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- Faculty of Management and Social Communication
- Faculty of International and Political Studies
- Faculty of Medicine with the Division of Dentistry
- Faculty of Pharmacy with the Division of Medical Analytics
- Faculty of Health Sciences

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During the solemn session of the Jagiellonian University Senate, held on the occasion of the 653rd Anniversary of the Jagiellonian University on 12 May 2017, the doctorate honoris causa of the Jagiellonian University was conferred on Professor Maria Delaperrière, one of the most outstanding Polish literature scholars.

The Senate of the Jagiellonian University, having considered the resolution undertaken by the Council of the Faculty of Polish Studies on 16 November 2016, conferred the title of honorary doctorate on Prof. Delaperrière in particular for:

- forty years of lecturing on Polish literature and culture;
- indefatigably organising and co-ordinating Polish Studies in France;
- her comparative research on Polish and European literature;
- her numerous valuable monographs and dissertations on the history of Polish and European literature, in particular literary Polish-French relationships.

Born in Kraków in 1941, Maria Korcala-Delaperrière began her studies at the Jagiellonian University, where in 1963 she received a Master’s degree in Polish Philology. In 1963-1965, she began studying French, which she continued at University Paris Sorbonne-Paris IV, defending her PhD in 1975.

Then she worked at the National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilisations (Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales) in Paris, where she received the title of professor in 1981. She was the head of the Polish Department in 1985-2009. She also directed the Centre for the Studies of Central Europe (Centre d'études de l'Europe médiane) in 1998-2007. Since 1987, she has been a member of the French Society of Polish Studies (Société Française d’Etudes Polonaises – SFEP) in France.

In her speech during the session of the JU Senate, Prof. Delaperrière said that for her the ceremony was a symbolic return to her alma mater, which she had left 50 years ago. She added that it was there that she had learnt self-criticism, independence of thought and first of all, openness to the world. Then she described her studies and work at the French universities.

In her opinion, the most important differences between JU and the Sorbonne was that ‘in Kraków the art of essay was eagerly practised, while in Paris literary critics, scholars or students used the ancient triad of argumentation in which the dialectics of thesis and antithesis must lead to a synthesis. In Polish rhetoric – the joy of the ellipses, quotation marks, indented dashes and oblique meanings; in French rhetoric – clarity, brevity and precision. The Eastern Europeans do not trust these rigors until they become convinced that this tedious practice can be compared to playing scales, which leads to Mozart…”

Based on the material related to the honorary doctorate.
UNIVERSITY NEWS

MAKING a BETTER WORLD to LIVE in
25th Anniversary of SYLFF at JU

Dorota Maciejowska
International Relations Office

It is not a mere coincidence that we are together for this special occasion at this time, just as our two countries will be commemorating the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations and friendship tomorrow.

The SYLFF programme was established thirty years ago. At that time, the Cold War was coming to an end, and political and economic structures were entering a transformational period. It was when values were also changing on both the social and individual levels. With these changes, we also needed new leaders. The SYLFF programme was launched against this backdrop. These are leaders who understand diverse and shared values, and shed light on emerging issues that arise from changes in society. They can look at issues from broad perspectives and understand the complexity – with these words Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation in Japan, greeted all the participants of the 25th Anniversary of the SYLFF programme at the Jagiellonian University, which was at the same time the 30th Anniversary of the programme worldwide.

Considering these great occasions, the Jagiellonian University invited its SYLFF-fellows, academics and students to participate in a meeting entitled ‘Making a better world to live in: Development Policy in the 21st Century,’ on 17 May 2017, attended by Mr Yohei Sasakawa, donor of the SYLFF scholarships, representatives of the Tokyo Foundation, managers of the SYLFF programme and other guests.

SYLFF programme

The Ryochi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) was established in 1987. So far 88 institutions of higher education, including 69 universities around the world, have been invited to participate in The Nippon Foundation scholarship programme. The Jagiellonian University joined SYLFF in 1992 and since then has been the only Polish university in the Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Programme.

SYLFF is a global fellowship programme aimed at nurturing leaders who will initiate action to transcend differences and address issues confronting contemporary society. The qualities such leaders must possess will change as society changes, and forms of effective leadership will invariably differ from one region to another [...]

One thing that makes SYLFF unique from other global fellowship programmes is the support offered to fellows throughout their careers – not just during the fellowship period. The new SYLFF Association will play a key role in strengthening this distinctive quality, explained Mr Sasakawa in his message to all the universities worldwide involved in the programme.

The objective of SYLFF is to support education of graduate and doctoral students who possess high potential as leaders in public life and seek solutions for social problems. Participants of the scholarship programme can pursue courses related to their studies at a chosen HE institution abroad. A special emphasis is placed on the practical implementation of the candidate’s project related to the fellowship. Fellowships are granted to candidates in the field of the humanities and social studies as well as in law, economy and management.

At the Jagiellonian University, fellowships are granted by the SYLFF Steering Committee represented by six academics from different faculties. Fellowship duration is of minimum 15 days, maximum one academic year.

Since 1993, JU has granted 284 fellowships to outstanding candidates in the field of social sciences, the humanities, law, economy and management studies.

SYLFF Anniversary

During the 25th Anniversary, words of welcome were given by Prof. Andrzej Mania, Chair of the JU SYLFF Steering Committee, Prof. Stanislaw Kistryn, JU Vice-Rector for Research and Structural Funds, HE Shigeo Matsutomi, Ambassador of Japan in Poland, and Mari Suzuki, Director of Leadership Development in The Tokyo Foundation (SYLFF Association Secretariat).
I offer my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to the Jagiellonian University, Nippon Foundation, Tokyo Foundation, and everyone involved in the SYLFF programme. As a representative of the Japanese government, I take pride in the Foundation's contribution to the development of Poland and building a better future for all of us, said Ambassador Matsutomi.

In turn, Mari Suzuki stressed that Nicolaus Copernicus and John Paul II were JU graduates who were best known in Japan and that they were also the best representatives of the idea promoted by SYLFF. She continued, The first one changed our perception of our environment, the second one was a vocal advocate of human rights. This dream of improving society is clearly visible in the graduates of the Jagiellonian University.

Asst. Prof. Paweł Laidler, Vice-Dean of the JU Faculty of International and Political Studies, introduced JU most prominent SYLFF fellows who shared their research experiences within SYLFF studies abroad and their further career development. These were Jacek Dybiński, speaking on research concerning international corporate law and governance; Alicja Głušzek, presenting her long-term collaboration with the La Strada Foundation against Trafficking of People; Monika Różalska, depicting her research achievements in Ruanda; Marta Antosz, explaining her research on migrations in Africa and support for migrants; Marcin Rebes, showing his co-operation with research institutes; Agnieszka Król, talking about her social research in Iceland; Radosław Rybkowski, stressing the influence of SYLFF on professional development; Paweł Laidler, focusing on the influence of SYLFF on scientific and professional achievements; Marcin Grabowski, sharing his SYLFF experiences vs. professional development, and Patrycja Sasnal, discussing SYLFF experiences vs. praxis of foreign policy analysis.

**JU medal for Yohei Sasakawa**

The solemn part of the meeting was the conferral of the Plus ratio quam vis Medal upon Yohei Sasakawa. The ceremony started with a short film entitled Leprosy in Our Time. Then Prof. Mania, in his laudatory speech, underlined Mr Sasakawa's strong devotion to humanitarian activities and his great contribution to the research and social development of the JU academia. The Latin diploma supplementing the medal listed Mr Sasakawa's merits for the Jagiellonian University:

- creating a programme supporting the development of leader's potential among JU graduate students and PhD candidates,
- promoting the idea of research and activities that are of high importance for society,
- promoting the idea of international collaboration between individuals and nations,
- actions having a great humanitarian significance.

After the laudatory speech, the JU Rector Prof. Wojciech Nowak handed the medal to Mr Sasakawa. In his thanking for the JU distinction, Mr Sasakawa explained, I have been involved in various activities with the goal of fostering an ‘inclusive society.’ As you have seen in the short film, one of them is to realise a world free of leprosy and the stigma associated with it. Leprosy is a disease that has tormented humanity for centuries. With the development of medical science, it can now be cured, and we are just a step away from the elimination of this disease. However, people affected by leprosy continue to be exposed to and suffer discrimination even today because of the ingrained image of the disease from the days of old. Earlier, I expressed to the SYLFF fellows my high expectations of the cross-disciplinary perspective that they bring to their research. I believe that such a cross-disciplinary approach must also be applied to leprosy, to cure it medically and to eliminate the discrimination that persists socially. I myself am committed to a world free of leprosy and the stigma associated with it, and I will continue to work until I achieve this goal.

**Seminar Development Policy in the World in the 21st Century**

The second part of the celebration was a seminar entitled ‘Development Policy in the World in the 21st Century.’ It was meant to be an introductory discussion of a big project on development
In 2017, the Jagiellonian University was again listed in the Reuters’ second annual ranking of Europe's Most Innovative Universities, a list that identifies and ranks the educational institutions doing the most to advance science, invent new technologies, and help drive the global economy.

It is worth noting that JU is the only university from Poland and also the only one from Eastern Europe that was placed in the Reuters ranking of Europe’s most innovative universities. It has made a small move on the list: up 2 spots to #90.

KU Leuven (Belgium) again scored the highest, and is followed by two UK schools, Imperial College London and the University of Cambridge. As for national representation, Germany takes top honours, with 23 universities, followed by the UK and France, each with 17 institutions.

