

Dear colleagues,

With this 14th issue of our Newsletter we inform you about the **Finalists of our PhD Presentation Contest 2018**, report about the **establishment of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine**, and, as always, provide you with a digest of the latest news and selected funding opportunities related to academic cooperation with Ukraine.

With kind regards,

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Department of Strategic Cooperations and Research Funding, Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine, Berlin

Professor Olga Garaschuk

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Шановні колеги!

Цим 14-тим випуском нашого інформаційного Вісника ми оприлюднюємо імена фіналістів **конкурсу презентацій аспірантів 2018**, інформуємо про створення в Україні **Національного фонду досліджень** та, як завжди, хочемо привернути Вашу увагу до деяких цікавих новин та актуальних грантових пропозицій, пов'язаних з науковою співпрацею з Україною.

З найкращими побажаннями,

Sehr geehrte Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

Mit dieser 14. Ausgabe unseres Newsletters kündigen wir die Namen der Finalisten **des Doktoranden-Vortragswettbewerbs 2018** an¹ und berichten über Gründung der **Nationalen Forschungsstiftung der Ukraine**, und, wie immer, bieten einige interessante Informationen und Hinweise zu aktuellen Fördermöglichkeiten.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Save the Date: 2018 ANNUAL MEETING will take place in Dresden on 4-5 October

The next **Annual Meeting of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society** will take place in **Dresden** (Meeting Chair: **Dr Denys Makarov**, Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf):

- the part, open to public, will on Thursday, October the 4th (17:00 – 21:00) will include:
 - the 2018 Final of the **PhD Thesis Presentation Contest**
 - **Keynote lecture of Prof. Fornasier** (in German) **“Spurensuche mit Hightech und Spaten: Deutsch-ukrainische Ausgrabungen in der antiken Stadt Olbia Pontike (Mykolajivska oblast)”**;
 - **Networking Get-Together**;
- the Annual meeting of the society members will take place on Friday, October the 5th (9:00 - 12:30).

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2018 PhD THESIS PRESENTATION CONTEST: Introducing the Finalists

25 applicants from six countries (Austria, Germany, Poland, Portugal, UK and Ukraine) have applied to participate in our already third PhD Thesis Presentation Contest. Eligible were PhD students from one or more following groups:

- Ukrainian PhD students studying abroad (incl. exchange PhD students);
- PhD students, regardless of nationality, who are involved in a collaborative (e.g. bi- or multi-lateral, including Ukraine as a partner) research project;
- PhD students, regardless of nationality, whose topic of research relates to Ukraine.

Based on evaluations of at least two independent experts the following PhD students have been invited to present their research at the Final:

- **Olga Savchuk**, Instituto Superior Tecnico, Lisbon, Portugal: “Intelligence for Power Grid: how Machine Learning can support Energy Transition”
- **Anna Tyutyunnykova**, OncoRay - National Center for Radiation Research in Oncology, Dresden, Germany: “Prostate cancer: kill the enemy with X-rays using its food supply”
- **Oksana Lebedivna**, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy/ Yuchymenko Family Doctoral School, Kyiv, Ukraine: “Particularities of the historical evolution of ě in both the Southwestern and Northern groups of Ukrainian dialects”
- **Mariia Terentieva**, University of Cambridge, UK: “Internet as Public Self-Service Media: Exploring Digital Civil Society in Post-Maidan Ukraine”
- **Magdalena Kalteiss**, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck/ Department of Slavonic Studies, Innsbruck, Austria: „Infotainment Propaganda: The role of Russian TV Talk shows during the Ukraine conflict 2014”
- **Vitalii Mutsenko**, Institute for Multiphase Processes, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany: “Cryopreservation of mesenchymal stromal cells in suspension and within 3D tissue-engineered constructs”



CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO SOCIETY MEMBERS ON THEIR PROFESSORIAL APPOINTMENTS!



Photo: private

Dr Andrii Portnov was appointed a Professor for Entangled History of Ukraine at the European University “Viadrina” (Frankfurt/Oder)

This professorship is the only one in Germany with 'history of Ukraine' in its title. A Ukrainian Studies Conference at the Viadrina is among Prof. Portnov's plans for the next year.

<https://www.europa-uni.de/de/struktur/unileitung/pressestelle/viadrina-logbuch/berufungen/20180503-Portnov/Beitrag/index.html>

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Photo: private

Dr Roman Dubasevych was appointed a Junior Professor for Ukrainian Cultural Studies (Lehrstuhl für Ukrainische Kulturwissenschaft) at the University of Greifswald

<https://slawistik.uni-greifswald.de/ostundwestslawistik/dubasevych/>



20-22 October 2018, Kyiv: Forum of the Ukrainian Research Diaspora

“ADVANCING SCIENCE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION”

This Forum is organized as a set of events to mark the centenary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. It is aimed at researchers working in Ukraine and abroad. It will include thematic scientific sessions, panels and round-table discussions to address important aspects of science and higher education reform currently undertaken in Ukraine. There will also be a session dedicated to German-Ukrainian collaboration to mark the 25th anniversary of the S&T Cooperation Agreement between Ukraine and Germany.

Main goals:

- to present excellent science, in particular highlighting successful collaborative projects;
- to support establishing new and foster existing research contacts and partnerships;
- to highlight research funding opportunities, including those aimed at returning researchers;
- to discuss the reform of science and higher education system in Ukraine.

