

# UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11/2025

**Date:** September 10, 2025 at 9:00 am in room no. A508/U17

Present: prof. Ing. Michal Sedlačík, Ph.D., prof. Ing. Vladimír Sedlařík, Ph.D., prof. Ing. Petr Sáha,

CSc., dr. h. c., prof. Ing. et Ing. Ivo Kuřitka, Ph.D. et Ph.D., Ing. Robert Moučka, Ph.D., Ing. Tomáš Plachý, Ph.D., Ing. Viera Pechancová, Ph.D., Ing. Pavel Urbánek, Ph.D., Ing. Ivana Bartoníková, Ing. Filip Latečka, Ing. Jana Josefiková, Ing. Martina Dostálová, Ing. Alena Vymazalová, Ing. Michal Studený, Mgr. Petra Svěráková, Mgr. Monika Kasálková Primasová,

Ing. Klára Sedláčková

**Excused:** prof. Ing. Petr Humpolíček, Ph.D., prof. Ing. Tomáš Sedláček, Ph.D., Assoc. prof. Dr. Ing.

Radek Stoček, Ing. Miroslav Mrlík, Ph.D., Ing. Tomáš Sáha, Ph.D., Mgr. Jan Vícha, Ph.D.,

Mgr. Kamila Fabiánová, Ing. Andrea Kráčalová, Ing. Petr Večeře

# Item 1. Economic and operational section

# 1.1 Update of the TBU Salary Regulations in Zlín

The amendment of the TBU Salary Regulations, which should include an increase in salary tariff components and a systematization of technical/administrative positions, will become effective after registration with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS), at the earliest on 01. 01. 2026. Negotiations between the TBU management and the management of individual units have already commenced.

By the Rector's directive, TBU plans to pay out the planned increase for individual employee categories retroactively from 01. 07. 2025 in the form of a 14th salary (paid with the November 2025 payroll), in addition to regularly paid bonuses.

For information.

# 1.2 Representation of UNI/CPS in the Academic Senate of TBU in Zlín

On 15. 07. 2025 and 22. 07. 2025, extraordinary sessions of the AS TBU were held to discuss and approve changes to TBU internal regulations connected with the amendment of the Higher Education Act.

On 16/09/2025, an extraordinary AS TBU session will take place for the purpose of registering the Study and Examination Regulations with MEYS.

At the next regular AS TBU session on 09/30/2025, the Annual Financial Report of the University Institute for 2024 will be discussed, and deliberations on the restructuring of the University Institute will commence, based on the previously presented concept, including the submission of a new Statute.

Furthermore, through the Rector, the Director of UNI has submitted a request for TBU's participation via UNI/CPS in the European Batteries Europe Partnership Association (BEPA) platform (https://bepassociation.eu/), specifically within Batt4EU, and in the technological platform CirkArena z.s. (https://cirkarena.cz/technologicka-platforma/). Both memberships are expected to enhance the university's prestige in research areas relevant to UNI/CPS.

# For information.

# 1.6 Review of Building Conditions

• On 09. 07. 2025 (building U11) and 24. 07. 2025 (building U17), occupational safety and fire prevention inspections were carried out. A key outcome was the necessity of regularly reminding employees to switch on the laboratory water supply upon arrival and switch it off at the end of the day, as safety eye showers are locally connected to this water line. Another outcome is the requirement to perform regular checks of the tightness of gas cylinders in laboratories and record these in the designated form. Functional checks of eye showers and cylinder tightness must be conducted monthly by the persons responsible for each laboratory.

- Reminder: building U17 is electronically locked at 10:00 pm. Anyone wishing to remain in the building afterward must obtain supervisor approval, register at reception, and not stay alone in the laboratory for safety reasons.
- During the limited summer operation, malicious code attacked key university information systems. Thanks
  to timely backups, no data was lost or stolen. Cybersecurity Committee recommendations: (i) use VPN
  instead of Remote Desktop when working from home, (ii) change passwords regularly, (iii) make offline
  backups (not on permanently connected external drives). More info: <a href="https://www.utb.cz/kyberneticka-bezpecnost/zaklady-kyberneticke-bezpecnost/">https://www.utb.cz/kyberneticka-bezpecnost/</a>/
- On 9.10.2025 at 1:00 pm in room 136/U17, mandatory occupational safety and fire protection training will be held. A substitute session is scheduled for 25. 09. 2025 for those unable to attend the first one.
- On 23. 09. 2025 at 9:00 am, regular safety training will be held at U11.
- Work on the pyrolysis unit in the pilot hall is ongoing—pilot tests have been completed, and connection to the diesel generator and local exhaust is being resolved.