As the authors of the ranking indicate, ‘the relative ranking of any university does not provide a complete picture of whether its researchers are doing important, innovative work. Since the ranking measures innovation on an institutional level, it may overlook particularly innovative departments or programmes: a university might rank low for overall innovation but still operate one of the world’s most innovative computer science laboratories, for instance. And it is important to remember that whether a university ranks at the top or the bottom of the list, it is still within the top 100 on the continent: All of these universities produce original research, create useful technology and stimulate the global economy.’

The following contributed to the composite score, which in turn determined the ranking of the universities according to innovative capacity and achievement:

- Patent Volume
- Patent Success
- Global Patents
- Patent Citations
- Patent Citation Impact
- Percent of Patents Cited
- Patent to Article Citation Impact
- Industry Article Citation Impact
- Percent of Industry Collaborative Articles
- Total Web of Science Core Collection Papers.

www.reuters.com
This year’s Ranking of Academic HEIs 2017 created and published by the educational monthly ‘Perspektywy’ has once again brought about a unique verdict: first place was given jointly to the Jagiellonian University and the University of Warsaw.

At the same time, the JU won, along with the University of Warsaw, in the university type category, and the JU Medical College defended its first place among medical universities.

The 18th Ranking of Academic HEIs embraced 168 Polish institutions. Its criteria were divided into seven groups: academic reputation, alumni employability, research potential, academic effectiveness, innovativeness, studying conditions and internationalisation. Each criterion embraced several elements; total: 29 indicators.

The Jagiellonian University enjoys the greatest prestige among academic teachers and employers. It also possesses the biggest academic potential and best studying conditions.

As for internationalisation, the Jagiellonian University’s place in the ranking is 11, which is first of all the consequence of the large total number of students. A relatively large group of international students constitutes a small percentage of all JU students.

In the ranking by subject (68 study fields), the faculties of the Jagiellonian University won in 14:

• law – Faculty of Law and Administration
• administration – Faculty of Law and Administration
• biotechnology – Faculty of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Biotechnology
• environmental protection – Faculty of Chemistry
• Polish studies – Faculty of Polish Studies
• philosophy – Faculty of Philosophy
• cultural and regional studies – Faculty of International and Political Studies
• medical analytics – Faculty of Pharmacy
• physiotherapy – Faculty of Health Sciences
• cosmetology – Faculty of Pharmacy
• nursing – Faculty of Health Sciences
• public health – Faculty of Health Sciences
• dietetics – Faculty of Medicine
• medicine – Faculty of Medicine
• pharmacy – Faculty of Pharmacy

On 12 June 2017, Prof. Leah Wortham from the Columbus School of Law of The Catholic University of America, co-founder and director of the JU American Law Programme, received the JU gold medal ‘Plus ratio quam vis.’

Prof. Wortham received this distinction for her long-term management of the American Law Programme and tireless commitment to providing the US legal education to students of the Jagiellonian University, for initiating and assisting in the establishment and management of the Jagiellonian University Legal Clinic – the first such institution in Central Europe, and for promoting the ethics of legal professions in Poland.

The celebration was combined with the 17th commencement of the American Law Programme, and attended by Prof. Dorota Malec, JU Vice-Rector for Development, Prof. Jerzy Pisuliński, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration, and Thomas Zia, consul from the US Consulate General in Kraków.

During the ceremony, the best graduates of the 2016/2017 edition were distinguished. The best student Justyna Glinka was admitted to attend the LL.M Programme at the Columbus School of Law of The Catholic University without paying the fee. Dr Rafał Kos presented scholarships to other students: Łukasz Chyla, Kinga Duda and Dorota Nowacka, sponsored by the law firm Kubas Kos Gałkowski.
This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Student Committee of Solidarity (Studencki Komitet Solidarności – SKS), a student group formed in Kraków in 1977 in the aftermath of the murder of Stanisław Pyjas. He was a student of Polish literature and philosophy at the Jagiellonian University and member of anti-communist student movements. Pyjas' body was found in the staircase of the building at 7 Szewska Street, in the centre of Kraków, on 7 May 1977.

Stanisław Pyjas’ death shook the student community and led to numerous student demonstrations. One of them was a ‘black procession’ with ca. five thousand students who marched from Szewska Street to the Wawel Castle, mourning his death. The previous night, on 14/15 May 1977, several students had initiated the Student Committee of Solidarity whose purpose was to oppose the communist government in Poland. It was the first organisation of this kind in Central and Eastern Europe. It is worth noting that its founding statement included for the first time in Poland the word ‘solidarity,’ which then permanently entered the history of Poland and the world. This document was a demand to investigate the circumstances of Stanisław Pyjas’ death and to bring its perpetrators, no matter who they were, to court (the perpetrators have never been found). The founders of SKS wrote, ‘We declare that we will organise self-defence against repressions. The Student Committee of Solidarity shows solidarity with the Workers’ Defence Committee.’

The activities of the Student Committee of Solidarity included printing and distributing underground bulletins and reports, lectures, protests against the party monopoly on knowledge – limited access to some collections of the Jagiellonian Library (books about Poland or by Polish authors in exile), support for the striking shipyard workers as well as demanding a creation of an authentic and independent student organisation (at that time the only student organisation was the regime-sponsored Socialist Student Union).

The 40th anniversary of the Student Committee of Solidarity embraced several events. On 13 May, in the aula of Collegium Novum, President Andrzej Duda handed state distinctions to 35 former activists of anti-communist opposition, including three employees of the Jagiellonian University: Prof. Jacek Międzobrodzki from the Faculty of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Biotechnology, Dr Paweł Miśkowiec from the Faculty of Chemistry and Adam Roliński from the Jagiellonian Library. Before the ceremony, the President had laid a wreath in front of the commemorative tablet dedicated to Stanislaw Pyjas in Collegium Philologicum, the building of the JU Faculty of Polish Studies, where Pyjas had studied.

The square before the student hall of residence ‘Zaczek,’ where Stanisław Pyjas had lived and where many anti-communist activities had been organised, was named after SKS, and a small monument to the Student Committee of Solidarity was unveiled on 15 May.

On 16 May 2017, a scientific conference dedicated to the Student Committee of Solidarity was held in Collegium Novum, organised by JU and the Kraków branch of the Institute of National Remembrance. It consisted of three panels: Student Committee of Solidarity in the background of the epoch of ‘great stabilisation’ in the Polish People’s Republic; Towards freedom. Independent student movement in the background of the pre-August opposition in the Polish People’s Republic, and Student Committees of Solidarity and students’ revolts from a perspective of 40 years. The conference gathered the former members of SKS.

On 15-24 May, an exhibition along a lane in the Planty Park, in the vicinity of the Jagiellonian University, was mounted. Its title was ‘Solidarity was born in Kraków. What do you know about SKS?’ The display showed the most important facts and figures of the Student Committee of Solidarity.

Finally, the Parliament of the Republic of Poland voted a motion commemorating SKS and its founders, stressing the concept of solidarity as an idea of resistance against the totalitarian system. ‘On the 40th anniversary of SKS the Parliament expresses gratitude and recognition to its founders and collaborators whose activities served the cause of Poland’s freedom and independence.’

The exhibition along a lane in the Planty Park
Staff training and professionalisation of services under Erasmus+

Dorota Maciejowska
International Relations Office

This June the Jagiellonian University International Relations Office organised the fourth edition of what was, in the last three years, a very successful event: Erasmus+ Staff Training Week – JUst a Week. There were 26 representatives from 19 countries and 21 different universities who gathered at JU to discuss and foster new ideas on the development of international co-operation and other specific issues related to the international challenges of universities.

The participants of the training week, academic and non-academic staff, represented various higher education institutions from Europe: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czehia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and from other continents: China, India, Japan, Kenya, Mexico and South Africa. The latter have signed inter-institutional agreements on co-operation with JU within the Erasmus+ Programme KA107.

The event took place at the new premises of the Faculty of Law and Administration on 19-23 June 2017. During the five-day programme, the participants discussed and shared experiences on staff and student mobility, quality of EU and non-EU solutions for support services, welcome centres for international academics, emergency protocols and security systems related to academic environment as well as intercultural competencies, the entrepreneurship of modern universities, roles and responsibilities of staff involved in the process of internationalisation of universities.

The open speeches were given by Prof. Adam Jelonek, Rector's Proxy for Internationalisation, and the undersigned, Head of the International Relations Office. The inauguration lecture entitled The challenge of establishing an entrepreneurial university was provided by Prof. Radosław Rybkowski, Director of the JU Institute of International and Political Studies. He presented the beginnings of the concept of entrepreneurial universities, university development, entrepreneurial vs. bureaucratic university, external challenges, stakeholders and the role of universities in the Europe of knowledge.

Discussing entrepreneurialism in universities he stressed that ‘The concept of university-enterprise questioned the nature and goals of universities themselves: Entrepreneurialism is a reflection both of institutional adaptiveness to a changing environment and of the capacity of universities to produce innovation through research and new ideas. […] The internationalisation process ideally should not be made up of isolated ad hoc activities but should be a process that combines various international activities and projects, with organisational features such as sustainable and systematic strategies and mechanisms that incorporate a wide range of ideas, risks and results.’

In his opinion, entrepreneurial internationalisation embraces a well-thought out internationalisation strategy, with the aim of ensuring that all graduates can successfully operate in an international environment, the ever growing role of English as a side effect of internationalisation: many universities provide courses taught in English to increase their attractiveness to students from abroad. However, all students should benefit from internationalisation regardless of the programmes of studies as diversifying international activities should be seen as a sign of entrepreneurial behaviour and a driver for entrepreneurialism.