Register by 15 September 2018, submit the title of your scientific contribution, indicate the questions you are interested to be addressed and propose topic(s) of interest for a broader discussion!

<https://diaspora-forum-kyiv2018.eventbrite.de/>



AWARDS

Laureates of Ivan Franko International Prize of 2018 have been announced

In the nomination “For significant achievements in humanities and social sciences”: **Johannes Remy** (University of Helsinki) for his work “*Brothers or Enemies: The Ukrainian National Movement and Russia, from the 1840s to the 1870s*”. In the nomination “For significant achievements in the Development of Ukrainian Studies”: **Yaroslava Melnyk** (Ukrainian Catholic University) for the monograph “*...And the last part of the way. Ivan Franko in 1908-1916*”.

Ivan Franko International Prize is an annual prize, which is awarded on August 27, on the day of Ivan Franko’s birthday. The Prize laureates are presented a monetary award and a golden laureate’s badge.

(in English): <http://frankoprize.com.ua/index.php/en/>

(In Ukrainian): <http://frankoprize.com.ua/index.php/uk/2018/06/27/2018-rik/>

Interview with the grandson of Ivan Franko, Roland Franko, the founder of the International Ivan Franko

Fund (in Ukrainian): <http://frankoprize.com.ua/index.php/uk/2018/06/27/2018-rik/>

ERC Advanced Grant for Marina Rodnina

Prof. Marina Rodnina (The Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Germany) was awarded the ERC Advanced Grant. Marina Rodnina explores the workings of ribosomes – the protein factories of living cells. Proteins are involved as “molecular workers” in virtually all processes in living cells. The ribosome produces a protein by linking certain amino acids together to form a long chain. But only when this amino acid chain is folded into its correct three-dimensional structure, the protein is functional. If something goes wrong with this process, the effects can be fatal: Defects in protein folding are the cause of many diseases, including Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and other neurodegenerative diseases. With the advanced grant of EUR 2,5 million the European Research Council (ERC) will support Rodnina’s research project entitled “Ribosome Processivity and Co-translational Protein Folding”. In 2015 Prof. Rodnina was awarded **the Leibniz prize**, one of the most prestigious German awards for scientists.

Marina Rodnina was born in Kyiv, where she studied biology at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. She then obtained her doctorate in molecular biology and genetics at the Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in Kyiv. Since 2008 she has been director of the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Göttingen. Marina Rodnina is a member of the Leopoldina, the German National Academy of Sciences.

Press-release (in German): http://www.mpibpc.mpg.de/16008750/pr_1808

NEWS FROM THE EU

Horizon Europe (2021-2027): the European Commission is proposing €100 billion for research and innovation

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-4041_en.htm

Horizon 2020 Energy virtual info day: Thursday, 13 September 2018, 14:30- 17:15

The H2020 Energy virtual info day will cover the upcoming H2020 calls for funding in the areas of: Renewable Energy Sources; Carbon Capture and Storage, and Batteries

<https://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/news-events/events/horizon-2020-energy-virtual-info-day>



2018 European Innovation Scoreboard has been published

The European Innovation Scoreboard 2018 was released on 22 June 2018. **Ukraine was ranked 43rd** (up from the rank 50 in 2017, note: Ukraine was ranked 71th in 2013).

The **Global Innovation Index (GII)** aims to capture the multi-dimensional facets of innovation and provide the tools that can assist in tailoring policies to promote long-term output growth, improved productivity, and job growth. The GI helps to create an environment in which innovation factors are continually evaluated. It provides a key tool and a rich database of detailed metrics for economies, which in 2018 encompasses 126 economies, representing 90.8% of the world's population and 96.3% of global GDP.

For Ukraine there is definitely a need to improve in its institutions, infrastructure, business and market sophistication. However, there are some remarkable achievements too: **Ukraine's Innovation Efficiency Ratio was ranked 5th** and as for specific indicators it was ranked:

- 1st for the utility model applications by origin (within 'knowledge creation' section);
- 3rd for the percentage of females employed with advanced degrees out of total employed;
- 3rd for the pupil-teacher ratio in secondary education;
- 5th for the trademark application class count by origin, 7th for the industrial designs by origin and 19th for the patent applications by origin
- 12th for the tertiary enrolment and 21st for graduates in science & engineering;
- 15th for the ICT services exports;
- 15th for the growth rate of GDP per person engaged.

<https://www.globalinnovationindex.org/analysis-indicator>

Two Ukrainian EaP clusters have been funded

Two Ukrainian clusters have been granted up to EUR 10T each to develop their cooperation with the counterparts within the EU: the **Precarpathian eco-energy cluster** for cooperation with the **SolarTech Nonprofit Ltd.** (ArchEnergy Cluster), Hungary and the **Association of Industrial Automation of Ukraine** with the Polish Research and Development Cluster of the Internet of Things - Lublin Science and Technology Park, Poland. The EaP PLUS Grant Scheme (2017) is designed to enhance EU-Eastern Partnership research and innovation partnerships through cluster and cluster-like organization cooperation.

<https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/news/154>

Ukrainian company has won a grant within the EU SME instrument funding scheme

Raccoon Technologies Ukraine LLC won support for their project entitled "*Raccoon.Recovery – effective mobile data driven hand rehabilitation solution*". Raccoon.Recovery is an interactive therapy and analyzing tool for hand rehabilitation. Solution consists of controller for collecting data and training, software for diagnostic and analysis, which is enabled by ML and AI algorithms, and smartphone app to visualize dynamics.

