

UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE BOARD MEETING MINUTES 09/2025

Date: June 11, 2025 at 9:00 am in room no. A508/U17

Present: prof. Ing. Michal Sedlačík, Ph.D., prof. Ing. Petr Humpolíček, Ph.D., prof. Ing. et Ing. Ivo Kuřitka, Ph.D. et Ph.D., prof. Ing. Petr Sáha, CSc., dr. h. c., prof. Ing. Tomáš Sedláček, Ph.D., Assoc. prof. Dr. Ing. Radek Stoček, Ph.D., Ing. Miroslav Mrlík, Ph.D., Ing. Robert Moučka, Ph.D., Ing. Viera Pechancová, Ph.D., Ing. Pavel Urbánek, Ph.D., Mgr. Jan Vícha, Ph.D., Ing. Ivana Bartoníková, Mgr. Kamila Fabiánová, Mgr. Monika Kasálková Primasová, Ing. Andrea Krácalová, Ing. Filip Latečka, Mgr. Petra Svěráková, Ing. Michal Studený, Ing. Petr Večeře, Ing. Alena Vymazalová, Ing. Klára Sedláčková

Excused: prof. Ing. Vladimír Sedlařík, Ph.D., Ing. Tomáš Sáha, Ph.D., Ing. Jana Josefíková, Ing. Martina Dostálová

Item 1. Economic and operational section

1.1 Publication of UNI Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the UNI Board meeting will be sent to the Board members for comments. Subsequently, they will be distributed to all UNI employees in both Czech and English.

For information.

1.2 Update of the TBU Wage Regulations in Zlín

A methodological guideline issued by the Rector of TBU in Zlín is currently under discussion. The guideline concerns an increase in the monthly salaries of TBU employees. The originally intended amendment to the TBU Salary Regulations — which is to include an increase in the tariff components of salaries as well as a systematization of job positions for administrative and technical staff — is expected to come into effect on 1 January 2026, following its registration with the MEYS. However, according to the aforementioned guideline, the planned salary increase for the respective categories of employees is to be paid already from 1 July 2025, in the form of a 14th salary (to be included in the November 2025 payroll), thus exceeding the standard scope of bonus payments.

For information.

1.3 TBU Budget Breakdown for 2025

At the meeting of the Academic Senate of TBU held on 6 May 2025, the TBU Budget Allocation for 2025 was approved. Compared to the original proposal, the UNI budget was increased by approximately CZK 1 million by adjusting the mechanism for calculating contributions from individual faculties and units to central university units. Under the new mechanism, financial resources that are “forwarded” to project partners after the receipt of project funding will not be included in the calculation, as they place minimal burden on the operations of the rectorate. The rules and allocation of UNI financial resources for 2025 are currently being prepared.

For information.

1.4 Representation of UNI/CPS in the Academic Senate of TBU in Zlín

At the meeting of the Academic Senate of TBU held on 27 May 2025, the Rules of Procedure of the Academic Senate were presented, among other items. These Rules include an increase in the maximum number of members of the Senate Economic Committee to thirteen, thereby creating the opportunity for representation of the University Institute (UNI) in this committee.

The Director of UNI submitted to the Academic Senate the Annual Report on the Economic Management of the University Institute for 2024, as well as a proposal for TBU's membership in the consortia The Innovative Advanced Materials Initiative and Bio-based Industry Consortium. These proposals are to be discussed by the

TBU Board of Trustees in the following week. The aim of such membership is to strengthen TBU's position in applying for European research projects under the Horizon programme.

The next meeting of the Academic Senate of TBU is scheduled for 17 June 2025.

Within the Legislative Committee of the Academic Senate, the proposals for TBU's membership in the above-mentioned consortia were discussed, along with the Study and Examination Regulations and the Scholarship Regulations (including a guaranteed doctoral income, with associated costs to be borne by the faculty or unit implementing the study programme).

For information.