One can wonder what benefits there are for both the organisers and participants of staff weeks. What first comes to mind is the sharing of experiences:

Thank you for organising such a great event. There's never enough knowledge, sharing best practices, making new friends and contacts abroad since we live in the era of continuous changes and new developments. And we are to be the ones who take new approaches to our universities, use them or develop further. We are the ones who think ahead and prepare for new circumstances, assuming that our universities will not stagnate and fall behind time. Thank you for gathering us, for giving us a chance to be proactive and take many new ideas back home.

Laura, University of Tartu, Estonia
Thank you so much for making me feel so welcome. I have learned so much and am so grateful for having had the opportunity to meet so many interesting people, to visit so many fascinating places and to make new friends and connections. I love Jagiellonian University!

Richard, Goldsmiths University of London, UK

However, sharing is only one of the benefits that can arise from this kind of event. Being a nice form of exchanging practical and professional knowledge on higher education, it can also allow organisers of such training to build broader strategic partnerships and successful bilateral relations beyond the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme through inviting old and potential partners.

Visiting various universities, participants of staff weeks can get to know new forms of international training, build their capacity on trends and developments in HE as well as get intercultural experience, expertise and new opportunities. By attending and organising staff weeks universities can also increase their international visibility. Immersion in new cultures, the awareness of diversity and observation of different administrative perspectives enrich and open the working environment of the home institution to be flexible, competitive and efficient.

Thank you for the amazing event, a wonderful experience in Kraków. I gained so much practical knowledge for my future work.

Rong, Minzu University of China, China

Best regards from Russian partner universities. It was really a pleasant and fruitful co-operation week here in Kraków.

Tatiana, Saint-Petersburg State University, and Anna, Lomonosov Moscow State University

Working in an increasingly more international environment forces all academic and administrative staff to develop not only their linguistic competencies and ways of communicating with other cultures, but also their awareness and sensibility related to various social processes that the world is undergoing these days.

I really appreciate your candour and enthusiasm in each and every small activity. It was a great week for me to get to know the cultural exchanges from various countries. The contents were excellent.

Vidya, Savitribai Phuk Pune University, India

Throughout the week, the participants of ‘JUst a Week’ had the opportunity to participate in numerous workshops and seminars conducted not only by JU academic and administrative staff but also by invited speakers from other universities, such as the University of Helsinki, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Tartu University and the University of Łódź.

I want to congratulate you all for a very professional, complete and useful training week for international staff in June. I am impressed by the Jagiellonian University and also Kraków. I really hope we will continue our co-operation. I have enjoyed it very much.

Quetzalli, El Collegio de Mexico, Mexico

Organising our Erasmus Staff Training Weeks we always include networking activities and social programmes. Thus we invited our guests to see the oldest and the newly constructed buildings of the Jagiellonian University. They could visit the 15th century Collegium Maius and the 21st century new campus as well as the Jagiellonian Library. On the hot June evenings, they could listen to musical performances of our local artists in the picturesque courtyard of Collegium Maius.

They also had the possibility to experience the beauty and unique atmosphere of the city of Kraków. We took them to the Wawel Royal Castle and Kazimierz, the former Jewish district of Kraków. As part of the social programme they were invited to compete in small international teams during an International Pub Quiz – contest concerning the general knowledge of the world as well as Poland’s history and culture.

Our efforts have been awarded by the participants themselves:
The best Staff Week ever and best staff. Thank you very much.

Dario, University of Florence, Italy
Research, Innovation and the Future of Europe
The Guild meets in Brussels

Barbara Chmielowska
International Relations Office

On 1 June 2017, The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities held a meeting entitled ‘Research, Innovation and the Future of Europe’ at the Bibliothèque Solvay in Brussels, Belgium.

The meeting marked the first anniversary of The Guild’s foundation. The idea of a Guild forum arose last September and was to provide an opportunity for the authorities of member universities as well as academic services to come together in Brussels. The Guild forum in Brussels gathered representations from The Guild’s universities and representatives of the European Commission and Parliament, National Representations, other research networks and NGOs, and a wider public. The Jagiellonian University was represented by Prof. Stanisław Kistryn, Vice-Rector for Research and Structural Funds, The Guild’s treasurer and co-founder, Prof. Dorota Malec, Vice-Rector for Development, Prof. Andrzej Mania, Head of the Chair in the History of Diplomacy and International Politics, and Prof. Andrzej Adamski, Rector’s Proxy for Innovation.

The meeting was divided in two parts: a public discussion on how ideas about research and innovation in the next Framework Programme (FP9) are linked with a future vision of Europe and a Guild-only event. It was presided over by Robert-Jan Smits (Director-General of DG Research and Innovation at the European Commission), Anneleen van Bossuyt (a member of the European Parliament), Janez Potočnik (former European Commissioner for Science and Research and European Commissioner for Environment) and Eva Åkesson, Vice-Chancellor of Uppsala University.

The discussion focused on the next framework programme related to research and innovation. Another issue of the debate concerned ways of strengthening and supporting EU states with lower research effectiveness and quality.

Laying out the context for the discussion, Brian Bech Nielsen, Rector of the University of Aarhus, spoke of the uncertainty following Brexit and the waves polarising political discourse throughout Europe. He underscored the opportunity for European university communities to help set the agenda for FP9 and the future of research and innovation. In turn, Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General for Research and Innovation at the European Commission, charted the process for preparing the ninth Framework Programme. He outlined the priorities, including continued support for excellent frontier-led research, a renewed focus on innovation, and increasing global participation. Advocating an enhanced budget for the European Research Council, Smits emphasised the critical importance of excellence for research and innovation – a point reinforced by Jan Palmowski, Secretary-General of The Guild, who noted that in no other part of the world there was such an intensive competition for the best ideas across borders. Smits described a revised timeline, noting that the next budget would not be announced before the summer of 2018. For the coming years, he urged universities to engage fully in the debate and advocate for more funding for research and innovation at a European and national level.
Ole Petter Ottersen, founding Chair of The Guild, discussed the importance of universities not just for ground-breaking research, but also as an integral part of the innovation ecosystem, and urged that universities should have a full stake in the European Innovation Council. Moreover, the panellists discussed the need to reduce the participation gap, not least through simplifying and enhancing the application of structural funds to support excellent research and innovation. They considered how the vision for research and innovation should be aligned to societal concerns. Jan Palmowski argued that an alignment to the UN's sustainable development goals (SDGs) would enable the EU to make a distinctive contribution to the UN’s agenda through research and innovation, and that this would require the full engagement of all subjects, including social sciences and the humanities.

The vision for European research and innovation was discussed further during the other panel, involving Janez Potočnik, former Commissioner for Science and Research and for the Environment, Eva Åkesson and Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Member of the European Parliament. Potočnik opened the discussion with a strong statement on the failures of capitalism, the future of employment and the global challenges that lay ahead. He argued that the fundamental global challenges of inequality, pollution and insecurity did not stop at Europe’s door, and that it was high time for Europeans – and European universities – to respond to them more rigorously.

Eva Åkesson articulated the societal impact of universities as educators of up to 50% of our population. She agreed with Potočnik that through research as well as research-led education universities could – and should – meet the major challenges of Europe and the globe. Anneleen Van Bossuyt added that a vision for research and innovation needed to include an appreciation of its economic benefits, as for every €1 invested in research and innovation in the seventh Framework Programme, €11 of economic value had been generated. She also highlighted the need for universities to incentivise researchers to achieve impact and for the EU to support excellence in all aspects of research and innovation.

Closing the forum, Ulrike Beisiegel, President of the University of Göttingen, compelled the participants to help create an environment where knowledge transfer and collaboration could transcend European and global borders. ‘What is at stake,’ she argued, ‘was nothing less than the creation of research and innovation to make sense of – and give meaning to – our everyday lives.’

The panels were followed by a public network reception when all the members had an opportunity to introduce themselves and meet other Brussels stakeholders. At the end of the first day, The Guild’s members welcomed Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council, who gave a speech, ‘Frontier-led research, the ERC and the role of university communities in securing their future.’

On 2 June, a General Assembly of The Guild was held at a Brussels office. It focused on the 9th Framework Programme. Moreover, it elected new members of the board: Vincent Blondel, Rector of the University of Louvain, as the chair of the governing body, comprising Eva Åkesson, Vice-Chancellor of Uppsala University, Volli Kalm, President of the University of Tartu, and Anton Muscatelli, Principal of the University of Glasgow.

Commenting on the meeting, Vincent Blondel said, ‘The Guild has made very significant progress in a short space of time. For the next few years we want to continue to support research and innovation policies, strengthen collaboration amongst our members, and further shape the distinctive profile of The Guild.’
A
other possibility of strengthening co-operation between The Guild members came shortly after the General Assembly since The Guild’s Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation Expert Group met at the Jagiellonian University on 29-30 June 2017.

The seminar entitled ‘Widening Participation and Structural Funds’ was hosted by the JU Vice-Rector for Research and Structural Funds Prof. Stanisław Kistryn. The Jagiellonian University was also represented by Prof. Dorota Malec, Vice-Rector for Development, Prof. Andrzej Mania, Head of the Chair in the History of Diplomacy and International Politics, as well as Prof. Andrzej Adamski, Rector’s Proxy for Innovation.