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/doc/call/h2020/eic-smeinst-2018-2020/1827610-eic_ph1_05-2018_en.pdf



NEWS FROM UKRAINE

National Research Fund of Ukraine has been established

It will start its operations in 2019 with the main task to provide grant support for research and development on a competitive basis. The relevant resolution was approved at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on July 4, 2018. The Regulations on the Fund has also been approved, stipulating the number of its employees – 60 people. The National Research Fund of Ukraine will work in the following areas:

- support of research and development activities
- promotion of scientific cooperation, scientific mobility, in particular, scientific training of researchers, including abroad
- development of the material and technical base for scientific research and development
- development of research infrastructure
- support for projects of young scientists
- popularization of science

In Ukrainian: <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/uryad-stvoriv-nacionalnij-fond-doslidzhen-yakij-davatime-granti-na-nauku-z-2019-roku>

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National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine will support young researchers with a new funding scheme

This new funding scheme is aimed at researchers with international experience and excellent academic achievements as evidenced by high-level research publications. Two-year grants will be available to support young investigator groups (up to UAH 500T pa) and laboratories (up to UAH 1 million, the laboratory leader must have at least two years of international research experience). Applications have to be submitted by **5 September**. Decision is expected on **20 September**.

Call announcement and application form (in Ukrainian):

<http://www.nas.gov.ua/EN/Messages/News/Pages/View.aspx?MessageID=4153>
http://files.nas.gov.ua/text/YoungMessage/%D0%9D%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%BC%D0%94%D0%BE%D0%BA%D0%9D%D0%90%D0%9D%D0%A3/180704_360/180704_360_molod_laboratorii.pdf

3rd Eastern European Computer Vision conference in Odessa, Ukraine

This conference was attended by 275 chosen participants (CV/ML Engineers and Researchers only) from 11 countries. Nine speakers from Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany, France, Turkey, Poland, Holland, Belarus and Ukraine presented their latest research. If you would like to be informed about this conference in 2019 (July 6-7, 2019), please, fill in the form:

<http://eecvc.com/register-now-ffff/>
<http://eecvc.com>



USEFUL RESOURCES

The MAPA: Digital Atlas of Ukraine

The MAPA: Digital Atlas of Ukraine program is undertaken by the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University together with partners in Ukraine. It brings the latest innovations of information technology to studies of modern Ukrainian history and contemporary political geography. The program involves studies and encourage scholars and students to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for illustrating and explaining economic, historical, political, and social transformations within Ukraine.

- **The Great Famine project**, undertaken in cooperation with the State Scientific and Production Enterprise “Kartographia”, the Institute for Demography & Social Studies and the Institute of History of Ukraine of the NAS of Ukraine, focuses on the history of the Holodomor (“death-by-starvation”) – the Great Ukrainian Famine of 1932-33.
- **The Revolution of Dignity project** aims to contribute to a reconceptualization of regionalism in Ukraine.
- **The Independent Ukraine project**, undertaken in cooperation with the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology, deals with popular attitudes towards Ukrainian sovereignty since 1991 as measured by support or opposition to unity with Russia.
- **The Rus’ Genealogy project** is part of a larger attempt to shift the perceptions of modern scholars to include Rus’ in the wider narrative of medieval Europe, and create a picture of the medieval European world that fits the evidence from the primary sources – one that stretches from the Atlantic in the West to the Dnieper River in the East.
- **The Historic Podillya in the late Middle Ages project** presents the place names (settlements, castles and hydronyms) identified up to date in the territory of historical Podillya in the Late Middle Age.

If you are using GIS in your research on Ukraine and would like to become part of MAPA GIS Network, you can register your project with the MAPA Program. This will help it to link the community of GIS scholars working on Ukraine, share findings, and organize future workshops and conferences related to GIS research.

The MAPA: Digital Atlas of Ukraine program is partially funded through support provided by the Eugene and Daymel Shklar Foundation and the Ukrainian Studies Fund, Inc.

<http://gis.huri.harvard.edu/>

BILAT-USA 4.0: Report on US Funding Opportunities for European Researchers and Horizon 2020 Guide for US researchers

This **Report** has been developed to increase awareness about which US sources are appropriate and viable to EU researchers. It includes descriptions for 26 US federal agencies and 30 non-federal agencies to help EU scientists and academics self-identify funding opportunities to support their research. There is also a **Guide** to US participation in the European Union’s Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020). Moreover, a useful **Terminology MediaWiki** for researchers, research managers and administrators have been developed, where **EU and US terminology** of funding mechanisms and grants management at



both sides of the Atlantic have been juxtaposed to better understand each other, the global funding landscape and to fully exploit transatlantic funding opportunities.

BILAT USA 4.0 project, funded by the EU, aims to enhance and develop science, technology, and innovation (STI) partnerships between the U.S. and Europe.