1.5 Review of Investments at UNI/CPS

Prof. Sedlařík presented a list of investments made at UNI/CPS over the past five years, including the source of funding and the research area for which they were preferentially acquired. Several questions regarding the publication of this list have been raised by UNI/CPS staff members. The list is available here: [Investice UNI-CPS 2020 2026 1.xlsx](#).

Prof. Sedlařík emphasized the need to take into account project-related subsidies (for example, the TSI instrument was 70% funded by the Zlín Region). A discussion followed regarding investment requirements, co-financing, and the focus of investments, which—apart from asset renewal—should primarily target areas related to environmental issues and aerospace. The Board agreed on the importance of timely communication of strategic projects and investments. It was proposed to organize dedicated meetings involving the center directors, research area coordinators, and development project leaders. Minutes will be taken from these meetings.

After discussions with the internal auditor, it was agreed that colleagues from other faculties would be involved in the evaluation committee to prevent potential conflicts of interest. Technical specifications will remain fully under the responsibility of UNI/CPS.

For information.

1.6 Review of Building Conditions

- At U11, the access control readers for authorized entry into the building were replaced. The replacement is currently underway at U17.
- Recently, the parking lots at building U17 have frequently been used by individuals who do not utilize the building's infrastructure. Therefore, as of 1 June 2025, a new policy has been implemented: persons without their own access cards who wish to use the parking lot for the purpose of visiting U17 must be preregistered at the U17 reception by an employee whom they plan to visit. If this procedure is not followed, the reception staff will deny access to the parking lot. A pyrolysis unit is currently being installed in the U17 technology hall.
- On April 22, 2025, a fire drill was conducted at buildings U11 and U17. Based on the findings, the fire safety and occupational health technician was informed about slightly lowering the volume intensity of the audible alarm on the emergency staircase in building U11. Due to some uncertainties regarding the official assembly point at building U17, it was stated that the primary objective is to evacuate all persons from the building. Employees may gather at the side parking lot or on the public sidewalk next to the lower parking area. Members of the Fire Prevention Patrol (PPH) are required to report the status of evacuation (whether the floors were cleared or not) to the fire safety and occupational health technician, UNI/CPS management, or the PPH leader, who will pass this information on to the fire brigade commander.
- Alcohol testers are now available at the receptions of buildings U11 and U17. They can be used in cases of suspected alcohol consumption by employees or students in these buildings. In such cases, it is necessary to follow the Rector's Directive SR 8/2025

For information.

1.7 Collective Agreement

On 29 May 2025, a new Collective Agreement was concluded. Among the changes introduced is the reclassification of Saturday work as overtime, rather than as compensatory time off during the week. This change also affects meal allowance entitlements.

For information.**1.8 Process Setup**

A discussion was held regarding the setup of procurement processes in urgent situations, as well as the procedure for submitting business travel requests. This matter will be further discussed within the CPS Advisory Board, which will take place on 16 June 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

For information.**1.9 OP TAK**

Within the evaluation process of the OP TAK project “University Technology Center for Practice,” Activity B – the purchase of investment instruments and establishment of laboratories (total funding CZK 34.95 million, with 50% co-financing) will be supported. Activity A – provision of R&D services for companies – was not recommended for funding. The application will be revised and resubmitted if a relevant call is announced.

For information.**1.10 OP JAK – Research Environment**

The OP JAK project proposal titled “Support for the Development of a Diversified Excellent Research Environment at TBU in Zlín” received 86 out of a possible 105 points in the substantive evaluation. The threshold for supported projects was ultimately set at 87 points. The point deduction by the evaluator reflected a subjective assessment; however, no procedural errors were identified on the part of the managing authority during the evaluation process. Given the high likelihood that an appeal would be rejected as unsubstantiated, the TBU management has decided not to file an appeal in this matter.

For information.**1.11 OP JAK – Returns**

The application phase of the OP JAK “Returns” call has been concluded. The objective of this call is to ensure that career interruptions due to maternity/parental leave, long-term illness, or long-term care for a child or a close person do not result in the termination or significant slowing down of the professional development of researchers with high potential for qualified employment.