#### For information.

# 1.4 OP JAK – Návraty

The independent project proposal of UNI/CPS within the OP JAK "Návraty" call successfully passed substantive evaluation and the project selection stage. The project aims to ensure that career interruptions due to maternity/parental leave, long-term illness, or long-term care responsibilities do not lead to career termination or significant slowdown of professional development of high-potential researchers. Eligible project costs: CZK 42.95 million. Project PI: Prof. Sedlačík.

# For information.

# **1.5 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.

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

The project was approved for implementation starting 01. 01. 2025. The budget for UNI/CPS (CZK 6,269,116.44) was not reduced by the provider.

Planned equipment purchases:

- a) Instrument for measuring specific surface area, pore size distribution, and gas/vapor adsorption (tender completed, contract pending, contact: Prof. Kuřitka).
- b) Instrument for absorbance, fluorescence, and luminescence measurements in monochromator setup with microplates, for cell viability and live/dead assays (delivered, contact: Dr. Pištěková).
- c) Set of reactors and cells for photocatalysis classroom for multiplatform application development (tender completed, delivery pending, contacts: Dr. Cvek, Dr. Masař, Dr. Sotolářová).
- d) Lock-in amplifier for analysis of noisy signals (retendering, contact: Dr. Antoš).
- e) Cutting mill (delivered, contact: Dr. Novák) note: for biopolymers and biomass only, cannot be used for "black" samples due to contamination risk.
- f) Cryogenic milling (retendering, contact: Prof. Kuřitka).

### For information.

### 1.7 Purchases

Due to administrative requirements, external grant purchases with annual budgets should be completed by 09/30/2025 at the latest.

## For information.

# 1.8 Projects Ending During the Year



Ing. Vymazalová reminded attendees to monitor spending of projects ending within the year: Celise, STORies, TwinVECTOR, Environment for Life – "Ecological Recycling of Biopolymers."

For information.

# 1.9 Personal Protective Equipment

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

For information.

# 1.10 Business Trips

UNI/CPS has a service car (VW Golf) available for business trips. Reservations: <a href="mailto:seedlackova@utb.cz">seedlackova@utb.cz</a>. The car is currently stationed at U13 but will be moved to U17 garage by year-end.

Reminder: all business trips must be pre-approved by the supervisor, budget holder, and financial officer. Accommodation/airfare purchases must comply with public procurement rules. A possible form for foreign business trip reports was discussed.

For information.

# 1.11 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. Josefiková so that corrective actions can be initiated without delay.

For information.

# 1.12 Improving towing efficiency

Prof. Sedláček requested measures to enhance the efficiency of air extraction in the mixing room. Ing. Josefíková informed that 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.** 

# 1.16 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.

#### 1.17 New Bursar

From 01. 10. 2025, Mgr. Petra Jungová, LLM, will assume the position of University Bursar.

For information.

# **1.18 Terrace U17**

Furniture has been purchased for terrace U17. Operating rules need to be prepared.

For information.

# 1.19 Discussion on Planned Organizational Changes

Prof. Sáha stressed that any restructuring must take into account all possible consequences, particularly for further development. A staff meeting will be convened in October for discussion.

For information.

### **Item 2. Educational Section**

#### 2.1 Amendment to the Higher Education Act

An amendment to the Higher Education Act was approved, under which, effective from 01. 09. 2025, doctoral stipends will be increased so that the total eligible income at TBU for full-time doctoral students will reach at



least 1.2 times the minimum wage. According to the interpretation of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS), it will be possible to pay stipends also from DK RVO funds.

In connection with the above, an internal regulation on the rules for admission and regular evaluation of doctoral students will be developed in cooperation with doctoral program guarantors. Negotiations are currently underway, and the basic concept of the changes to doctoral studies is being discussed. The aim is to create tools to support students, but also to define options for study termination by TBu.