Report: www.euussciencetechnology.eu/assets/content/Deliverables/BILATUSA4.0_D2.3-USFunding_V2_forthewebsite.pdf

Guide: www.euussciencetechnology.eu/assets/content/H2020_A_Guide_for_US_researchers_nov.pdf

Terminology MediaWiki: https://bilat-wiki.ethz.ch/wiki/Main_Page

BILAT USA 4.0: <http://www.euussciencetechnology.eu/about/project>

EVENT REPORTS



Didaktische Fachtagung „Slawische Sprachen unterrichten: sprachübergreifend, grenzüberschreitend, interkulturell“, Greifswald

By Dr. Svitlana Adamenko und Tamara Münzer

Das **Institut für Slawistik der Universität Greifswald** veranstaltete vom 23.03. bis zum 24.03.2018 die 10. Didaktische Fachtagung mit dem Titel „**Slawische Sprachen unterrichten: sprachübergreifend, grenzüberschreitend, interkulturell**“. Sie richtet sich an alle, die in der Vermittlung slawischer Sprachen in Schulen, Universitäten und privaten Bildungsinstitutionen wie Kulturvereinen tätig sind, an FremdsprachendidaktikerInnen sowie SprachwissenschaftlerInnen, aber auch VertreterInnen der Bildungspolitik. Neben Plenarvorträgen zu verschiedenen Schwerpunkten der Tagung, fanden auch zahlreiche Arbeitsgemeinschaften zur Vermittlung des Russischen und Polnischen statt, **zum ersten Mal wurde auch eine AG zum Ukrainischen als Fremdsprache angeboten**. Die AG mit dem Titel „Schweigen ist Silber, Reden ist Gold“ oder "Wie man Sprechfertigkeit fördert" unter Leitung von Dr.(Ua) **Svitlana Adamenko (Göttingen)** und **Tamara Münzer (Greifswald)**, widmete sich sowohl den theoretischen Grundlagen zur Entwicklung der Sprechfertigkeit, als auch verschiedenen Methoden und Arbeitstechniken, die dazu beitragen, die mündliche Kompetenz im Ukrainischen aufzubauen und zu erweitern. Das besondere Augenmerk wurde auf die Förderung dialogischen und polylogischen Sprechens, kreativer mündlicher und schriftlicher Textproduktion, Vokabelarbeit und der Arbeit mit literarischen Texten gelegt.

UKRAINE, Kyiv, Biophotonics lectures by leading experts, Prof. Paras N. Prasad and Prof. Junle Qu: “Dream big and do science!”

By Anna Grebinyk, PhD student at TH Wildau, Germany

On the May 17th, 2018 the Faculty of Physics of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv welcomed open lectures given by **Prof. Paras N. Prasad**, the Executive Director of the **Institute for Lasers, Photonics and Biophotonics** (University at Buffalo, the USA) and **Prof. Junle Qu**, the President of the **College of Optoelectronic Engineering** (Shenzhen University,



China). More than forty students and scientists attended the lectures and the accompanying scientific seminar, organized at the Department of Experimental Physics.

The first lecture under the title **“Research Frontiers at the University at Buffalo’s Institute for Lasers, Photonics and Biophotonics”** was given by **Prof. Paras N. Prasad**. He currently holds a unique multidisciplinary position of Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Physics, Medicine & Electrical Engineering (University at Buffalo), the highest rank in the New York State University system. His pioneering interdisciplinary chemical research at the interface of photonics, nanotechnology and biomedicine have broadly influenced health care, energy and optical technologies.

Prof. Prasad has authored more than 800 scientific papers and numerous patents, and co-edited eight books. He is also included on the Thompson Reuters list of the **“Highly Cited Researchers” (h-index 116 by Google Scholar)**. In 2005, Scientific American named Prof. Prasad among the top 50 science and technology leaders in the world.

Prof. Prasad opened his lecture with the words of encouragement addressed at young scientists to dare to dream big and to constantly force themselves to think outside the box.

He then presented recent advances and discussed current developments in Photonics and Biophotonics achieved under his supervision at the Buffalo’s Institute for Lasers, Photonics and Biophotonics. At the Institute is realized a quite unique approach, bringing together expertise from different fields – Chemistry, Physics and Biology, including Animal Studies. Such multidisciplinary approach allows him and his team to develop entirely new concepts and pursue different lines of research. Prof. Prasad discussed a range of topics, including chiral photonics, multimodal nonlinear imaging, nonlinear phototherapy, multiphoton processes, metaphotonics, biophotonics and nanophotonics. In the discussion that followed a concept of **“nanoclinic”** – target-specific optical diagnostic and therapy, – was overviewed. Specifically, it involves the following: the surface of a silica bubble is functionalized with targeting groups to carry the nanoclinic to a specific site, where the probes and the drug delivery system can be externally activated. Such nanoparticle technology is capable of conducting cellular, tissue-level and whole-body imaging, simultaneously delivering drugs inside the body. The unique concept has been licensed by **Nanobitix**, a spin-off from the University at Buffalo (Paris, France) and is in the process of starting clinical trials, thus bringing the results of these research closer to the clinic.

The second international guest was **Prof. Junle Qu**, the Director of the Key Laboratory of Optoelectronic Devices and Systems of the Ministry of Education, who gave the lecture **“Micro/Nanoscale Optical Imaging for Biomedicine”**. He has published over 200 papers in peer-reviewed journals, including Nature Photonics, PNAS, Advanced Materials, Chemical Society reviews, Optical Letters, etc. and holds 40 patents. Prof. Qu is a fellow of SPIE, the Director of the Chinese Optical Society Biomedical Photonics Committee and serves on the editorial board of



Photo: Prof. Paras Prasad, explaining the basics of photonic: two states of electron - ground and excited.