The meeting brought together experts from The Guild member institutions (JU, the University of Ljubljana, the University of Oslo and Tartu University), Polish universities (Warsaw and Poznań), the Polish Research Funding Agency, the National Science Centre (Prof. Janusz Janeczek and Prof. Zbigniew Bloch), Polish contact point for framework programmes (Dr Zygmunt Krasiński) as well as guests from the Polish Academy of Sciences (Prof. Małgorzata Witko and Prof. Adam Maj) and the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Undersecretary of State Prof. Łukasz Szumowski).

The seminar was aimed at discussing the possibilities of using synergy between structural and investment funds, Horizon 2020 and other EU programmes related to research and innovation and at improving the quality of research funding. It also provided an opportunity to exchange opinions on barriers and obstacles in grant application processes within the framework programmes, e.g. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, and ways of overcoming them.

“We would like to work out the guidelines for good solutions regarding synergies between structural funds and framework programmes to be presented to the European Commission and the European Parliament so that resources are distributed across Europe in such a way that all of our institutions can develop in harmony and consistency,’ said Prof. Kistryn.

Further discussions focused on the innovation gap between the EU-15 and EU-13 Member States, and boosting the excellence of Central and Eastern Europe by leveraging other related sources of funding, above all the EU structural funds of which EU-13 countries have been major recipients. The need to maximise synergies between different sources of funding was addressed in light of the expected decrease of structural funds after 2020 (a prospect that the European Commission confirmed again in its latest financial prognosis of 28 June). Moreover, structural, economic and cultural barriers to excellence existing at national and EU levels were reviewed.

The participants agreed that the aim of research and innovation funding in Europe should be to foster true excellence across the whole of Europe and that the current participation gap risks compromising this ideal. They underlined the need for national reforms and stated that in Poland much attention is currently given to the Higher Education bill that would be announced in autumn.

Finally, the seminar kicked off what was intended to be a series of events organised at The Guild member universities to address the different causes of the innovation gap.
In May and June 2017, three professors and three administrative staff from Kobe University participated in the Erasmus+ mobility with the Jagiellonian University. Kobe University has been actively participating in the Erasmus+ Programme with several partner universities. The Jagiellonian University is one of our most active exchange partner universities in Europe.

In 1998, Kobe University started collaboration with the Jagiellonian University in the humanities, expanding this collaboration to a university-wide agreement, including student exchange in 2012. Since 2013, we have been members of the EU-Japan Advanced Multidisciplinary Master Studies project (EU-JAMM) consortium. In 2015, Kobe University established a liaison office within the Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations at the Jagiellonian University. Our universities have co-operated to organise various programmes and events, such as joint lecture series in Japanese Studies and Law as well as the symposium ‘New Research Perspectives from Japan and Poland’ in 2016.

On 15-19 May, Dr Joanna Guzik (JU Faculty of International and Political Studies) visited the Graduate School of Humanities at Kobe University. During her 5-day stay in Kobe, she delivered intensive lecture series, together with her host Prof. Kiyomitsu Yui, and led a seminar on ‘Migration and Multiculturalism: Cases of EU, Poland and Japan.’ During the seminar, she examined societal challenges concerning multiculturalism from the perspectives of the EU, Poland and Japan, together with Prof. Kazunari Sakai (Intercultural Studies, Kobe University). She also held a seminar to introduce the Jagiellonian University to students interested in study abroad programmes, which provided them an opportunity to learn about JU and student life in Poland.

My stay at Kobe University was a great experience thanks to the warm welcome and kind support I received from Prof. Kiyomitsu Yui. Daily meetings with professors, the seminar I was honoured to deliver as well as classes with students, inspired me by providing new ideas for conducting my research and teaching activities. I am very grateful.

J. Guzik

On 22-26 May, two professors from Kobe University visited the Jagiellonian University. Prof. Kantaro Ohashi (Graduate School of Humanities) stayed at the JU Institute of Philosophy, his host being Dr Jakub Petri. Prof. Ohashi held a series of lectures titled ‘Recent trends of nostalgia in Japanese culture’ at the Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations, a public lecture ‘Monster and Disaster: Imagination and aesthetics of catastrophe in modern Japan’ and an online lecture ‘Monster and Disaster: Modern philosophy about monstrosity’ in Academia Electronica. Moreover, he gave a presentation titled ‘Brief history of Japanese modern aesthetics’ for members of the Department of Aesthetics, followed by a discussion on international research collaboration.

My first stay in Kraków was really exciting thanks to the hospitality of the Jagiellonian University professors and staff. It was also a significant visit for our academic relationship in order to cultivate future collaboration in the humanities.

K. Ohashi

Prof. Masato Karashima (Graduate School of Intercultural Studies) visited the Institute of Intercultural Studies – his host was Dr Franciszek Czech, and the Institute of Middle and Far East where he was received by Dr Ewa Kamińska. Prof. Karashima delivered a seminar on Japanese society and culture, prompting a vivid discussion with faculty members and students...
of the Department of Intercultural Studies. During his stay at JU, he participated in Dr Kaminska’s course on Japanese society and culture. Both scholars discussed joint short-term student study programmes.

This programme gave me a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas and opinions with JU scholars and students. In particular, I was excited to see the JU students planning to study at Kobe within our exchange scheme.

M. Karashima

On 19-23 June, three administrative officers from Kobe University participated in the Erasmus+ Staff Training Week ‘JUst a Week’ organised in Kraków. On these days, they discussed the internationalisation of higher education with other participants from universities in Europe, including Italy, Belgium, the UK and Hungary, as well as non-EU countries such as China, Mexico and Kenya. During the one-week training, they attended seminars focused on international affairs including international co-operation within Erasmus+ and international support services. They also got to know international activities carried out at other universities. Last but not least, they had the opportunity to learn some Polish as part of the training, enjoyed visits to the JU Collegium Maius and the Wawel Castle and walked around the beautiful city of Kraków.

Here are the comments of our participants:

**Taking part in the Erasmus+ Staff Training Week was a precious experience for me. It strongly inspired me not only to improve myself but also in contributing to the international strategy of Kobe University.**

Yuriko Okuno, Student Affairs Section, Faculty of Global Human Sciences

**Throughout the week, I had the opportunity to participate in interesting workshops and seminars conducted by JU staff and guest speakers, and was able to experience and learn about practices concerning international support at various higher education institutions. The training was incredible and convinced me that we, administrative staff, can play an important role in the process of internationalisation. I hope and believe that every participant, myself included, can use this knowledge to promote international activities at each institution. Many thanks to all the JU staff and other participants who made this week such a memorable one, and the KU staff who made it possible for me to attend this useful training.**

Yoshiko Yamada, Research Support Section, Graduate School of Engineering

**JUst a Week gave me brilliant ideas regarding how to make universities better for international students and researchers.**

Yuto Tokumoto, Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Law
This year the JU School of German Law, part of the Faculty of Law and Administration, has celebrated 20 years of its existence. Within these twenty years the School has become an example of successful co-operation between the Jagiellonian University and the University of Heidelberg and the University of Mainz, which is testified by hundreds of alumni.

The programme of the School of German Law, embracing introductions to essential sections of German law with a special emphasis on civil law, offered to students from the beginnings of the School, responds to the needs of the labour market seeking those who have knowledge of their legal system and the systems of other countries.

The establishment of the School of German Law has given a stimulus to creating other schools of foreign laws within the framework of the Co-ordination Centre for Foreign Law Schools at the JU Faculty of Law and Administration – Schools of American, Austrian, French, Slovak and Ukrainian Law.

On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the School of German Law, a Polish-German symposium ‘German-Polish Legal Community in Light of 25 Years of Good Neighbourhood’ [Deutsch-Polnische Rechtsgemeinschaft im Lichte von 25 Jahren Guter Nachbarschaft] was organised in the new Didactic Centre of the Faculty of Law and Administration at 33a Krupnicza Street on 9–10 June 2017. During the symposium speeches were delivered by the Vice President of Poland’s Constitutional Tribunal Prof. Stanisław Biernat, the founders of the School Prof. Kazimierz Lankosz and Prof. Peter Hommelhoff (University of Heidelberg) as well as JU professors of law: Jerzy Stelmach, Fryderyk Zoll and Krzysztof Oplustil and other professors of law from the University of Warsaw – Marcin Matczak, the University of Heidelberg – Peter-Christian Müller-Graff, and from the University of Mainz – Matthias Cornils. The symposium was a platform for exchanging views on the current legal and social situation in both countries from the perspective of 25 years of good neighbourhood and friendly co-operation.

Then in the main hall of Collegium Novum, diplomas were handed to 22 graduates of the 20th edition of the School of German Law and to nine graduates of the 15th edition of the School of Polish Law for German students. The guest of honour was Prof. Johannes Masing, judge of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany, who gave a lecture entitled ‘The basis of the democratic state of law’ [Grundlagen des demokratischen Rechtsstaates].

The graduation ceremony was graced by the presence of numerous guests from Germany, including the former rector of the University of Heidelberg Prof. Peter Hommelhoff, Consul General of Germany in Kraków D. Michael Gross, Dr Stefan Heck, a member of Bundestag, Prof. Peter-Christian Müller-Graff, Prof. Matthias Cornils, Dr Randolf Oberschmidt representing DAAD – German Academic Exchange Service, which has supported the School for years.

C. H. Beck Publishing House awarded five outstanding alumni of the School with its books. The best graduate of this year was given a scholarship to pursue a doctoral programme at the University of Heidelberg and an internship in the German law firm Tigges.
Collaboration with Trier University

Maria Kantor
International Relations Office

On 15-16 May 2017, we hosted a delegation from Trier University, Germany, consisting of its President Prof. Michael Jäckel, Prof. Alexander Bierich from the Faculty of Slavic Studies and Birgit Roser, Head of the International Relations Office.