Although the obligation to pay the guaranteed doctoral income applies only to students admitted after the amendment's effective date, the UNI/CPS management decided to apply this rule also to doctoral students admitted before that date, i.e., to all students.

For information.

# 2.2 Current Numbers of PhD Students at CPS

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

- Biomaterials and Biocomposites:
- Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials: 20

On 03. 07. 2025, entrance examinations for doctoral programs at CPS were held. Three students were admitted to the Czech program and one to the English program.

Since the last UNI Colloquium (25. 06. 2025), the following students successfully defended their dissertations:

- Ing. Jaroslav Císař, Ph.D. (22. 08. 2025)
- M.Sc. Julian Niklas Rech, Ph.D. (22. 08. 2025)
- Ing. Kristýna Valášková, Ph.D. (04. 09. 2025)
- Ing. Leona Mahelová, Ph.D. (04. 09. 2025)

Congratulations to them!

On 17. 09. 2025, the dissertation defense of Adam Challa Aberry will take place.

For information.

#### 2.3 Tuition Fees

A change in tuition fees for part-time doctoral students in programs taught in English is currently under discussion. It is expected that they will only cover a fee corresponding to necessary administrative costs based on a qualified estimate. It has been preliminarily promised that the amount will be lower than the current tuition fee for full-time doctoral students in English.

For information.

# 2.4 Self-Evaluation Report

The self-evaluation reports of the doctoral programs Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials (P0719D130001) and Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials (English version, P0719D130002) will be discussed at the UTB Research Board meeting on 16. 09. 2025.

R: Prof. Kuřitka, Ing. Studený

### 2.5 Student Evaluation

It is necessary to immediately initiate the process of doctoral student evaluation.

R: Ing. Studený

# 2.6 Program Board – Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials

The program board meeting for the doctoral program Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials will take place on 10/03/2025.

For information.

# 2.7 Disciplinary Committee

The composition of the UTB Disciplinary Committee for doctoral programs implemented at CPS has been updated. Current members:

• doc. Víchová

# Tomas Bata University in Zlín University Institute

- Dr. Pištěková
- Dr. Ševčík
- Ing. Hrbáček
- Ing. Polášková
- Ing. Srnec

# For information.

# 2.8 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.

#### 2.9 Green Deal

As part of the project Support for Green Skills and Sustainability at TBU in Zlín, the TBU Research Board meeting on 16. 09. 2025 will discuss the intention to implement at UNI/CPS a lifelong learning course titled Ecological Approaches to Materials and Technologies, with guarantors Prof. Kuřitka and Prof. Sedlařík. **R: Prof. Kuřitka** 

#### 2. 10 External Members

In the case of participation of external members in committees for the state doctoral examination or the defense of a doctoral thesis, it is necessary to notify Ing. Dostálová well in advance to arrange a Contract for Work:

- 2 months before the state doctoral examination,
- 5 weeks before the doctoral thesis defense.

### For information.

#### **2.11 STAG**

Ing. Dostálová emphasized the importance of consistency between data in the STAG information system and the actual teaching situation, i.e., timely and regular submission of information by UNI academic staff.

# For information.

### **Item 3. Personnel Section**

# 3.1 New Internal Regulations of UNI

In the coming days, UNI will issue internal regulations concerning the evaluation of academic and research staff at UNI/CPS. Specifically, these are:

Director's Guideline of UNI titled "Evaluation and Development Management of Teaching, Creative, Managerial, and Other Activities of Academic and Research Staff of the University Institute of Tomas Bata University in Zlín." In accordance with Rector's Directive No. 10/2025, this document additionally specifies evaluation activities relevant specifically to UNI/CPS. A key change is a significant increase in work points awarded for supplementary activity contracts/contract research, differentiated according to the invoiced amount. The range of evaluated activities in the category of other activities has also been expanded.

Director's Directive of UNI titled "Rules for Determining Personal Bonuses and Rewards for Academic and Research Staff." This directive describes in detail the process of staff evaluation at UNI. It clearly and explicitly sets out the criteria for assigning staff to individual performance categories, with respect to personal evaluations of employees included in development projects at UNI/CPS.

Both internal regulations were discussed with the TBU Legal Department and with the trade union organizations operating at TBU, with the aim of ensuring transparent staff evaluation in line with HR principles.