Under this call, UNI/CPS prepared and submitted an independent project proposal on behalf of TBU on 30 April 2025. This represents an excellent opportunity for the development of human resources. The MEYS allocated CZK 1.3 billion for this call, while the submitted applications (30 in total) requested CZK 1.635 billion. The project proposal has successfully passed the formal evaluation and proceeded to the next stage – the substantive evaluation.

R: dr. Mrlík, prof. Sedlařík

1.12 ERDF kvalita – Modernization of Infrastructure and Better Academic Tools (MILAN)

The project was approved to start on January 1, 2025, with the UNI/CPS budget (CZK 6,269,116.44) not being reduced by the provider. The planned procurement period is from March to August 2025. The following six devices are planned to be purchased:

- a) An instrument for measuring specific surface area, pore size distribution analysis, and gas/vapor adsorption studies
- b) A device for measuring absorbance, fluorescence, and luminescence using monochromator-based microplate readers for determining viable cell concentrations and distinguishing live, dead, or non-metabolizing cells
- c) A reactor and cell setup for photocatalysis – classroom for multiplatform application development
- d) A lock-in amplifier for analyzing highly noisy signals and noise analysis
- e) A cutting mill
- f) Cryogenic mill

For information.**1.13 Cirkular Economy R&D Centre**

As of April 1, 2025, staff appointments for the CirkArena project have begun. This is a research and development center focused on the circular economy, bringing together innovation teams and capacities with

the ambition to integrate its facilities in Třinec into the system of national reference laboratories. The main areas of focus include construction waste recycling, waste streams specific to the Moravian-Silesian Region (e.g., vehicle dismantling – involving the research area Rubber Technology), and biowaste (TBU will be involved in two of three planned activities, through the Environmental Technologies and Nanomaterials and Advanced Technologies research areas). To finance the project's sustainability, UNI plans to gradually build a dedicated fund.

For information.

1.14 Sustainability

It is necessary to collect information regarding qualification theses, projects, or other activities and contributions focused on sustainability. Dr. Moučka has called on the research area guarantors at CPS and the principal investigators of relevant projects at UNI to submit annotations for such projects by May 7, 2025. As part of the sustainability agenda, the rectorate has allocated an amount of CZK 80,000 for the implementation of ESG measures. Dr. Moučka proposed the creation of a relaxation zone on the terrace of building U17, which has been approved by the fire safety and occupational health technician and the building manager. A discussion took place regarding equipment to protect against wind. Preparation of user rules is also planned.

R: dr. Moučka

1.15 Purchases

A review of fund utilization across individual projects has taken place. Ing. Vymazalová pointed out that some projects have not yet begun utilizing their allocated funds.

Due to administrative procedures, it is recommended that purchases from external grants with an annual budget be completed no later than September 30, 2025.

Within the DNS system, a tender for the purchase of common chemicals has been processed and completed — the expected delivery time is approximately 5 weeks (by June 17, 2025). Prof. Kuřitka expressed his thanks for the administration.

For information.

1.16 Projects concluding during the year

Ing. Vymazalová drew attention to the budget spending of projects that are scheduled to conclude during the year: Trend (prof. Sedláček), Celise, STORies, TwinVECTOR, Qatar, M.Era (Assoc. prof. Stoček), Environment for Life (prof. Sedlařík), and Danube Cooperation (prof. Vilčáková).

For information.

1.17 Project POCEK

A coordination meeting regarding the project implementation was held. The end of the first monitoring period is set for 30 June 2025; subsequently, the Progress Report (ZoR) and Request for Payment (ŽoP) will be submitted.

For information.

1.18 Personal Protective Equipment

If any employee is missing personal protective equipment or has equipment in unsatisfactory condition, this information must be sent to: sedlackova@utb.cz. Discussions are currently underway to establish a centralized process for the upcoming period.

For information.