The aim of the visit was to get to know the Jagiellonian University and discuss possibilities of collaboration between various university units. The visit followed the signing of an academic co-operation agreement between the Jagiellonian University and Trier University, which took place on 6 March 2017. At present the agreement embraces collaboration with three JU Faculties: Polish Studies, Law and Administration and International and Political Studies. The agreement refers to the following activities: exchange of faculty members and non-academic staff, exchange of scientific materials, publications and information, joint conferences and academic programmes, joint degree programmes/dual degree programmes as well as joint research activities and publications.

The first day of the visit abounded in numerous meetings. Firstly, the delegation of Trier University was received by the JU Rector Prof. Wojciech Nowak and Vice-Rector for Development Prof. Dorota Malec. The topics of discussion included the historical specificity of both universities as well as Kraków and Trier, current trends in higher education and internationalisation, opportunities and challenges related to the dynamic development of collaboration with Asian countries.

Then the guests from Trier went to the Jagiellonian Library, where they met its Director Prof. Zdzisław Pietrzyk and Halina Stachowska, co-ordinator of international collaboration of the Library. Ms Stachowska showed the guests the main reading hall and the Department of Digitalisation. In turn, the Special Collection Department organised a show of some early printed books, maps and musical autographs. The Jagiellonian Library System comprises the main research library and the libraries of JU faculties and departments. It also serves as a national repository.

A guided tour of the JU Museum in Collegium Maius was the culmination of the part of the visit of the German delegation related to the history and structure of the Jagiellonian University.

The afternoon meetings and discussions focused on various fields and forms of collaboration between our universities. The meeting with Prof. Piotr Laidler from the JU Team for Internationalisation was devoted to identifying common research and educational interests. Visiting the Faculty of Law and Administration the delegation from Trier had the chance to get to know the JU Programmes of Foreign Law presented by Asst. Prof. Krzysztof Oplustil.

Another JU faculty that received the delegation was the Faculty of Polish Studies. Since this JU unit had collaborated with Trier University for a long time, the meeting gathered several academics, including Dean Prof. Renata Przybylska, Vice-Dean Prof. Anna Łebkowska, Asst. Prof. Dorota Kozicka, Asst. Prof. Waldemar Martyńuk, Prof. Ewa Skorupa and Asst. Prof. Maciej Rak. The delegation visited the faculty library and the Workshop – Archives of the ‘Poets and Painters Press’ within the Department of Editing and Auxiliary Sciences. The tasks of the Workshop include developing and making available the volumes printed in a small London press run by two Polish immigrant poets Krystyna and Czesław Bednarczyk.

On 16 May, the delegation went to the new JU campus, where they had a meeting with Asst. Prof. Renata Czekalska in the Institute of the Near and Far East. The talks concerned collaboration in Asian studies. This visit was also an occasion for the delegation to see the JU modern buildings of the Faculty of Management and Social Communication, the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science as well as the Faculty of Physics, Astronomy and Applied Computer Science.
RECONSTRUCTING ANCIENT PUEBLO ROCK ART, SETTLEMENTS AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE

JU archaeological project in Colorado

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Institute of Archaeology

The Institute of Archaeology of the Jagiellonian University has been conducting projects in different parts of the world for many years. In 2011, a new archaeological expedition was initiated in the heart of the Mesa Verde region, the archaeologically best known region in North America. The Sand Canyon-Castle Rock Community Archaeological Project is the first Polish archaeological project in the United States.

The Mesa Verde region of southwestern Colorado and southeastern Utah is known to scientists and numerous tourists because of the famous Pueblo Indians cliff dwellings and towns located within the alcoves and shelters of the sandstone canyons. Mesa Verde and the entire North American Southwest feature diverse geographical and climatic conditions, though a hot and dry semi-desert climate prevails, and typical landscape features are plateaus (mesas) cut by deep canyons. It was and still is today the home of many Native American cultures and tribes that still practice many of their customs and traditions.

Since 2011, the project research has focused on the analysis and reconstruction of the settlement structure and socio-cultural changes that took place in the Pueblo Indians culture during the thirteenth century A.D. in southwestern Colorado. The investigations are being conducted in several canyons of the area and include research on pre-Columbian sites with well-preserved stone architecture and documentation of rock art (petroglyphs and paintings). Every year JU undergraduate and graduate students, PhD candidates and faculty members participate in fieldwork in the canyons of Mesa Verde and later conduct research in laboratories of the project’s partners: the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center (CCAC) and the Anasazi Heritage Center (AHC). In April and May 2017, the seventh season of the project was launched.

The research focuses mainly on three canyons: Sand Canyon, East Rock Creek Canyon and Graveyard Canyon. These canyons are part of the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, a legally protected area administered by the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM). These canyons contain the remains of around 40 small sites and a large community centre, Castle Rock Pueblo, which probably functioned as a cluster of allied sites.

Polish archaeological team at Mad Dog Tower in Sand Canyon in 2017. R. Palonka in the middle

Radosław Palonka
Institute of Archaeology
These ancient Pueblo culture villages or towns examined within the Polish project were constructed and inhabited predominantly during the 1100s and 1200s AD, however the origin of the Pueblo culture occupation of the Mesa Verde region began around 500 BC.

From the beginning, the economy of the Pueblo people was based on farming, dominated by the cultivation of maize as well as squash and beans. Moreover, during later periods, starting from 700/750 AD, cotton was grown and turkeys were raised. In the past, the territory inhabited by Pueblo Indians was a vast area that today encompasses southern Utah and Colorado as well as the northern and central parts of Arizona and New Mexico. Today, there are 20 contemporary Pueblo communities or tribes, such as the Hopi, Zuni, Acoma and Laguna reservations in Arizona and New Mexico. Consequently, Pueblo culture exemplifies cultural continuity from ancient times to the present day.

The Polish investigations focus on this last stage of Pueblo Indian occupation of the Mesa Verde region, the environmental and climatic conditions that existed at that time, and the reconstruction of demographic and social aspects of its culture as well as models and causation of migration from the area where they had lived for more than a thousand years. The research was conducted by non-invasive techniques, such as surveys, geophysics research (mainly electrical resistivity), and later it included excavations. Great emphasis has also been put on modern techniques of documentation of architecture, including photogrammetry and laser scanning for 3D reconstructions and modelling.

In 2013, we also started the documentation of rock art sites from the area, including ancient paintings and petroglyphs. The depictions of rock art from the area have been initially dated from around the third to fifth centuries AD (Pueblo culture) to the historical period and the appearance of Ute and Navajo Indians in this area. The petroglyphs depict mostly single geometric motifs, spirals (symbols of migrations), concentric circles (often marking places with water sources), clan symbols, such as the...
bear paw, anthropomorphic figures, shamans and extended scenes that include fighting, as well as the hunting of animals, mostly deer, bighorn sheep and bison. On almost every panel of rock, art modern graffiti or vandalism, such as initials, names and dates are also present; in some instances, they were left by early explorers and settlers of the area and cowboys passing through the canyon with cattle at the turn of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Part of the research is conducted with American scientists. The consultants of the project include archaeologists from CCAC and AHC as well as some universities, including Washington State University in Pullman and the University of Colorado Boulder. In 2016 and 2017, with the collaboration of professors and students from the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), we documented several cliff dwellings and towers with the surrounding landscape in order to create topographic maps with graphic viewed analyses. This will be an aid for studying the cultural landscape of the thirteenth century seen from different perspectives, including architecture, art and archaeology. It is one of the goals of the project to reconstruct the relations between the site locations, architecture, rock art and the surrounding landscape.

In the last two seasons, we also held consultations with members of the Hopi tribe (from the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office) who are descendants of Ancient Pueblo people. The consultations were conducted in terms of the meaning of specific buildings (mainly towers and shrines), rock art and connections between the landscape and ancient sites: the exact location of particular settlements in the Castle Rock Community and their positions in relation to one another and to the highest peaks and mountains has great significance for understanding the intervisibility and possibilities of communicating between settlements.
and stone towers, and thus for warning of an enemy’s approach or summoning people to ceremonies. During these consultations, many species of different plants were also identified and explained in terms of their use by Hopi people for food, drinks as well as medicine.

The JU students participating in the project were also given training in methods of analysis as well as the preservation and storage of archaeological artefacts. So far the investigations done by the project work managed to produce around twenty Master’s and Bachelor’s theses; moreover, two doctoral students have started their dissertations on the basis of the data gained by the project team. Students involved in the project research also had a chance to learn about the rich heritage of contemporary Native Americans societies as well as their social and economic struggles both on and off the reservations, and the modern American way of life.

Let me add that the project I am leading has been financed by different institutions, mainly the JU Faculty of History, the JU Institute of Archaeology, the US Consulate General in Kraków, Krajowa Spółka Cukrowa S.A., Air Liquid, and since 2014 by the National Science Center, Poland (Grant no. UMO-2013/11/D/HS3/01879).

The project website:
http://sandcanyon.pl/ and: https://www.facebook.com/PolskaEkspedycjadoKolorado/

The National Association for Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA), the leading professional association dedicated to international education, organised its 69th NAFSA Annual Conference & Expo in Los Angeles, California, from 28 May to 2 June 2017. It gathered 8,000 professionals from more than 100 countries that came to share ideas and experiences on international education.