### For information.



### 3.2 Recruitment Procedures

Currently, UNI is conducting the evaluation of the selection procedure for the position of Project Manager. In addition, a selection procedure has been announced for a Researcher in the field of Biomaterials at CPS. More information is available on the website: <a href="https://kariera.utb.cz/">https://kariera.utb.cz/</a>.

### For information.

# 3.3 Personnel Changes

As of 19. 09. 2025, Associate Professor of UTB doc. Ing. Natalia Kazantseva, CSc., will terminate her employment.

As of 31. 10. 2025, Mgr. Kamila Fabiánová will terminate her employment.

### For information.

### 3.4 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:
  - o Failure to meet work requirements, including unsatisfactory work performance
  - Repeated serious breaches of work duties
  - o 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.

# 3.5 Changes Regarding Employees

We remind employees to notify their employer within 8 days of any change in their **health insurance provider** or **pension company**, if they have an employer-contributed pension insurance or supplementary pension savings. Changes can be reported to Ing. Dostálová, who will forward the information accordingly.

# For information.

### 3.6 Creativity, Inteligence & Talent pro the Zlín Region

In 2025, support for registered and approved candidates is being carried out in accordance with the rules.

On 06/26/2025, with regard to promoting excellence in research by young scientists, the Director of UNI announced a call to support doctoral students at TBU within the framework of the program "Creativity, Intelligence & Talent for the Zlín Region" for 2025. A total of 11 doctoral students applied, of whom the evaluation committee selected 6 students who will receive an increased monthly stipend during the period 09/2025 - 12/2025. Congratulations to the selected students!

The mentioned CIT program for the Zlín Region will end at the close of 2025. TBU is actively working toward renewing the program for subsequent years and expanding it, e.g., to include research sabbaticals. A discussion was held regarding the realistic number of postdoctoral researchers outside TBU who could be involved in this program, as well as their subsequent financing beyond the Zlín Region's grant from other UNI/CPS resources. For this purpose, an analysis of multi-source financing of the current postdoctoral researchers involved in the ongoing program was prepared and submitted to the Rectorate.

The Rector does not recommend European projects and OP JAK as co-funding sources.

# For information.



# **Item 4. Creative Activites section**

### **4.1 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.

# **4.2 IGA Projects**

For currently ongoing projects, the budget for each project has been increased within the category of operating costs by CZK 10,000 per doctoral student. In addition, the budget was increased for projects that, as of 06/01/2025, had used more than 50% of their operating costs.

Changes to IGA projects can be made until 30. 09. 2025. After this date, requests cannot be accommodated due to the necessity of fully utilizing the planned budgets of individual projects (uncertain SVV budget item in the chapter on university budgets for 2026).

At the end of this year, the IGA conference will again take place for individual teams, with participation and placement rewarded in the form of scholarships.

#### For information.

# 4.3 HR Award (Research and Development Capacities Development at TBU in Zlín)

Within the framework of the HR Award defense, the self-assessment report was approved. The date for the one-day site visit by evaluators from the European Commission is scheduled for 22. 09. 2025. The project working group met on 02. 09. 2025, during which the content and itinerary of the site visit were harmonized. For those participating in the site visit within the evaluator-required staff categories, the implementation of internal regulations at UNI/CPS associated with this award will be presented on 11. 09. 2025. The next step in implementing the HR Award principles will be the previously discussed reorganization of UNI, which will lead to the formalization of processes within the university regulations, where transparent processes will also contribute to greater autonomy in personnel management.

# For information.

# 4.4 Collaboration with Yonder

On 22. 07. 2025, representatives of Yonder Materials, based in Seattle (USA), visited UTB and UNI/CPS. The company focuses on developing unique technology for discovering new materials by combining artificial intelligence with automated laboratories, with a focus on electrochemistry. A confidentiality agreement is currently being prepared.

# For information.

### 4.5 POCEK Project

On 09. 09. 2025, comments on the POCEK Project Monitoring Report were received. The deadline for submitting supporting documents is 24. 09. 2025. Work is currently underway on the establishment of the Industrial Board for the POCEK project.