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several peer-reviewed journals. Prof. Qu first introduced the Shenzhen University. In his lecture he presented results of the latest research from his department, which covered recent developments in fluorescence lifetime imaging, nonlinear multimodal optical imaging and superresolution optical imaging. Prof. Qu closed the lecture with the most recent STORM superresolution imaging of dynamic changes of live cell's mitochondrial membrane. It was impressive to see such a superresolution video of a single live mitochondria!

The sunny day of the 17th of May in Kyiv turned out to be an exciting journey through the modern biophotonics science, boosting my and other young scientists' spirits and inspiring us with the power to change the world!



Photo: Courtesy of Yana Liashko

Ukraine-Germany Alumni Network Conference in Kyiv

By Yana Liashko, T. Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

From May 29th until June 1st 2018, the **Alumni Network Ukraine Germany (University of Würzburg)**, funded by the DAAD, in cooperation with German Law Center, German-Ukrainian Academic Society and Humboldt Club Ukraine held its second Alumni Conference at National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv. During the Conference participation from all across Ukraine and Germany had an opportunity to learn about Computer Sciences, Quality Management, Technology Transfer, Funding Opportunities and Academia-industry cooperation (incl. an excursion to the company site).



Conference participants. Photo: Courtesy of Yana Liashko

For the team of German Law Center it was an honour to be the main organizer and partner of the Julius-Maximilians-Universität of Würzburg University in conducting the Conference in the capital of Ukraine. As for participants and organizers, this Conference has become an important scientific event that contributed to the strengthening of Ukrainian-German scientific relations, cooperation between Ukrainian scholars and graduates from German and Ukrainian universities.





An opportunity to learn Ukrainian presented at the Viadrina's Open Day 2018

By Dr Olesia Lazarenko, Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder)

Annually in June the European University Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder) organizes an Open Day to present its various teaching programs and to give a possibility to everyone interested to get acquainted with the university.

Open Day includes meetings with faculty members and students, excursions to the library and student dormitories. Each faculty and every structural entity of the university presents the most important and interesting information about its activities and special offers for the students. **The Language Center of the European University Viadrina** is a place where students could learn English, German as a foreign language, Polish, Russian, Spanish, French, Turkish, and **since recently Ukrainian**. This year the lecturers of the Language Centre presented their courses at the Open Day to give an impression of the variety of languages presented at the Viadrina.

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The delegation of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy at the stand of the Ukrainian language together with the Lecturer Dr. Olesia Lazarenko. Photo: courtesy of Wendy Bell

Interdisciplinary seminar “Controversial Realms of Memory in Ukraine through German, Polish, Ukrainian, and Russian Literature and History-Writing” at the Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder)

By Dr Olesia Lazarenko, Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder)

On June 14–16, 2018 the European University Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder) hosted an interdisciplinary seminar “Controversial Realms of Memory in Ukraine through German, Polish, Ukrainian, and Russian Literature and History-Writing” (*Umstrittene Erinnerungsorte in der Ukraine im Spiegel deutscher, polnischer, ukrainischer und russischer Literatur und Geschichtsschreibung*), organised within the **German-Polish scientific exchange program**. The event took place in cooperation with the Axel Springer Professorship for German-Jewish Literature, Cultural History, Exile and Migration, and the Chair for comparative studies in



literature and culture at the Institute for Russian and Ukrainian Philology of the Adam-Mickiewicz-University in Poznań. It was organized by **Prof. Ievgeniia Voloshchuk** (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany) and **Dr. Ryszard Kupidura** (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland).

The main topic of the workshop was to frame problems related to the issues of memory in Ukraine in the context of interdisciplinary German-Polish academic discussions. The workshop touched upon such questions as the rise of interest towards controversial aspects of contemporary Ukrainian discourse in German and Polish academic communities; the historical experiences of studying realms of memory on the crossroads of Ukrainian, Polish and German cultures; the rich tradition of describing Ukrainian space in Polish and German literature and history-writing; the necessity to continue research of the discourses of memory from various academic angles, including historical, literary, language, cultural and other humanitarian disciplines' perspectives. A special section "A Laboratory of Academic Growth. Presentations of the M.A. Theses/ *Werkstatt für den wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs. Präsentation der Meisterarbeiten*" was devoted to young researches from Germany and Ukraine.

Program of the workshop: https://www.kuwi.europa-uni.de/de/lehrstuhl/lw/diaspora/bilder_diaspora/veranstaltungen/Flyer_final.pdf



Closing evening of the Year of Ukrainian Language in Germany at the Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder)

By Dr Olesia Lazarenko, Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder)



Photo: Courtesy of Alicja Pitak

On July 11, 2018 The Language Centre of the European University Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder) hosted the closing evening of the **Year of Ukrainian Language in Germany**. 2017/2018 was designated the Year of Ukrainian Language in Germany and of the German Language in Ukraine as a joint initiative of foreign ministers of both countries at the time, Pavlo Klimkin and Frank-Walter Steinmeier (<https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-polytics/2079802-ukraina-i-nimeccina-provedut-vzaemni-roki-movi.html>).

Both Viadrina students, who learn Ukrainian at the University's Language Centre, and students from Ukraine, who study economics, political and cultural studies, participated in the closing event. Among the most important accomplishments of the Year of Ukrainian Language in Germany the following activities were presented: various academic seminars and lectures, the series of Ukrainian language lessons, the introduction of the audio-guides in Ukrainian language in the tourist buses in Berlin, the opening of the Ukrainian language radio in Berlin, the city tour 'Ukrainian Berlin', etc. Furthermore, the organizers exhibited guide books and supplementary materials to learn Ukrainian as a foreign language. The event ended up with a screening of a film "Diakuiu" [Thank you] produced with the aim of popularizing Ukraine in the world (produced by the Best Friends Film Group).