The offer of Polish universities was presented in the national booth sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and the Foundation for the Development of the Education System within the framework of READY, STUDY, GO! POLAND concept. The Polish booth was attended by the representatives of the Jagiellonian University, the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, the Wrocław University of Science and Technology, the SGH Warsaw School of Economics, the Polish-American Fulbright Commission and the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland.

The Polish delegation organised for international partners a networking meeting during which the representatives of the Ministry presented the Polish higher education system, its research infrastructure potential and possibilities of studying in Poland for foreign candidates. As part of the events accompanying the NAFSA fair and conference, the Polish Ministry, in cooperation with the Embassy of Poland in Washington and the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Los Angeles, held a meeting with Polish distinguished researchers working in California. The scope of the meeting was to explore broad possibilities of establishing scientific co-operation between Polish and American universities as well as research institutions.

As a representative of the Jagiellonian University, I had the opportunity to discuss possibilities of further collaboration with many non-European partners of JU, to solve urgent problems of exchange imbalance and to promote the Jagiellonian University in the world. The most fruitful meetings were held with Keimyung University, Korea, Tamkang University, Taiwan, China...
Pharmaceutical University in Nanjing, NanZan University in Japan as well as many American, Australian and European higher education institutions. The offer of the Polish universities was very popular with recruitment agencies from India. This trend is caused by the opinion of Poland as a safe country providing good quality education.

This intensive week abounded in seminars and workshops organised by NAFSA participating experts. Moreover, I attended numerous networking meetings organised by Australian, American, and European international academic networks, in which JU units are regularly involved in various joint activities.

My participation in NAFSA resulted in the development of new co-operation possibilities and new professional relationships. I was very glad to meet several Jagiellonian University international graduates that are currently representing universities in the world. They visited our Polish booth with great sentiment and gave positive feedback on their studies in Kraków.

On 6-8 July 2017, a delegation of the Jagiellonian University, consisting of its Vice-Rector for Research and Structural Funds Prof. Stanisław Kistryn and myself, paid a visit to the University of Novi Sad in Serbia at the invitation of Rector Dušan Nikolić.

Our visit was a follow-up of the academic co-operation agreement between our universities that had been signed on 11 May 2017. A delegation representing the authorities of the University of Novi Sad had paid a two-day visit to the Jagiellonian University. During their stay in Kraków, they had also visited the Malopolska Centre of Biotechnology, the National Synchrotron Radiation Centre SOLARIS and JU Collegium Maius. On 12 May, they had participated in the solemn celebrations of the University Foundation Day.

Going to Novi Sad we aimed at specifying concrete research and didactic areas in which JU and the University of Novi Sad could conduct intensive collaboration. During several meetings Prof. Kistryn and Prof. Nikolić discussed the need to launch joint research initiatives that would concern not only exact sciences but also the humanities, especially social sciences that are playing a key role in the era of a very rapid development of science.
and technology, helping us understand current processes and problems worldwide.

During these meetings we talked to Prof. Snežana Smederevac, Vice-Rector for Science, Prof. Sanja Stojanović, Vice-Rector for International Affairs, as well as several professors and directors of various university units.

Moreover, we had working meetings at the faculties of the University of Novi Sad during which we discussed various issues concerning research. We visited the Faculty of Sciences, the Faculty of Technical Sciences, the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Philosophy, the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Education located in Sombor. The authorities of the Faculty of Medicine invited us to visit the university hospital as well as the Institute of Oncology and Radiology, where we could see the medical equipment used for treatment and research.

Besides visiting the University of Novi Sad we had the opportunity to get to know other institutions, including the international start-up 'Schneider Electric DMS NS' founded by the University of Novi Sad (we met its director Prof. Dragan Popovića), the Provincial Secretariat for Higher Education and Scientific Research represented by Dr Dušica Rakić, Matica Srpska, the oldest Serbian literary, cultural and scientific society, presided over by Prof. Dragan Stanić, and the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts represented by its President Prof. Stevan Pilipović.

Such a profound insight on the possibilities of collaboration between our universities as well as provincial, cultural and business institutions can provide benefits for both parties and lead to working out joint research projects.

Furthermore, my stay at the University of Novi Sad was realised within the framework of our Erasmus+ interinstitutional co-operation. It gave me the opportunity to discuss various aspects related to formal and organisational issues of mobility with colleagues from the International Relations Offices at the Faculty of Philosophy and the Faculty of Education. I also talked to the Vice-Dean for Internationalisation of the Faculty of Law about different possibilities of broadening collaboration between our institutions.

Our hosts welcomed the JU delegation with hospitality and friendship. The head of the International Relations Office Ivana Vujkov prepared an intensive and interesting schedule of our visit.

It is worth mentioning that the University of Novi Sad is the second biggest, and ranked second best, university in Serbia, with ca. 52,000 students and ca. 5,000 employees. It was founded in 1960. It consists of 14 faculties.
On 6-14 July 2017, I visited the Armenian National Agrarian University (ANAU) in Yerevan within the framework of Erasmus+ KA 107 Mobility with Partner Countries. It is worth emphasising that in February 2016, the Jagiellonian University signed its first Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreements on cooperation with two universities from Armenia: the Armenian National Agrarian University and Yerevan State University. Since then the cooperation with both Armenian universities has been developing, and currently, eleven Armenian students are studying at JU.

My visit to ANAU was the first visit within the framework of staff training. I was hosted by the Department of International Relations, which is one of ANAU’s units dealing with international cooperation in education and science. The Department consists of two sections: Relations with Foreign Countries and International Grant Projects.

During my stay at ANAU, I learnt that internationalisation was one of the most important components of the Strategy of the Armenian National Agrarian University. ANAU co-operates with international universities, organisations, leading institutes and scientific centres and is part of a number of consortia (e.g. Erasmus Mundus, Erasmus+, TEMPUS), involving student and staff exchange as well as joint research, educational programmes or training.

Moreover, I met representatives of various units and became acquainted with the structure, functioning and good practices of ANAU. For my part, I shared information about the Jagiellonian University. On the first day of my visit to ANAU, I received a warm welcome from Garegin Hambardzumyan, Head of the Department of International Relations, and Naira Atanesyan, coordinator of the Erasmus+ Programme. They introduced me to the employees of their department. Later on, I took part in an International Relations Officers meet-up organised by the National Erasmus+ Office in Armenia at another Armenian university, namely the Eurasia International University. During the meeting, I had the opportunity to get acquainted with the process of international relationship development in Armenian HEIs as well as problems and challenges which arise while implementing international programmes.

On the next days of my visit, I held several discussions on international institutional activities, the responsibilities of particular units, data base development, the structure of mobility schemes and ways of encouraging students and staff to participate.
in exchange programmes. I also visited the International Centre for Agribusiness Research and Education (ICARE), which includes the ANAU Agribusiness Teaching Centre and EVN Wine Academy. Of great interest were also visits to the Anatomical Scientific Museum, the Museum of Armenian History and the Museum of Wine, all of them being part of ANAU. One of the topics discussed was possible co-operation between ANAU and the Jagiellonian University.

In turn, my contribution was a presentation on the history and structure of the Jagiellonian University, international activities of its offices, the importance of welcome centres at universities, networks as well as student exchange.

I am grateful to all the staff members of the ANAU Department of International Relations for sharing their knowledge and experiences related not only to their university and its activities, but also to Armenian history, lifestyle and traditions. Although my time in Yerevan was hectic, it was very interesting and fruitful.

Let me add that I explored the beautiful city of Yerevan with its fascinating culture and heritage. Thanks to my hosts, I also visited Tatev, Dilijan and Sevan Lake, the most beautiful historic places in Armenia, admiring its stunning landscape. I also found out that the Armenians are extremely hospitable, generous, open and friendly.

Aleksandra Szklarzewicz
International Students Mobility Office

In 2016, an agreement was signed between the Jagiellonian University and Cairo University (CU) within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme KA 107 Mobility with Partner Countries. Thanks to this agreement, I was able to carry out a staff mobility at CU from 7 till 11 May 2017. My Egyptian host was Dr Ahmed Gad, responsible for international co-operation.

Cairo University is Egypt’s leading public university with more than 207,853 students enrolled currently. CU was founded in 1908 as the result of an effort to establish a national centre for higher education, and was previously known as the Egyptian University. Cairo University is divided into four sectors: social sciences, engineering, agriculture, basic sciences and medical sciences. It attaches importance to internationalisation and is now putting a lot of effort into establishing new partnerships and attracting foreign students. In this academic year, there are more than 7,000 foreign students enrolled at CU, mainly from other Arab countries. The main building of the university and its campus are located in Giza, approximately 5 km away from the centre of Cairo. The university has a convenient transport connection as it is situated next to an underground station.

Cairo has an estimated population of 12 million people, making it one of the largest cities in Africa. Currently, Egypt is facing high unemployment due to the economic crisis. The crisis is quite visible – the city is overcrowded, noisy and polluted. During my trips to different districts of Cairo, I saw many abandoned buildings, homeless people, stray cats and dogs. Nevertheless, Cairo’s architecture, cultural and historical heritage make it an unforgettable experience.

After my training had finished, I had the chance to visit the most important sites, including famous mosques and Coptic churches. Egypt’s capital is for no particular reason called the
'city of a thousand minarets.' During my visit, I had the chance to see mosques built during the times of different ruling caliphates, including the Abbasid, the Fatimid and Ottoman states.