# For information.

### **4.6 IS HAP**

Data collection for the IS HAP system is currently being finalized. Next week, the system will be accessible to staff for verification. Evaluation will be carried out according to SR/7/2022. Subsequent setup of career plans will follow the new directive SR/10/2025, and this evaluation will then be linked to the establishment of financial personal compensation.

# For information.



# 4.7 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 Office Vice-Rector UNI and simultaneously the of the for Creative Send all project-related information (decision on approval, contracts, amendments) to: ekonom@uni.utb.cz, where they will be handled by Ing. Josefiková, 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.

Submitted project proposals since the last meeting:

Horizon (3×), MŠMT Inter Excellence (3×), TAČR Environment for Life (2×), ERC (2×), Erasmus (1×). Currently ongoing projects:

- TAČR Sigma Applied Research Centers (Prof. Sedlařík, coordinated by FaME)
- EU Horizon MSCA (Prof. Kuřitka)
- EU Horizon Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (HORIZON-JU-CBE-2025) (Prof. Sedlařík)

Current calls include, among others:

- TAČR THETA 2, 3rd public competition (application deadline: 15. 10. 2025)
- TAČR TREND PP 1, 13th public competition (application deadline: 26. 11. 2025)

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-vyzyy-ve-vavai;

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

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

Ongoing.

# 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**

Al 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 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: <a href="https://fulbright.gov.cz/">https://fulbright.gov.cz/</a>. **For information.** 

# 5.5 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.

# **5.6 Memorandum of Cooperation**

A memorandum of cooperation with the Mongolian University of Science & Technology is currently in preparation.

For information.

### Item 6. Promotion Area

# 6.1 Researchers' Night

On 26 September 2025, Researchers' Night 2025 will take place at the CPS building with the theme "Wealth." More information is available at <a href="https://www.nocvedcu.cz/misto/534-centrum-polymernich-systemu">https://www.nocvedcu.cz/misto/534-centrum-polymernich-systemu</a>.

R: Dr. Moučka

Date: 26 September 2025

# **6.2 CPS Website**

The list of equipment on the CPS website needs to be updated.

R: Dr. Moučka

### 6.3 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.

# 6.4 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.

# **6.5 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



#### 6.6 Plastko

The traditional Plastko conference will take place in spring 2026. Prof. Sedlařík will handle communication with the Plastics Cluster, and subsequently a working group will be established to ensure its organization. **For information**.

# **6.7 TT Day**

Three technologies are currently registered for the TT Day competition (for CPS, Dr. Vícha).

For information.

### 6.8 Visit from LAB Finland

On 26 September 2025, a delegation from LAB University of Applied Sciences and LUT University will visit CPS.

For information.

### **6.9 Innovation Award**

The 30th annual Innovation Award for 2025, organized by the Czech Association of Innovative Entrepreneurship (of which TBU is a member), has been announced. The competition is open to new or significantly improved products introduced to the market in the last three years (products, technological processes, services) that are successfully implemented in practice. Evaluation criteria: Technical level of the product, originality of the solution, market position, environmental impact. Application deadline: 31 October 2025. TBU nominations: Educational illustrated book "Nezapomeň na nohy" (market launch 2023, IPR: copyrighted work and 2 community industrial designs) – HOST publishing, s.r.o. "New generation of anticorrosion pigments significantly enhancing protection of metal surfaces with emphasis on ecological and economically rational efficiency" (market launch 2023, IPR: functional samples and verified technology) – ROKOSPOL a.s.

For information.

### 6.10 European Sustainable Development Week

European Sustainable Development Week will be held at UTB from 22–26 September 2025. More information: https://www.utb.cz/etur/.

For information.

### 6.11 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.

#### 6.12 Shared Calendar

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

For information.

# **6.13 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.

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

Month	Research area
September 2025	Footwear Research Centre
October 2025	Environmental Technologies
November 2025	Polymer Processing
Decemeber 2025	Biomaterials

# Tomas Bata Universitγ in Zlín Universitγ Institute

# **6.15 Dates of UNI Board Meeting**

The UNI Board Meeting will take place every Wednesday in odd-numbered weeks. **For information.** 

Next meeting date: September 24, 2025 Date: September 10, 2025

Prepared by: Ing. Klára Sedláčková

Verified by: prof. Ing. Michal Sedlačík, Ph.D., m.p.