focused on those years
Comenius University has the largest portfolio of dormitories for students in Slovakia. At the end of 2018, these dormitories accommodated 7,937 students of the university. The canteens sold 2,451,935 main courses, of which 2,005,574 were to students.

Comenius University is very closely linked to the city of Bratislava. It is the soul and lungs of the city. Units and facilities of the university can be found in all parts of the city. Comenius University includes its faculties as well as hospitals, pharmacies, the Comenius University Botanical Garden, the garden of medicinal plants, a herbarium, dozens of dormitory buildings, libraries, the Comenius University Press, and the Comenius University Archive. Although Comenius University is not a campus-type university, this has its advantages. When you are getting to know the individual parts of the university, you will travel around the whole city and get to explore it.

In 2018 the services of the library were used by 15,965 registered users. Comenius University students accounted for the largest number of users, amounting to 14,381 of them. During the year, 427,209 documents were borrowed. The library offers access to almost 330,000 e-books and roughly 100,000 online journals.

In 2018 Comenius University Press published 234 publications (185 of them being first editions). A fifth of the publications came out in electronic form. These publications are sold through brick-and-mortar shops and an e-shop.

This centre operates the information systems and maintains the information and communication infrastructure. The centre is also technically responsible for the electronic information system for students, electronic mail, the online presence of the university, the IT Support Centre, and other things.

The Botanical Garden’s mission includes the preservation and enlargement of the collections of living plants as well as the experimental acclimatization of various plant species. The plant displays are accessible to primary and secondary schools as well as the general public through exhibitions and seminars.

This is an expert section that receives, records, protects archive documents concerning Comenius University and education in Slovakia, also making them accessible. Its collections include diplomas, photographs, general documentation, audio-visual documents, and museum artefacts, including academic gowns, medals, insignia, and teaching aids.
HUMAN RESOURCES

In 2018 Comenius University had a total of 4,430 employees. Out of this number, there were 2,078 university teachers and 395 researchers. Comenius University is one of the largest employers in Slovakia. The university focuses on the development of its human resources primarily in its most qualified section.

**THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES OF COMENIUS UNIVERSITY BETWEEN 2008 AND 2018 IN FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT**

- University teachers
- Researchers
- Others

**THE AVERAGE AGE OF PROFESSORS AT COMENIUS UNIVERSITY IS NOW DECREASING**

Top Comenius University scientist Michal Fečkan was 2017 Scientist of the Year.