On the first day of my training, I visited the International Relations Office, located in the Arab Council Building near the main building of CU. It was wonderful to finally meet in person the staff who I had been contacting for the past year. I was pleased to meet Dr Gad and his colleagues. During the visit, I had the chance to learn more about the nomination and selection procedures at CU related to their outgoing students. Apart from that, colleagues from our partner university made a presentation about the internationalization strategy of CU and its organizational structure. Afterwards, I visited the International Relations Office at the Faculty of Economic and Political Science. It is worth noting that the JU exchange students who studied at CU participated in the meeting during which we brainstormed different ideas concerning orientation events prepared for outgoing and incoming students at our universities. Our students shared their experiences related to the first weeks of their mobility at CU.

On Monday, CU organised an info session on funding opportunities for mobility for their students. They invited representatives from various embassies. I had a presentation about the Erasmus+ Programme KA 107 and other mobility programmes available for Egyptian students. After the official part, students and PhD candidates had the chance to ask questions, which was followed by a vivid discussion. Then all the speakers took part in a tour of the CU laboratories.

The next day I visited the Arabic Language Center and the Faculty of Arts. In the Arabic Language Center, I had the chance to observe our students learning Arabic. During a meeting with the academic staff of the Center, I got to know the teaching methods of Arabic at CU and about the scope of exchange. Afterwards I took part in meetings with academic staff members in the Faculty of Arts.

On the fourth day of my training, I learnt more about pre-orientation activities carried out at CU. The discussion focused on possibilities of co-operation as well as challenges related to the current round of the Erasmus+ Programme. Furthermore, we evaluated the implementation of the agreement.

On the last day of my training, I visited the CU office responsible for university promotion. I was informed about the marketing policy of CU. Then I was taken on a tour of the other buildings of Cairo University and its main library, where I watched an interactive presentation about CU.

Summing up, the staff week at Cairo University taught me a lot about the higher education sector in Egypt and the challenges it was facing at present. I had the chance to enhance my Arabic language skills since I was speaking Arabic with my colleagues on a daily basis. Last but not least, I obtained valuable feedback from our students who were studying at CU.
On 23 April – 23 May 2017, the JU Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology hosted Prof. Yang Zhuhui from the School of Ethnology and Sociology of Minzu University of China. Her visit was not the first visit from this school since in the 2014/2015 academic year we had hosted the doctoral student Mr Luyu Shen.

Prof. Yang Zhuhui is an outstanding specialist in ethnic minorities in China, especially in peoples of southern China (the Dong society), which is testified not only by her numerous scientific achievements but also the fact that her annual open seminars draw scholars from all over China and guests from different parts of the world.

In Kraków, we had the chance to attend her lecture entitled ‘A brief introduction to the ethnic groups of contemporary China,’ during which Prof. Yang presented the problem of the origin of particular minorities, their geographical locations, specifics of written and oral language in its relation to culture, daily and ritual life, religious beliefs as well as processes of the formation of supra-local Chinese identity.

The JU Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology also organised a seminar dedicated to research issues, the organisation of research and the condition of contemporary cultural anthropology and ethnology in China. Prof. Yang visited Kraków for the second time, not only for its touristic value, but first of all for the fact that it was here that Bronisław Malinowski had begun his scientific career. For Prof. Yang and many other international social anthropologists, Malinowski himself was an unquestionable master and a great inspiration.

Prof. Yang’s visit was of a working nature. We discussed potential areas of collaboration, in particular joint research which could also involve Polish and Chinese students. Our co-operation is to embrace ethnographical investigations concerning cultural adaptation patterns of the Chinese in Poland and selected places in Africa (where scholars from both departments have conducted preliminary research). Further co-operation can include research on cultural threads that are triggered in the processes of Poles’ adaptation and expats in China.

As the JU Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology and the School of Ethnology and Sociology publish significant periodicals concerning ethnology, both units are going to promote their scholarly achievements.

What is of importance is the fact that collaboration between both universities has already yielded measurable effects as it has been arranged that starting from the 2017/2018 academic year four students from Minzu University will study at the JU Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology.

It is worth noting that the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology has been co-operating intensively with various international centres, which resulted in numerous open lectures and seminars held in it. In the last two months the Institute hosted Dr Magdalena Kazubowski-Houston (York University Toronto), Tatiana Bužeková (Comenius University in Bratislava), Sébastien Boulay (Université Paris Descartes), Michal Uhrin (Comenius University in Bratislava), Cornelia Florea (University of Bucharest), Antoanetta Olteanu (University of Bucharest), Yang Zhuhui (Minzu University of China), Christian Giordano (University of Fribourg) and Tomáš Samek (University of Pardubice).
Prague is one of the cities that is extremely popular with tourists from Europe and the world. Tourists are drawn by its numerous monuments and other attractions. Prague is the seat of the oldest Czech university founded in 1348 by Charles IV, King of Bohemia and King of the Romans. The University in Prague is the oldest university in Central Europe.

On 3-7 April 2017, I had the opportunity to visit Charles University within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme – academic staff mobility. At the beginning of 2017, my department at JU (Institute of Slavonic Studies) signed an agreement with the Department of Central European Studies of Charles University (Katedra středoevropských studií) that includes staff and student mobility. This agreement made it possible for me to apply for an Erasmus staff mobility and thus conduct several classes for students of this department.

My lectures were directed to those interested in Sorabistics and embraced such topics as the situation of the Sorbian languages (Lower and Upper Sorbian) – their current condition and perspectives of development, Sorbian traditions and customs as well as Sorbian folk costume. The students of this department intended to visit Bautzen in the following month. The city of Bautzen is the historic capital of the Upper Lusatia (Oberlausitz) and centre of Sorbian culture. The students were going there to see the city attractions and visit various Sorbian cultural and educational centres. Thus my lectures were a perfect introduction to this German region as well as Sorbian material and non-material culture.

The Department of Central European Studies of Charles University is a new unit of the Faculty of Philosophy. It was established in 2011, when the Institute of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies was divided. Although the Department of Central European Studies is only six years old, the specialisations it offers – Hungarian, Polish, Slovak and Romani Studies – have a longer tradition. Polish Studies was the oldest field as lectures concerning the Polish language began as early as in 1849. A separate department of Polish language and literature at the Faculty of Philosophy of Charles University was established in 1923 as part of the so-called Slavonic seminar. One of the important scholars of this unit was Prof. Marian Szyjkowski, the first head of the department. The Department of Polish Studies is developing and in six years it will celebrate its centenary.

My meetings and talks with the staff of the Department of Central European Studies of Charles University confirmed their willingness to collaborate with the Jagiellonian University and hopefully, the aforementioned Erasmus agreement will create a platform for fruitful collaboration and exchange of experiences.
At the beginning of May 2017, Katarzyna Pilipowicz, my colleague from the Project Administrative Support Centre of the Jagiellonian University, and I had the opportunity to spend a week at the University of Limerick in Ireland, participating in an individual Erasmus+ training for administrative staff.

In our opinion, job shadowing is one of the most efficient ways of acquiring knowledge on best practices and the functioning of excellent European universities. We believe that by assisting our colleagues from partner universities in their everyday work, discussing problems and challenges that our universities are facing nowadays, we can help one another build and develop our universities – making them genuinely international and pluralistic in regard to policy, structure and activities.

At the University of Limerick, we were hosted by staff members from the International Education Division, and thanks to their engagement our visit was fruitful and perfectly organised. Our programme included several meetings, job shadowing and interviews with experts on student and staff mobility, institutional co-ordinators of the two Key Actions of the Erasmus+ Programme: KA 103 and KA 107, and also with the staff working on national and international research projects.

As at the JU International Relations Office I deal with staff mobilities under the Erasmus+ Programme on a regular basis, I wanted to compare and obtain information about all details regarding the activities, formalities and structural solutions that UL proposes in order to implement this programme.

The University of Limerick has been an active participant of the EU Erasmus Programme since 1988 and has collaborated with over 300 EU partner universities from 26 countries in Europe, with which it exchanges approximately 1,000 students every year.

On the first day of our stay at the University of Limerick, Herveline Roche and Danielle McNamara from the International Education Division presented a general overview of the university structure. Then we had a tour of the university campus, which is truly one of the most beautiful university campuses I have ever seen. We were very much impressed by this peaceful green place with trees, fountains and the beautiful Shannon River flowing through the campus.

During the whole visit, we gained knowledge on staff and students services regarding mobility programmes and services offered for researchers applying for international funds. Our colleagues from UL told us about their daily duties, and we could observe their work. As far as the teacher and staff mobility under the Erasmus+ Programme is concerned, I must say that their job is very similar to mine so I had the opportunity to exchange best practices and ideas with them. It was really a good experience to learn and share knowledge in this matter.

I was especially interested in their co-operation with partner universities from non-EU countries under the KA 107 of the Erasmus+ Programme. All the discussions made me understand how crucial it is to develop fruitful co-operation under this action of the Programme. We discussed professional services for international guests, not only researchers but also those staying at the university within a visiting professorship programme, bilateral exchange, Erasmus+ staff mobility and other projects as well as individual visits of academics or administrative officers.

Summing up, our stay at the University of Limerick was very fruitful and useful for carrying out various activities at our university.
Every year the Jagiellonian University widens its offer of study programmes available in foreign languages.

In the 2017/2018 academic year, JU offers 5 first-cycle (undergraduate – Bachelor), 20 long- and second-cycle (graduate – Master), 6 third-cycle (PhD) and one non-degree post diploma programmes carried out in English as well as Russian and Ukrainian. The study offer and description of 29 programmes can be found at www.erk.uj.edu.pl.