1.19 Business Trips

We remind all staff to strictly follow the procedures when undertaking business trips. Each trip must be approved in advance by the relevant supervisor, financial officer, and budget administrator. Before booking accommodation or flights, it is necessary to resolve all procurement requirements from public funds in compliance with internal regulations.

For information.

1.20 Instrument Logs

All users are reminded to comply with the obligation to record usage in the instrument logs. In the event of any damage, it must be reported immediately to the responsible person and to Ing. Josefíková so that corrective actions can be initiated without delay.

For information.

1.21 Email Accounts upon Termination of Employment or Interruption of Studies

Directive SR/5/2025 states that upon termination of employment, access to the email account will be automatically blocked the following day, and the account will be deleted after 60 days. Prof. Humpolíček emphasized that this also applies to students who interrupt their studies.

For information.

1.22 Improving towing efficiency

Prof. Sedláček requested measures to enhance the efficiency of air extraction in the mixing room. Ing. Josefíková informed that during the summer, part of the ventilation system for the fume hood exhaust in laboratories L321–L327, 070, and L449 will be replaced. Ing. Latečka pointed out insufficient exhaust performance in laboratory 130.

For information.

1.23 Access to Laboratories

Please note that access to the laboratory floors should be made via the main corridor, not through the changing rooms. Door closers will be installed on the changing room doors.

For information.

1.24 Contract Circulation

Dr. Pechancová raised a question regarding the administrative process of contract conclusion. To speed up the process, it is possible to address the substantive content of the contract directly with the Legal Department (copying Ing. Josefíková).

For information.

1.25 Acknowledgement

Prof. Sedláček expressed his gratitude to dr. Moučka and dr. Mrlík for providing immediate assistance and calling emergency services for a student in need.

For information.

Item 2. Educational Section

2.1 Amendment to the Higher Education Act

An amendment to the Higher Education Act has been approved, under which, from September 1, 2025, PhD students in full-time study programs at TBU will receive increased stipends so that their total countable income reaches at least 1.2 times the minimum wage. In this context, an interpretation by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) is expected, clarifying whether stipends can also be paid from DK RVO or SVV sources..

In connection with the above, an internal regulation on the rules for PhD admissions and regular evaluations will be developed in cooperation with doctoral program guarantors. Discussions are currently underway on the basic concept for restructuring doctoral studies. The aim is to create support tools for students while also defining the conditions under which TBU may terminate a student's study.

At the vice-deans' meeting, the issue of tuition fees for foreign students was discussed. Individual faculties are expected to submit their position on this matter by the end of April 2025. UNI plans to set the tuition fees for foreign students equivalent to the financial contribution TBU receives for Czech students.

For information.

2.2 New Vocational Secondary School Program: Shoemaker and Plastics Technician

In 2025, in cooperation with FRC and ČOKA, a new secondary school study program with a high school diploma titled Shoemaker and Plastics Technician will be launched at the Secondary Industrial School of Polytechnics – Vocational Training Center in Zlín. A regional information campaign is currently underway, and 30 applications have been submitted so far.

For information.

2.3 Current Numbers of PhD Students at CPS

Current numbers of students enrolled in doctoral programs conducted at CPS:

Biomaterials and Biocomposites: 22 students

Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials: 19 students

For information.

2.4 Self-Assessment Report

The guarantor of the doctoral study programs DSP Nanotechnologies and Advanced Materials (P0719D130001) and DSP Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials (P0719D130002) was requested to prepare a self-evaluation report for the purposes of the NAÚ and RVH TBU audits. Prof. Ing. Jiří Mlček, Ph.D. was appointed as the rapporteur for the internal evaluation.

R: prof. Kuřitka, Ing. Studený

T: June 27, 2025

2.5 Government Scholarship Holders

UNI submitted the documentation to the International Office of TBU for the implementation of the Government Development Scholarship Program in the academic year 2026/2027, specifically for doctoral study programs conducted at CPS in English.

For information.

2.6 Green Deal

As part of the project Support for Green Skills and Sustainability at TBU in Zlín, the preparation of the continuing education course (CŽV) is being finalized. The course will be priced, and subsequently, an application will be prepared for the RVH autumn session.

