

## More than 70 foreign teachers will join SPbPU in the new academic year

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, the International Office, together with SPbPU institutes, continues to work to attract foreign teachers to the university, of course, taking into account the organization of their activities in remote format and with the development of all the necessary regulatory documents. In July, a regular meeting of the Competition Committee for the selection of foreign employees to fill positions of the teaching staff took place. The Commission selected 76 foreign scientific and pedagogical employees.

Higher schools of the Institute of Energy are quite active this year in attracting prominent foreign teachers. Thus, Professor Petr TOMAN from the Brno University of Technology (Czech Republic) conducted classes at the International Polytechnic Summer School, which this year was held in a distance format. Professor of the Politecnico di Milano (Italy) Marco Enrico RICOTTI will teach the course on "Innovative Management in Energy". Professor Marco Luciano Mario SAVINI from the University of Bergamo (Italy) will give several courses at the Graduate School of Nuclear and Thermal Power Engineering and will also join Russian colleagues in the work on an article in a journal indexed in Scopus. Professor Pietro ZUNINO from the University of Genova (Italy) will read several courses and join the shared work on an article in Scopus. The institute will also employ teachers from Austria, Germany, the Czech Republic, and other countries.



The Institute of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics traditionally attracts professors with a high Hirsch index (20-25 and higher). For example, Professors Wilhelm Teunis van HORSSSEN from the Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands), Gianni ROYAR-CARFANI from the University of Parma (Italy), Eric Basile CHARKALUK from École Polytechnique (France) and many others will work at IAMM.

Prominent foreign lecturers will also work at the Institute of Physics, Nanotechnology and Telecommunications. For example, Professor Birgit Sylvia Aenne GLASMACHER from Leibniz University Hannover (Germany) will give an innovative course on “Organic electronics technologies;” Professor Jian SONG from Tsinghua University (China) will teach a course in “Communication systems based on power lines,” and Professor Luis CONDE from the Technical University of Madrid (Spain), a course on “Basics of using plasma engines for telecommunication satellites”.

About 30 foreign teachers will work at the Institute of Machinery, Materials and Transport. Among them are Professor Miguel DOE from Aalto University (Finland), Professor Chen KE from Shanghai Jiao Tong University (China), Professor Paul Theodor WINDORPS from Reutlingen University (Germany), and others.

Approximately the same number of foreign faculty members will work at the Institute of Industrial Management, Economics and Trade, including Professor Dirk NITZSCHE from City, University of London; Professor Peter Cornelis SCHUUR from the University of Twente (The Netherlands), Professor Monica Rakesh KHANNA from the K. J. Somaiya Institute of Management Studies (India), and many others.

The Institute of Humanities, Institute of Civil Engineering, and Institute of Computer Science and Technology are quite energetic in attracting foreign researchers. The Institute of Biomedical Systems and Biotechnology will host a fairly large number of foreign teachers. SPbPU NTI Center is going to employ eight foreign specialists at the account of its own funds.

Foreign employees of Polytechnic University not only give interesting lectures, but also conduct scientific research, publish joint articles, write textbooks and develop courses for distance learning platforms, and also contribute to the development of students' skills of effective scientific communication with colleagues, introduce them to foreign teaching technologies.

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