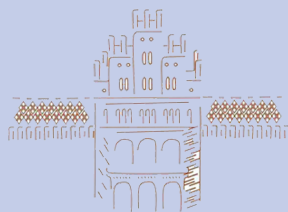


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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN UKRAINE AND ROMANIA TOOK PLACE IN CHERNIVTSI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

» On 12 January the meeting of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Pavlo Klimkin, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania Teodor Melescanu, the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Liliya Hrynevych, and the Minister of National Education of Romania Liviu-Marian Pop took place in the Red Hall of Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University. At the meeting were present local authorities, people's deputies of Ukraine, representatives of Romanian community in Chernivtsi Oblast, principals and teachers of Romanian schools in Chernivtsi Oblast, administration and professors of Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University.



It was emphasized at the meeting that Chernivtsi Oblast had been selected as a platform for meeting and negotiations with the community of Romanian ethnic group. Bukovyna, in Ukraine and abroad, is associated with tolerance, social, cultural and artistic links, which are crucial for harmonization and development of cross-border cooperation of both countries.

Roman Petryshyn, the Provost, spoke about educational programs and courses that are offered by the University and pointed out that the University provides students with such programs as "Romanian Language and Literature", "Secondary Education (Romanian Language and Literature)". Also he highlighted that "the University functions in a specific region, in which people of various ethnic groups and different religious views cohabitate in harmony". The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania Teodor Melescanu defined ethnic minorities as "a bridge linking our countries. And of course our countries have some obligations to ethnic minorities".



FIRST LADY MARYNA POROSHENKO VISITS YURIY FEDKOVYCH CHERNIVTSI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

"I always dreamed to pay a visit to your University. Today this dream came true".

President's wife Maryna Poroshenko made a working trip to Chernivtsi where she had a meeting with mothers of soldiers killed in the fights against Russian aggression.

After the official part Maryna Poroshenko had a meeting with the Head of Chernivtsi Regional State Administration Oleksandr Fyschuk, Head of Chernivtsi Regional Council Ivan Muntian, and Rector of the University Stepan Melnychuk.

WEST ANHUI UNIVERSITY DELEGATION VISITS CHERNIVTSI UNIVERSITY

On 24 and 25 of April, our Chinese colleagues paid a visit to Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University. During their visit, delegates met the President of the University and discussed possibilities of collaboration of both universities and an opportunity to establish an exchange programme in the field of applied art for Chinese students. Chinese colleagues presented Prof. Stepan Melnychuk with a souvenir from the city of Lu'an, Anhui Province.



AMBASSADOR VISITING CHERNIVTSI UNIVERSITY

Ms. Hermine Poppeller, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Austria in Ukraine visited Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University on March 23.

Meeting with Ms. Ambassador became an informative and extraordinary event that achieved its goal – to increase the motivation of students to learn foreign languages, deepen erudition and improve their intercultural competences.



SIGNING OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT

» The Department of Decorative Applied and Fine Arts of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Decorative Applied Art of Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University plays an important role in popularizing the artistic folk traditions of Bukovyna and contemporary professional artistic practices that are the bearers of the national culture of our country.



On 5-6 of June an exhibition of artistic works "Traditions and Innovations in Decorative Arts of Bukovyna" was presented at George Enescu National University of Arts. The exposition of works clearly demonstrates the phenomenon of the Bukovynian ethnos, highlights the progressive world-view position of artists of our time and gives an opportunity to appreciate their significant contribution to the development of artistic culture.

The main purpose of the visit of the Bukovynian delegation was to sign the cooperation agreement between Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University (Rector, Prof. S. Melnychuk) and George Enescu National University of Arts (Rector, Prof. A. – H. Semionescu). Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Decorative Applied Arts, Prof. I. Fodchuk (Chernivtsi University), Vice-Rector, Prof. Aurelia Simion and Vice-Rector, Prof. Florin Grogoras (George Enescu National University) were present at the signing of the agreement. The agreement provides joint research projects and art projects according to the common interests and available resources of both universities (organization of study, cultural trips and summer schools for students).

LET THE SONG SUMMON FRIENDS

» Within the framework of the project "EAST + WEST = PEACE" the IX-th International Vocal-Choir Contest/Festival was recently held in Chernivtsi.

This year the festival contest was dedicated to commemorate the First Cosmonaut of Ukraine, Hero of Ukraine, Honorary Doctor of Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University Leonid Kadeniuk and lasted for five days, April 23-27, 2018.