For information.

2.7 Letní škola pedagogických kompetencí

The Faculty of Humanities (FHS) will organize a free workshop focused on pedagogical competencies and teaching skills, lesson planning, teaching aids, technologies and tools to support instruction, and more, from 25 to 29 August 2025. Further information is provided in the attachment (P1).

For information.

Item 3. Personnel Section

3.1 Recruitment Procedures

Currently, four selection procedures are open at UNI/CPS for the positions of research staff (male/female). More information is available on the website: <https://kariera.utb.cz/>.

For information.

3.2 Flexi Amendment

The amendment to the Labour Code, known as the Flexi Amendment, will come into effect on 1 June 2025.

Notice Period:

- Starts from the day the notice is given and ends on the day with the same calendar date in the following month(s).
- Minimum notice period is 2 months, or 1 month in cases of:

- Failure to meet work requirements, including unsatisfactory work performance
- Repeated serious breaches of work duties
- Breach of obligations arising from legal regulations related to the employee's work in an especially serious manner

It is prohibited to require confidentiality regarding salary.

Persons employed under agreements who will work with hazardous chemical substances and mixtures (NCHLS) are required to undergo an initial medical examination. Originally, this requirement was to be abolished as of 1 July 2025; however, the legislation is currently blocked in the Chamber of Deputies. Individuals requesting to conclude such agreements will be contacted by Ing. Dostálová.

For information.

3.3 Creativity, Intelligence & Talent pro the Zlín Region

Support for registered and approved candidates is ongoing in 2025 in accordance with the established rules. The current program will end at the close of 2025. TBU intends to seek renewal of the program for subsequent years, with the Governor of the Zlín Region also expressing support for this initiative. The final decision will be made by the vote of the Zlín Regional Council. A discussion took place regarding the realistic number of postdoctoral researchers outside TBU who could be included in the program, as well as their subsequent financing beyond the grant provided by the Zlín Region from other UNI/CPS sources. For this purpose, documentation concerning multi-source funding of the current postdoctoral researchers involved in the ongoing program will be prepared.

For information.

3.4 Agreements on Work Performed Outside Employment (DPP)

As of January 1, 2025, the non-taxable limit for insurance contributions under DPP agreements has been increased to CZK 11,499.

It still applies that if an employee works 80 hours or more, they become entitled to vacation leave.

For information.

3.5 Personal Bonuses from RP Funds

Personal bonuses for employees under the Research Program (RP) will be extended under the same conditions until 31 October 2025. This extension is intended to better align the timing with the IS HAP system and the newly issued Rector's Directive No. 10/2025 (see also item 3.7).

For information.

3.6 Personnel Changes

As of 13 June 2025, Jasmin Shamshoddin Shaikh, Ph.D., will commence work in the research area of Energy and Composite Materials at CPS.

For information.

3.7 Issuance of Directive SR/10/2025 on Evaluation of Academic and Research Staff

Effective April 1, 2025, Directive SR/10/2025 on the evaluation of academic and research staff was issued. Internal regulations of departments should be aligned or created within four months of the directive's effective date.

For information.

Item 4. Creative Activities section

4.1 Reporting Results in OBD

Creative activity results for 2024 have been entered into the OBD system and will now be submitted to the RIV.

For information.

4.2 Collection of Outputs for Module 1

After the discussion, the results for representation in Module 1 were selected and appropriately justified.

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R: dr. Vícha

4.3 TACR project TK05020019

Regarding project TK05020019 titled Development of LiFePO₄ Rechargeable Batteries for Stationary Applications, for which TBU is the principal recipient, it has been discovered that insolvency proceedings have been initiated against the co-recipient, EnergyCloud, a.s. TBU has submitted a statement to the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TACR) with a proposed solution. The next steps depend on the decision of the funding provider. Funds disbursed to the co-recipient will become a receivable of TBU.

For information.