A SELECTION OF RELEVANT FUNDING & SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

For the up-to-date announcements visit our LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8473594>

A list of currently opened EU calls maintained by the project 'Strengthening Research and Innovation Links towards Ukraine' (RI-LINKS2UA): <https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/call/list>

A new scheme for overseas researchers to come to the UK

The new 'UKRI-Science, Research and Academia' scheme, which allows non-EEA researchers, scientists and academics to come to the UK for up to two years. It will be operated by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and will mean that they, along with 12 approved research organisations, such as the Natural History Museum, will be able to directly sponsor highly skilled individuals to work and train in the UK.

<https://www.ukri.org/news/new-scheme-for-overseas-researchers-to-come-to-the-uk/>

BAYHOST grants for research projects with Bavarian HEIs, apply by 27 July 2018

Up to EUR 3000, to support developing cooperation, joint workshops, visits, grant preparation for e.g. EU grants, etc.

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/bayhost/stipendien/mobilitaetsbeihilfen/index.html>

GERMANY, DAAD: Go-East Semester stipends, apply by 17 August 2018

The aim of this program is to stimulate the interest of German students in countries of East Europe. Applications are to be submitted by the HEIs interested to support their students within already existing cooperation agreement.

(in German): <https://www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogramme-finden/?s=1&projektid=57443240>

Culture Bridges Program Grants

Culture Bridges is a new program that supports the development of the cultural sector in Ukraine and enables it to engage more effectively with cultural organizations and operators in the EU. The program funds a range of activities including international mobility, national and international cultural cooperation projects, as well as training sessions and study visits to the EU member states. The second call for grant applications is now open to funding mobility projects. Further calls for proposals under Culture Bridges will be made every three months in 2018 and 2019.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/ua/en/culture-bridges>

EU: Call for proposals for access to integrated multidisciplinary facilities for Materials and Biomaterials. Deadline for pre-submissions: 3 September 2018

CERIC-ERIC offers access through a single entry point to more than 50 different and complementary state of the art techniques and support laboratories, distributed in 9 countries, with the submission of single or multi-technique proposals.

<http://ceric-eric.eu/index.php?n=Users.Homepage>



GERMANY, DAAD: East-West Dialogue. Academic Exchange and scientific cooperation for security, cooperation and development of civil society in Europe/ Ost-West-Dialog. Akademischer Austausch und wissenschaftliche Kooperation für Sicherheit, Zusammenarbeit und zivilgesellschaftliche Entwicklung in Europa, apply by 3 September 2018

The aim of the program is to promote dialogue and understanding, conflict research and the development of concepts and instruments for conflict management and conflict prevention in the target countries (including Ukraine). The program also focuses on the promotion of democratization processes, the rule of law, good governance, minority protection and civil society development. Conferences, workshops, specialist courses, seminars, study trips or summer schools in the mentioned regions and/ or Germany. Furthermore, short-term scholarships may be awarded for research projects in the regions or in Germany in the interest of sustainability.

<https://www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogramme-finden/?s=1&projektid=57443177>

UK: Global Challenge Research Fund, apply by 11 September 2018

The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) is a five year, £1.5bn resource funding stream, announced as part of the 2015 spending review, to ensure that UK research takes a leading role in addressing the problems faced by developing countries. In addition to a Collective Fund for interdisciplinary research, the Research Councils have each received directly allocated portions of the GCRF. GCRF forms part of the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment, which is monitored by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). ODA-funded activity focuses on outcomes that promote the long-term sustainable growth of countries on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list. STFC has a GCRF allocation of £3.5m.

<https://stfc.ukri.org/funding/research-grants/funding-opportunities/gcrf/>

Joint call of the national Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the Hungarian Academy of Science 2019-2021: apply by 14 September 2018

(in Ukrainian) <http://www.nas.gov.ua/EN/InternationalCo/Pages/View.aspx?MessageID=3976>

EaP PLUS Grants for Networking in Brokerage Events or Preparatory Meetings – 3rd call, closing date to apply: 15 October 2018, apply at least 1 month before the event

This scheme funds the participation of researchers from Eastern Partnership countries in Brokerage Events related to Horizon2020 and Preparatory Meetings for the development of H2020 project proposals. The scheme will fund participation to large-scale Brokerage Events and similar activities related to Horizon2020 as well as to Preparatory Meetings for developing project proposals targeting selected thematic calls within H2020. In this scheme particular attention will be given to applications related to preparation of proposals addressing the **SPIRE** which are explicitly encouraging the participation of EaP partners into the proposals.

For SPIRE calls see page 62 in this document:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/sites/horizon2020/files/h2020-leit-nmbp-2018-2020_pre-publ.pdf

<https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/call/123>

<https://www.spire2030.eu/>



GERMANY; Volkswagen Foundation: "Global Issues – Integrating Different Perspectives on Social Inequality", apply by 30 October 2018

These large (up to 1,5 million, for up to 4 years) international research projects are aimed at research teams working on social inequality. Involvement of scholars based in Europe as well as **in low and middle income countries** is a prerequisite. Researchers from outside Europe need to be involved as well.