**Undergraduate (first-cycle) programmes:**
- **BA in Cultural Studies** » Polish-Ukrainian Studies. Borderlands and Neighbourhood in Europe; Польсько-Українські Студії. Пограниччя та Сусідство в Європі (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **BA in International Relations and Area Studies** (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **BA in International Relations and Area Studies** » International security, politics and culture, regional studies; Міжнародна безпека, Політика і культура, Регіоноведення, Russian track (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **BA in European Studies** » European Politics and Society in a Global Context (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **BA in Studies in Central and Eastern Europe: Histories, Cultures and Societies** (The Faculty of History)

**Graduate (long- and second-cycle) programmes and a post-diploma programme:**
- **Medical doctor** for college-university students (MD) (Faculty of Medicine)
- **Medical doctor** for high school graduates (MD) (Faculty of Medicine)
- **Doctor of dental surgery** for high school graduates (DDS) (Faculty of Medicine)
- **MA in Asian studies** » Asia-Europe Relations: Exploring Business Opportunities (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **MA in Cultural Studies** » Polish-Ukrainian Studies. European perspective Польсько-Українські Студії. Європейська перспектива (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **MA in Cultural Studies** » TransAtlantic Studies (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **MA in European Studies** » Central and Eastern European Studies (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **MA in European Studies** » Central and Eastern European Studies: Research Track (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **MA in European Studies** » EU studies (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **MA in European Studies** » European Studies / Central and Eastern European Studies / Europeisation and Governance in CEE; Consortium of the Jagiellonian University and Kobe University – double degree programme (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **MA in European Studies** » Europeisation and Governance in Central and Eastern Europe (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **MA in European Studies** » Europeanisation and Governance in Central and Eastern Europe; Consortium of the Jagiellonian University and the University of Tartu (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **MA in European Studies** » Studies in the Holocaust and Totalitarian Systems (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **MA in International Relations » Europe from Visegrad Perspective** (Faculty of International and Political Studies)
- **MA in Management » Business and Finance Management** (Faculty of Management and Social Communication)
- **MA in Mathematics** » Pure and applied mathematics (Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science)
- **MSc in Ecology and Evolution** (Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences)
- **MSc in Molecular Biotechnology** (Faculty of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Biotechnology)
- **The Interdisciplinary MA Programme in Polish Studies, Jewish Studies and History** (Faculty of Polish Studies)
- **English and European Union Law** post diploma, part-time (Faculty of Law and Administration)

**PhD study programmes (third cycle):**
- **International PhD Studies in Medical Sciences**: health and medical sciences » health sciences, medicine, medical biology, dentistry (Faculty of Medicine)
- **PhD Programme in Biology**: biological sciences » biology, ecology (Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences)
- **PhD in Physical Studies » astronomy** (Faculty of Physics, Astronomy and Applied Computer Science)
- **PhD in Physical Studies » biophysics** (Faculty of Physics, Astronomy and Applied Computer Science)
- **PhD in Physical Studies » physics** (Faculty of Physics, Astronomy and Applied Computer Science)
- **PhD Programme in Comparative Literature**: the humanities » literature studies (Faculty of Polish Studies)

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We take our camera to the Festival of Science and Art, held in Kraków on 24-27 May 2017. The idea behind this event is to show that science and art are not that far from our daily life.

The Festival of Science and Art traditionally takes place in the Market Square, where a tent campus is set up. The medical presentations takes place in the courtyard and buildings of the JU Collegium Medicum. The main aim of the Festival of Science is the promotion of knowledge, science and art. The Jagiellonian University first started this project in 2000 to encourage people to get to know what happened in laboratories, workshops and universities.

As usual this edition of the Festival drew several thousand people, both young and old, who wanted to see the presentations of 14 participating institutions, including 11 institutions of higher education.

The motto of the 17th Festival of Science and Art was ‘In harmony with nature,’ and its patron was the outstanding scientist Prof. Walery Goetel (1889-1972), a geologist, ecologist and activist of mountaineering, tourism and nature conservation, a graduate of JU and pioneer of the idea of the protection of the environment.

The Festival abounded in various attractions: lectures, panel discussions, presentations and artistic performances showing how to live in harmony with nature.

For three days all of the JU faculties tried to do their best to attract young and old people, proving that science could be fascinating.

The JU Faculty of Chemistry showed experiments related to the quality of water, chemical reactions, testing water hardness or explaining the acidity of liquids. The Faculty of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Biotechnology prepared a
presentation on bacteria, cell culture, blood or biodegradable materials.

Natural radioactivity, the Earth as a large magnet and extreme weather phenomena were topics explained by students of physics, while the scales in the solar system were given by students of astronomy. Different units of the Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences discussed problems related to plants, birds, snakes, fish, snails, hormones, insects, fungi as well as DNA and GMO. The Institute of Geological Sciences presented wandering continents, earthquake zones and volcano eruptions.

Various contests on topics, such as the world, history, politics, flags, scripts, customs, literature, fashion and dances were organised by students from the Faculty of International and Political Studies. The Faculty of Polish Studies organised several workshops: poetical recycling, handmade bookmarks, tree of poetry as an eco-performance, dialects of Polish and dictation. Students from the Faculty of History showed robes and tools from various epochs as well as organised quizzes on monuments, excavations, architecture and music.

The remaining JU faculties involved the audience in numerous quizzes, tests (reaction, perception, identification), board games, and made them draw, sing and dance, for example 'The 20th Century in Facts and Numbers,' 'The Roaring Twenties,' ‘World Languages and Nature’ or the art of marbling (painting on water). In a word, everyone could experience the diverse dimensions of nature.

Those that were hungry for artistic impressions could watch the performances of students’ orchestras, choirs, folk groups, cabarets, and concerts of classical and pop music, dance groups as well as take part in sportive events. Those that were hungry for knowledge could listen to scientific lectures and attend seminars on business and human rights, ecology of words, harmony of life or secrets of researchers’ work.

Summing up, the Festival of Science and Art was a very interesting event, enthusiastically welcomed especially by school pupils who could spend hours associating with various fields of science and knowledge. Hopefully, the festival will help them choose university careers.
On a rainy Saturday, 13 May 2017, the Jagiellonian University Rector's Cup International Regatta (coxed eights) was held on the Vistula River, the winding trail of the river at the Wawel castle, within the framework of the celebration of the 653rd University Foundation Day.

Seven men’s and five women’s rowing boats contested in the Grand Regatta (1,000 m distance race). They included teams from the University of Warsaw, the AGH Technical University of Kraków, the Wrocław University of Technology, the University of Wrocław, Kozminski University and the Jagiellonian University.

The Jagiellonian University had four boats: two representing the three faculties of Collegium Medicum and the other two representing the remaining 12 faculties. It is worth knowing that the members of the Collegium Medicum teams included international students, mainly from Norway.

The Regatta was officially opened by Prof. Dorota Malec, Vice-Rector for Development. Firstly, the teams competed in three groups, in a round-robin tournament, followed by the Grand Final.

This year the JU Rector’s Cup went to the men's team of Kozminski University. The JU men's boat came in third. In women’s races, the winner was the boast of the AGH Technical University of Kraków and the JU team came in second.

Last but not least, the organiser of the boat race was the JU Sports Office Team, supporting the University Sports Organisation and helping in all sports and recreation activities at the Jagiellonian University.
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1. **RESEARCH**
   Malopolska Centre of Biotechnology (MBC) comprising 7 research centres and 2 laboratories:
   - Max Planck Society
   - Le Centre national de la recherche scientifique
   National Synchrotron Radiation Centre SOLARIS
   Jagiellonian Centre for Experimental Therapeutics
   Jagiellonian Centre of Innovation
   Life Science Park

2. **PUBLICATIONS, PROJECTS & PATENTS**
   - ca. 10,000 academic and professional publications a year
   - 1,027 research projects, including 47 international projects in 2016
   - 85 patent protected inventions (49 international and 36 national) in 2014-2016
   - 230 patent pending (162 international and 68 national)

3. **PARTNERSHIPS**
   - 260 bilateral agreements with 240 universities in 52 countries
     (95 university level; 85 faculty level; 48 institute level; 32 Collegium Medicum)
   - 1,533 Erasmus+ KA 103 and 29 KA 107 agreements

4. **NETWORKS**
   - COIMBRA Group
   - UtrechT Network
   - The GUILD of European Research-Intensive Universities
   - European University Association
   - East-European University Network
   - EUROPAEUM
   - Atomium Culture
   - Unitown
   - SYLFF Institutions’ Network
   - Erasmus Student Network
   - European Students Forum (AEGEE)
   - European Law Students’ Association

5. **INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT**
   - JU bilateral agreements
     - university level
     - faculty level
     - institute level
     - Collegium Medicum

6. **EDUCATION**
   - 149 Bachelor’s programmes
   - 167 Master’s programmes
   - 77 post-diploma non-degree courses
   - 29 English-taught programmes
     (5 undergraduate, 17 graduate, 6 doctoral, 1 post-diploma)
   - 389 doctorates awarded in 2015/16
   - 300 student research societies
   - 25 sports sections

7. **STAFF MOBILITY**
   - Erasmus staff mobility KA 103 in 2016/17
     - 157 outgoings for teaching
     - 97 outgoings for training
   - Erasmus staff mobility KA 107 in 2016/17
     - 18 outgoings for teaching
     - 11 outgoings for training
   - Bilateral staff exchange in 2016
     - 77 outgoings
     - 61 incomings