4.4 IGA Projects

In connection with the amendment to the Higher Education Act, it will be necessary to verify whether the activities of individual students within projects are related to their dissertation work. This is required due to the linkage with doctoral student funding effective from 1 September 2025. For currently ongoing projects, an increase in the budget for each project is planned within the operating expenses item by CZK 10,000 per doctoral student. Ing. Josefíková will calculate the exact amount, after which the IGA committee will convene.

For information.

4.5 Directive Updates

CTT, in cooperation with the Economic Department and the Legal Department of TBU, has prepared a proposal for an update to the Rector's Directive SR/39/2023, "Internal Fund for Supporting Innovation Activities," and, in collaboration with the Legal Department, a proposal for updating SR/9/2024, "Use and Protection of Intellectual Property Rights Arising in Connection with the Creative Activities of Employees and Students of TBU in Zlín." The proposals for the updates are awaiting final approval. The proposal for the update to SR/9/2024 also includes the recordkeeping and management of intellectual property, as well as non-protected research and development results, including the reporting of required data and information to OBD. The proposal for the update to SR/39/2023 has removed most abbreviations, simplified the directive, removed the annex, and included a verbal addition, especially to the article concerning the Purpose and Rules for the Use of the Innovation Fund.

For information.

4.6 International Evaluation Panel

A site visit by evaluators took place at the UNI on 14 May 2025 from 2:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Several employees and students also participated in this meeting. Additionally, a brief tour of the technology hall was conducted. The UNI management expresses its gratitude to all participating employees for their approach to the evaluation. The final evaluation results are expected to be available in October 2025. However, the MEYS has maintained TBU's classification in category C for Modules M1 and M2, which, when considering the arithmetic average of these modules with the MEP results, offers little hope for an overall advancement of the university to the higher Category B.

For information.

4.7 HR Award (Capacity Development for R&D at TBU)

As part of the HR Award defense, the self-assessment report was approved. The one-day site visit by evaluators from the European Commission is scheduled for 22 September 2025. For this meeting, employees and students meeting the required categories defined by the evaluators were identified by the working group that met on 15 May 2025, and these individuals will participate in the site visit. The implementation of internal regulations at UNI/CPS related to this award will be presented not only to these participants but also more broadly.

For information.

4.8 Research Data Management

In cooperation with the university library, a system for storing research data is being developed, not only for data management plan purposes. Each research direction will have an assigned data steward, and data will preferably be stored in Zenodo. An internal CPS storage system directly connected to lab equipment is also being discussed.

For information.

4.9 Project Sustainable Leather production

A consortium is being established for the Sustainable Leather Production project involving the Czech Republic, Greece, Poland, Botswana, and Zimbabwe. The project will focus on establishing training units for leather processing.

For information.

4.10 Submitted Project Proposals

MoA Země II – Five co-applicant project proposals have been submitted from the research area of Environmental Technologies.

MEYS Mobility Czech Republic – France – One project proposal has been submitted from the research area of Rubber Technologies.

TACR NCK PolyEnvi – Three sub-projects from the research area of Environmental Technologies have been accepted for implementation.

For information.

4.11 New Project Proposals

When planning to submit a new project, please inform the research area guarantor, UNI director, CPS director, and financial officer. Project topics must align with UNI's strategy for the relevant research area.

In the case of submitting a project application within EU calls, where a university's Participant Identification Code (PIC) from an institution other than TBU is used/mentioned, it is necessary to inform the Director of UNI and simultaneously the Office of the Vice-Rector for Creative Activities. Send all project-related information (decision on approval, contracts, amendments) to: ekonom@uni.utb.cz, where they will be handled by Ing. Josefíková, Ing. Vymazalová, and Ing. Dostálová. Always include the full tender documentation with project proposals. All projects must be registered in the GAP system. Under the "team" tab, include the names of all individuals involved in drafting the proposal (100%) – this does not refer to the final project team. Detailed information and public calls for R&D projects are available at:

www.vyzkum.cz;

<http://www.msmt.cz/mezinarodni-vztahy/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-1/verejne-souteze-a-vyzvy-ve-vavai>;

<http://www.utb.cz/veda-a-vyzkum/aktualni-vyzvy>

<https://www.agentura-api.org/cs/radce/vsechny-vyzvy/>

Ongoing.