<https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/our-funding-portfolio-at-a-glance/global-issues-%E2%80%93-integrating-different-perspectives-on-social-inequality>

EU: WIDESPREAD-03-2018, Twinning grants, apply by 15 November

Twining aims at significantly strengthening a defined field of research in a university or research organization from a Widening country by linking it with at least 2 internationally-leading research institutions in other Member States or Associated Countries. In general, costs (up to 1 Mio per 3-year project) relating to administration, networking, coordination, training, management, travel costs are acceptable under a Twinning project.

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/widespread-03-2018.html>

EU: WIDESPREAD-04-2019, ERA Chairs, apply by 15 November

The ERA Chairs actions will support universities or research organisations with the objective of attracting and maintaining high quality human resources under the direction of an outstanding researcher and research manager (the "ERA Chair holder") and in parallel implementing the structural changes necessary to achieve excellence on a sustainable basis. The grant (up to EUR 2.5 million for 5 years) will cover the appointment of the ERA Chair holder and a number of team members (e.g. their salaries, recruitment costs, administrative costs, travel and subsistence costs). The grant will also provide a contribution towards measures aimed at facilitating structural changes in the institution (e.g. costs for trainings, meetings, publications and managing IPR. A minor part of the grant can be spent on equipment. The following cost categories will be ineligible costs: infrastructure costs; research costs (including consumables).

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/widespread-04-2019.html>

Funding for Individuals/ Fellowships

BAYHOST stipends for research visits to/ from Bavaria, apply by 27 July 2018

Aimed at advanced students and young researchers, up to 1000 EUR, focus countries: Belarus, Russia, Ukraine and West Balkans.

<https://www.uni-regensburg.de/bayhost/stipendien/mobilitaetsbeihilfen/index.html>

EMBO Long-term fellowships, apply by 10 August 2018

The EMBO Long-Term Fellowships are awarded for a period of up to 2 years and support post-doctoral research visits to laboratories throughout Europe and the world. International exchange is a key feature in the application process. While applications are accepted throughout the year, there are 2 evaluation periods every year. Applications received by **second Friday of August, 2 pm CEST**, will be evaluated in their autumn meeting, with interviews in October. Outcomes will be announced in December.

<http://www.embo.org/funding-awards/fellowships/long-term-fellowships>



Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions Individual Fellowships (MSCA-IF), including Widening Fellowships: apply by 12 September 2018

Individual, trans-national fellowships are awarded to the best or most promising researchers of any nationality, for employment in EU Member States or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries. It is based on an application made jointly by the researcher and the host in the **academic** or **non-academic** sectors.

European Fellowships are held in EU Member States or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries and are open to researchers either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe. **Direct return to and long-term reintegration of researchers in Europe, including in their country of origin, is supported via a separate multi-disciplinary reintegration panel of the European Fellowships.** Support to individuals to resume research in Europe after a career break, e.g. after parental leave or due to recent migration, is ensured via a separate **multi-disciplinary career restart panel** of the European Fellowships. Researchers seeking to work on research and innovation projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector will be supported via a separate **multi-disciplinary society and enterprise panel** of the European Fellowships.

The Widening Fellowships implemented through Work Programme part 15, **Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation**. Ukraine is among the eligible widening states.

Global Fellowships are based on a secondment to a third country and **a mandatory 12 month return period to a European host**. Researchers receiving an Individual Fellowship may opt to include **a secondment phase in Europe, notably in the non-academic sector**, within the overall duration of their fellowship. Researchers participating in the Individual Fellowships may opt to work **part-time** in order to pursue supplementary activities. These might include creating a company, or engaging in advanced studies not related to the MSCA grant.

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/wf-01-2018.html>

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/msca-if-2018.html>

GERMANY: Semester-stipends for Ukrainian students, apply by 15 October

(in Ukrainian): www.gfps.org/uk/stipendien/deutschland-studium/ukraine/

GERMANY: Georg Forster Research Award, nomination deadline 31 October 2018

The Georg Forster Research Award is granted in recognition of a researcher's entire achievements to date to academics of all disciplines whose fundamental discoveries, new theories, or insights have had a significant impact on their own discipline and beyond and who are expected to continue developing research-based solutions to the specific challenges facing transition and developing countries. The award amount totals €60,000. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation may grant additional funding of up to €25,000, particularly for participating in scientific conferences, additional material resources, e.g., specialist literature and scientific equipment for the nominee's own institute, as well as for involving junior researchers.

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/georg-forster-award.html>



SWITZERLAND: SNSF Ambizione Research Grants for Foreign Researchers, apply by 1 November 2018

Ambizione grants are aimed at young researchers who wish to conduct, manage and lead an independent project at a Swiss higher education institution. The grants are awarded for a maximum of four years to PhD-holders with less than four years research experience after gaining the PhD. www.snf.ch/en/funding/careers/ambizione/Pages/default.aspx

GERMANY, Berlin: Einstein Guest Professorships and Einstein Junior Scholarships to foster academic freedom

The Einstein Foundation is committed to fostering academic freedom. Two special programs (Einstein Guest Professorships and Einstein Junior Scholarships) are offered temporary in order to reach this objective and to enable researchers who are experiencing constraints in their work around the world to come to Berlin for two years to pursue their research without undue restrictions or threats. **First and foremost, the programs are intended to support top researchers from regions of conflict.** Furthermore, they are directed at researchers from regions that experience subtle or direct restrictions of research, and who look for opportunities to return, migrate or cooperate with countries offering a work environment free of constraints.

