Moscow State University

III Congress "Innovative Practice: science plus business" was held at Lomonosov Moscow University on December 7. It was attended by members of government, the scientific community, representatives of business and potential employers. Congress was devoted to the problem of the scientific innovations in the XXI century and the introduction of new technologies into the national economy.

As well as last year, the Lomonosov Moscow State University led the national ranking of universities in 2016. Moscow University also came in third position in Times Higher Education BRICS & Emerging Economies University Rankings compiled by the Times Higher Education magazine. This rating based on 13 indicators and includes 300 universities.

Southeast University

Professor Yang Hong with his research group from School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Southeast University, has made substantial progress in macromolecule bionics. The bionic polymer material of plant tendrils has been developed and it is now possible to control the motion modes of the material through the change of light source. The article named "A plant tendril mimic soft actuator with phototunable bending and chiral twisting motion modes" has been recently published on Nature Communications journal.

Cairo University

Cairo University announced a call for research project applications in the fields related to the social development. The first stage of applied research projects in the fields of Energy, Food, Water Treatment, and Slums supported by EGP 5,000,000 fund has been started in December 2016. At the moment 15 researches received their contracts for the first stage and results are expected in 18 month – two years.

Recently, Shandong University introduced the scheme of discipline construction and reform. One highlight of this scheme is to invest 5 billion yuan in the university’s discipline construction during the following five years. The aim of this scheme is to place five disciplines of the university in the top 100 list of international mainstream discipline ranking, about 15 disciplines in the top 10 list of the Assessments of Ministry of Education, four in the top 1‰ of ESI and 8 in the 2‰ by the year 2020.
The German research community establishes new graduate colleges, amongst others one at the University Ulm. The college “Heterogeneity and Evolution in solid tumour: molecular characteristics and therapeutic consequences” will be supported by 4,79 Mio €. The research, led by Prof. Dr. Thomas Seufferlein (Medical Director of the Hospital for Internal Medicine), is focused on interdisciplinary cancer questions.

After being 24 years Head of the International Office at UUlm, Dr. Reinhard Lücker has retired in December 2016 and decided to become a visiting professor at the Southeast University in Nanjing for three years. He will support the International Office of SEU by organization of students’ stays in Germany. According to Dr. Lücker he is pleased about the opportunity to learn even more about Nanjing, which he already visited once a year during his job as Head of the International office, and hopes to learn Chinese at least a bit.

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