The history of the initiation of the music forum began in 2007. At that time, the first festival contest was held at Taras Shevchenko Luhansk National University (the last one – VIII – in 2014). Unfortunately, because of the difficult situation in the East of Ukraine and the forced evacuation of Luhansk University, there is currently no possibility to continue hosting the contest in Luhansk region.

Today the music forum is held at Chernivtsi National University, the revival of the International Vocal-Choir Contest/Festival is a significant event for the whole Ukraine, especially today, when our country is facing difficult times.

The event held concerts: in the temple of the Three Saints – a concert of spiritual music; in the Hall of Organ and Chamber Music – a concert of academic singing; in the Academic Palace – a concert of pop singers. The "highlight" of the festival was the night celebration that took place on the campus of Chernivtsi National University with the participation of choral ensembles and pop artists. Altogether more than 800 participants took part in the contest representing various nominations and age categories.

Competitive auditions were assessed by respectable jury members from different countries, headed by **Kostiantyn Rusnak** (Chişinău, Moldova) and **Ivo Bobul** (Kyiv, Ukraine). Among jury members were: **Andrea Angelini** (Rimini, Italy), **Aurelia Simion** (Iaşi, Romania), **Andrii Stashevskyi** (Poltava, Ukraine), **Alla Kozyr** (Kyiv, Ukraine), **Liudmyla Havrilova** (Sloviansk, Ukraine), **Christian Dreö** (Eisenstadt, Austria), **Xia Juan** (Anhui, China), **Nataliia Filipchuk** (Kyiv, Ukraine).

The choir "Subito" of Sydir Vorobkevych, Chernivtsi College of Culture and Arts won the Grand Prix of the contest.

That is a symbol of our unity and better future – the musical forum originated in the eastern part of the country, but got the second life in the west.

COOPERATION BETWEEN CHERNIVTSI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OF REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

» Head of the Bureau of Education and Science of Republic of Lithuania Kęstutis Kaminskas visited Centre for Baltic Studies of Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University.

Mr. Kaminskas met Rector of Chernivtsi University Prof. S. Melnychuk with the aim of discussing the perspectives of cooperation between Chernivtsi University and the institutions of higher education in Lithuania.



Prof. Kęstutis Kaminskas also had a meeting with students and taught an introductory course of Lithuanian language for beginners and all interested persons. Within the framework of this project students and professors of Chernivtsi University will continue their studies and internships in higher educational institutions of Lithuania, participate in summer language schools.

XIX MEETING OF THE CONSORTIUM OF UKRAINIAN UNIVERSITIES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW



» On 5-6 of June, Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations Prof. Petro Fochuk and Coordinator of the Consortium from Chernivtsi University Assoc. Prof. Yaroslav Redkva took part in XIX meeting of the Consortium. This event took place in Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Lviv.

At the meeting the delegation summed up the results of last year's activities and outlined prospects for future work. Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations of Chernivtsi National University, prof. Peter Fochuk, suggested creation of the «Center for Materials Science» at the University of Warsaw. This initiative was supported by the Professor at the Institute of Genetics

and Biotechnology, former UW Rector, Piotr Węgleński. Our university has a number of scientists, whose scientific achievements are well-known far beyond the borders of the country and have created powerful scientific schools. But joint Ukrainian-Polish studies (with the participation of scientists from other universities of the Consortium) would be useful for the academic science of both countries. Therefore, Ukrainian scientists, in particular from Chernivtsi, could form a powerful scientific intellectual team.

Within the Consortium meeting programme a number of important decisions about strengthening cooperation were taken, in particular: expressed support for internal mobility of students between Ukrainian Universities – Consortium members; exchange of information and the prospects of collaboration are coordinated within preparation and implementation of the projects of the EU Erasmus+ programme; ideas for new projects in Ukrainian-Polish relations were discussed.

» Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University has been highly praised for the quality of teaching. Developers' Community – DOU annually establishes a rating of Ukrainian higher education institutions. The HEI rating in 2018 did not change significantly compared to 2016-17. In general, 2938 questionnaires were collected this year.

CHERNIVTSI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN HIGHLY PRAISED

For the first time, Chernivtsi National University has received enough votes and got to the rating of higher institutions with a high result: the average score of readiness to recommend our University – 7.0 points out of 10, above the average level.

Among the strengths of the University are high ratings of the quality of teaching (clear presentation of the material – 6.6 with an average index of 6.0), the technical condition of the premises (7.0 with an

average index of 5.4) and technological provision of training (6.7 vs. 5.7 in total), the university administration's orientation to the interests of students and readiness to help (6.7 with an average index of 5.8). The number of technologies being studied is higher than the average (4.5 vs. 3.8).