<https://www.einsteinfoundation.de/en/programmes/academic-freedom/>

GERMANY: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Georg Forster Research Fellowship for researchers from developing countries, no deadline

Support for individual researchers for research stays in Germany (6 - 24 months, could be split into 3 periods for senior researchers), for proposals relevant for the continued development of the country or region of origin.

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/georg-forster-fellowship.html>

GERMANY: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Return Fellowships

After successfully completing the initial stay sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany, it is possible for Humboldt and Georg Forster Research Fellows to apply for a return fellowship to sponsor reintegration into an institute abroad. To be eligible, Humboldt and Georg Forster Research Fellows must return to research institutions in the certain countries (**including Ukraine**). Application for a return fellowship must be made **no later than 6 months** after completing the initial stay sponsored by the Humboldt Foundation in Germany, and the return fellowship be taken up no later than twelve months after completing the initial stay.

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/return-fellowship.html>

EUROPE: FEBS Collaborative Experimental Scholarships for Central & Eastern Europe, no deadline

These 2-3-month scholarships are for the exclusive benefit of PhD students from Central & Eastern Europe who need to visit a well-funded laboratory in Western Europe for the purpose of carrying out experimental procedures that would be impossible in their home country because of a lack of resources. Applications may be made throughout the year, but should reach the Chairperson of the FEBS Fellowships Committee at least 2 months before the proposed starting date.

www.febs.org/our-activities/fellowships/collaborative-experimental-scholarships-for-central-eastern-europe/



A SELECTION OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

6-18/08/2018 Greifswald, Germany	„Murderous Identities?“ - Greifswalder Ukrainicum - Greifswald Ukrainian Summer School https://slawistik.uni-greifswald.de/info/akademische-veranstaltungen/ukrainicum-krupp/
20/08-2/09/2018 Frankfurt (Oder), Germany	Transsectoral PeaceLab. Looking for Hybrid Solutions to Hybrid Conflicts: Academia, Civil Society, and the Arts https://www.europa-uni.de/de/struktur/unileitung/projekte/viadrinicum/index.html
9-14/09/2018 Zatoka, Odesa Region, Ukraine	2018 IEEE 8th International Conference on Nanomaterials: Applications & Properties https://nap.sumdu.edu.ua/index.php/nap/nap2018
16-21/09/2018 Kyiv, Ukraine	3rd International Advanced School on Magnonics 2018 www.magnonics.org/
1-2/10/2018 Würzburg, Germany	Ukrainian-Bavarian Higher Education Day https://www.uni-regensburg.de/bayhost/medien/aktuelles/program-ubhed_extern.pdf <i>To register:</i> https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU7Mo6RAJ3W0bn1WSq_bXGrP1K1N9_l0ydFxtgMDIzJ3uk0Q/viewform
4-5/10/2018 Dresden, Germany	Annual Meeting of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society 2018 Save the date! Registration will start in mid-August http://ukrainet.eu/annual-meeting/
12/10/2018 Frankfurt/M., Germany Register by 31/08	Workshop “Zukunft Osteuropa”, in German Organizer: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde https://www.dgo-online.org/kalender/berlin/2018/zukunft-osteuropa/
20-22/10/2018 Kyiv, Ukraine	Forum of the Ukrainian Research Diaspora “ADVANCING SCIENCE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION” https://diaspora-forum-kyiv2018.eventbrite.de/
16-17/11/2018 Berlin, Germany	Meeting “Shaping Eastern European Societies and Economies: Culture, Religion and Historical Legacies” https://www.dgo-online.org/kalender/berlin/2018/shaping-eastern-european-societies-and-economies/



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The 8th Ukraine Reform Monitor (march 2018), published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

<https://carnegieendowment.org/2018/03/27/ukraine-reform-monitor-march-2018-pub-75909>

ZOIS Spotlight 24/2018 by Yuliya Yurchuk (27 June 2018): Memory and history in Ukraine after the Euromaidan

<https://en.zois-berlin.de/publications/zois-spotlight/memory-and-history-in-ukraine-after-the-euromaidan/>

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e-Health Hub Platform: The map of the European digital health landscape

https://www.linkedin.com/redir/redirect?url=https%3A%2F%2Fplatform%2Eehealth-hub%2Eeu%2F&urlhash=e3Vz&t=tracking_anet

REPORT “The European Higher Education Area in 2018: Bologna Process Implementation Report”

https://www.linkedin.com/redir/redirect?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffacea%2Eec%2Eeuropa%2Eeu%2Fnational-policies%2Feurydice%2Fcontent%2F-european-higher-education-area-2018-bologna-process-implementation-report_en&urlhash=7xwI&t=tracking_anet

REPORT: Private Equity Investments in Central and Eastern Europe Reached a Record €3.5 Billion

European Private Equity & Venture Capital Association “Invest Europe” where the Ukrainian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (UVCA) - is a member, has issued a report on the investment market in Central and Eastern Europe.

<http://uvca.eu/en/news/private-equity-investments-in-central-and-eastern-europe-reached-a-record-volume>

<https://www.investeurope.eu/media/727455/Invest-Europe-CEE-Activity-Report-2017-05072018.pdf>

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<https://researcheracademy.elsevier.com/>

BBC Ukraine, Ievgenia Kovalevska: Жінки в науці: що досліджують і відкривають українки

<https://www.bbc.com/ukrainian/features-42992784>