4.12 Interim Reports on RP Projects for 2024

Based on a necessary request from the UNI management, the Rector of TBU approved all Research Program (RP) projects currently conducted at UNI and CPS for funding from the resources allocated for the long-term conceptual development of the research organization for the year 2025.

For information.

4.13 Innovative Company of the Zlín Region

If anyone is collaborating with a company that deserves a nomination in the competition Innovative Company of the Zlín Region, please submit this information to the Director of UNI by 11 June 2025.

For information.

Item 5. Internationalization

5.1 Memorandums with Foreign Institutions

Based on the POKROK project, 6 new collaborations with foreign institutions will be established as part of Activity 6, confirmed through signed memorandums. Dr. Urbánek, as the internationalization specialist in the project, will provide information about this activity to Dr. Mrlík to keep track of it in the internationalization area.

R: dr. Urbánek

5.2 Mobility Registration

All incoming interns must be reported in advance to Ing. Studený. Arrivals and guest lectures by UNI/CPS staff must be recorded for the needs of Module M3.

R: Ing. Studený

5.3 Registration of Foreign Partners at UNI/CPS

Given the expansion of international collaboration at UNI/CPS in recent years, it is necessary to update the list of foreign partners.

R: dr. Mrlík

5.4 Erasmus+ KA171.

A part of the project application under KA171 for the Asia-Philippines region was submitted by UNI/CPS, and a complete application for TBU has been sent to the provider by the International Department of the Rector's Office. The expected evaluation deadline is June 2025.

For information.

5.5 MSCA

An online workshop organized by the Technology Centre (TC) on the topic *How to Prepare a Competitive Project Proposal for the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025 Call* will take place on 3–4 June 2025. Participants who attend the workshop and intend to submit a project proposal under this call will be able to use the TC's proposal review service free of charge before submission.

For information.

5.6 Fulbright Program Scholarships

Currently, calls for applications for Fulbright Program scholarships are open for students, researchers, and lecturers for stays in the USA during the 2026/2027 academic year. More detailed information about the individual categories can be found in the attachment to the Minutes or on the website: <https://fulbright.gov.cz/>.

For information.

5.7 Cooperation with Scientific Institutions in China

The Ministry of Education (MEYS) does not explicitly forbid cooperation with scientific institutions in China. However, it is not recommended, and it is important to review the list created by MEYS, which outlines institutions that have significant collaborations with the Chinese government. Cooperation with these institutions is discouraged. Institutions that do not follow this recommendation may face sanctions in terms of national and international grant applications. Collaboration with selected Chinese institutions may lead to the exclusion of submitted projects from competitions.

For information.

5.8 Prof. Foulger

Within the GAČR project, Prof. Vilčáková is hosting a research stay of Prof. Stephen H. Foulger from Clemson University, USA, from 9 June 2025 to 1 July 2025. It was recommended to prepare a news update for the website.

For information.

Item 6. Promotion Area

6.1 Third role

Assoc. prof. Stoček informed about the preparation of a free practical program focused on promoting rubber technology, targeting primary school pupils, secondary school students, and seniors. The program is planned to be offered starting September 2025. It is recommended to involve other research fields as well. The Nanomaterials research area already runs a similar program in the form of guided tours around the building. The Faculty of Management and Economics (FMK) operates Robota - clubs for children, offering a potential opportunity for collaboration.

For information.

6.2 Summer School within the TwinVECTOR project

From 15th to 19th September 2025, a summer school will take place at UNI/CPS as part of the TwinVECTOR project, titled "From Theory to Practice: Market-Driven Battery Energy Storage System Operation." The lecturers will be project partners from AIT Austrian Institute of Technology.

For information.

6.3 UNI Promotion

Any suggestions, comments, and updates for publication on the UNI – CPS, FRC, and CTT websites are welcome. Topics for media publications are also welcome. The pages can also be found on social media platforms such as CPS (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn) and FRC (Facebook, X). Mgr. Svěráková requested the submission of media-relevant outputs. In case of needing to pick up promotional materials from UNI/CPS for distribution to partners, it is necessary to arrange this (or inform in advance about the date) well in advance.

R: dr. Moučka, Mgr. Svěráková

6.4 Collaboration with Czech Television

Czech Television will produce a series of short popular science documentaries about prestigious and interesting European projects carried out at research centers in the Czech Republic. Project leaders of such initiatives can contact Mgr. Svěráková for dissemination of project results.

R: Mgr. Svěráková

6.5 K 2025 Fair in Düsseldorf

UNI/CPS will participate in the K 2025 fair in Düsseldorf, focusing on the plastics and rubber industry. The fair will take place from 9th to 15th October 2025. This is an important area for the promotion of UNI/CPS, which is crucial for current projects, as well as an opportunity to create partnerships for future projects and contractual research orders. Dr. Moučka has requested the involvement of all research directions in the presentation.

R: dr. Moučka

6.6 Science Fair

The Science Fair took place in Prague from 5 to 7 June 2025, during which the activities carried out at UNI/CPS were presented to the general public.

For information.

6.7 Book Don't Forget Your Legs

UTB employees can take advantage of a 36% discount on the book *"Don't Forget Your Legs"*. For more information: <https://www.utb.cz/zamestnanec/zamestnanecke-benefit/slevy/sleva-v-host-vydavatelstvi-na-knihu-nezapomen-na-nohy/>

For information.

6.8 Celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of Tomáš Baťa's Birth

In April 2026, celebrations will be held for the 150th anniversary of Tomáš Baťa's birth.

For information.**6.9 CTT Activities**

CTT will participate on 13 June 2025 in the Meeting of Mayors and Deputy Mayors of the Zlín Region, upon invitation from the First Deputy Governor. The primary purpose is to enhance cooperation with local practice in the Zlín Region and collaboration with Technologické inovační centrum s.r.o. Zlín.

On 5 June 2025, the 36th Meeting of Directors of Science and Technology Parks in the Czech Republic took place in Dobřany. The event was organized by the Association of Science and Technology Parks of the Czech Republic in cooperation with the Science and Technology Park COMTES FHT a.s. Dobřany. CTT's participation was authorized by the Director of UNI.

During the meeting, presentations were given on the projects CPS, POCEK, PolyEnvi21, OPTAK, and CirkArena. A news update from the meeting will be posted on the News section of the University Institute website.

For information.**6.10 Pre-Holiday Walk of UNI/CPS**

On 17 June 2025, the regular pre-holiday walk of UNI/CPS will take place, this time ending at the U Staňků restaurant in Kostelec. Please confirm your attendance by 12 June 2025 via email to sedlackova@utb.cz.

For information.**6.11 Shared Calendar**

A CPS calendar has been prepared and shared in the Outlook application.

For information.**6.12 CPS Infopoint**

A CPS Infopoint team has been established within MS Teams, serving as an intranet where all important information can be found.

For information.**6.13 CPS Advisory Board**

The CPS Advisory Board will take place on Monday, 16 June 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

For information.**6.14 website CPS**

The research direction leaders have been asked to submit text for the purpose of creating a profile on the CPS website.

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6.15 Schedule for Regular Website Updates for UNI – CPS, FRC, and CTT

Month	Research area
June 2025	Materials and Technologies for Energy Storage
July 2025	Technology Transfer Center
August 2025	Nanomaterials and Advanced Technologies
September 2025	Footwear Research Centre
October 2025	Environmental Technologies
November 2025	Polymer Processing
Decemeber 2025	Biomaterials

Attachments

P1 – Invitation

P2 – Fulbright program

Next meeting date: June 25, 2025

Date: June 11, 2025

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