

CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS OF RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

IN STUDY YEAR 2022/2023

2022

September 1

In the presence of the President of Latvia *Egils Levits*, the reconstructed building of the Faculty of Civil Engineering (FCE) is solemnly opened in the Student Campus in *Ķīpsala*. In honour of RTU's 160th anniversary, State President *E. Levits* plants one of the 160 planned trees in *Ķīpsala*.

https://www.president.lv/lv/jaunums/valsts-prezidents-petnieciba-zalo-inovaciju-un-energetikas-virziena-ir-valsts-nacionalas-drosibas-jautajums?fbclid=IwAR1uomiEJjsnVLpD4UjjsGl_8GxVsrhCfu_DB5Whv4fiIBKo6U0_jpVAvic

The Minister of Education and Science, *Anita Muižniece*, is visiting RTU Engineering High School (EHS) on the Knowledge Day of the new academic year.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/ar-izglitibas-un-zinatnes-ministres-sveicienu-jauno-macibu-gadu-sak-rtu-inzenierzinatnu-vidusskolas-skoleni-un-pedagogi?fbclid=IwAR2AsNb0j566uotHhNVTYdcANFyj_IKDJ58k-u7sHI1sn6iu_tVvoDwAWao

September 2

The traditional meeting of RTU Rector Academician *Leonīds Ribickis* with RTU faculty and staff, at the beginning of the new academic year, takes place for the first time in the RTU Student Campus in *Ķīpsala*, in the *Domus auditorialis* hall, at 8 *Zunda* Embankment.

September 5

At the beginning of the new academic year, the RTU Calling Festival is held in the *Ķīpsala* colonnade.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/ar-dziesmam-un-dejam-iezvanisanas-svetkos-ievadits-rtu-jaunais-studiju-gads?fbclid=IwAR10CmtU_PUA7ZzJrWLFjEJ-icn_6imTQY3QsQ_uAY460oH5L_-1t13b6TqQ

September 5–9

In the presence of Latvian Ambassador to Italy *Solvita Āboltiņa*, Italian Ambassador Deputy to Latvia Luigi Giovinazzi, RTU Vice-Rector for Research *Tālis Juhna* and management representatives, the practical part of the International Summer School «Nonlinear Life. Edition 5» organized jointly by RTU and the University of Bergamo (*UniBg*) in Italy which takes place in the laboratories of the Student Campus in *Ķīpsala* is opened.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvijas-vestniece-italija-un-zinatnu-prorektors-atklaj-rtu-un-bergamo-universitates-vasaras-skolu-nonlinear-life?fbclid=IwAR2ch4ml1VHo5aMLEuUGd73YiUkPMWIqcNLEu0AbdMomgaDud3PmEJ9uB4>

September 7

RTU, together with other organizations involved in the start-up ecosystem of Latvia, signs a memorandum of cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, agreeing on closer cooperation and approving the strategy for the development of the start-up ecosystem in 2022–2025.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/vienojas-par-sadarbibu-jaunuznemumu-ekosistemas-attistisana>

The only 3D Concrete Printing Scientific Laboratory in the Baltics (FCE Institute of Materials and Structures) receives a gift from Ltd. «*Reaktīvs*» – a new equipment for the work of scientists and students – a mortar mixer/pump «*M-Tec Duo Mix*», which is used for concrete preparation and for printing.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-3d-betona-druksanas-laboratorijas-aprikojumu-papildina-sia-reaktivs-davinajums?fbclid=IwAR28f05cTZ3vSlErCWWJA0zaltbJ_DuVzqq-CJOaLLNXMFrnmWY6x8B4jo

September 12

In accordance with the new version of the Higher Education Law, RTU announces an open international competition for the position of rector. Applicants are invited to submit applications by 10 October.

<https://www.vestnesis.lv/op/2022/176.AKK1>

September 13–18

RTU EHS 12th grade pupil *Lukass Roberts Kellijs* wins the special prize «Naturalis Bioersivity Center» at the European Young Scientists Competition (EUCYS 2022), which takes place in Leiden, the Netherlands, and where 132 participants from 23 countries defend their scientific research works.

<https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/skolens-no-latvijas-izcinijis-balvu-eiropas-jauno-zinatnieku-konkursa?fbclid=IwAR3oKMxizqnyicTBUOU7VVudd5lgVUqYA9PA0Q23TQ9c1Y5XF5Yss--IRyY>

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September 15

Italian Ambassador to Latvia Alessandro Monti visits RTU to discuss the cooperation between RTU and the Italian Embassy in Latvia so far, outline the directions for further development and sign a Memorandum of Understanding on the provision and promotion of the Italian language course at RTU. In honour of RTU's 160th anniversary, the ambassador plants a tree in the RTU Student Campus in *Ķīpsala*.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/italijas-vestnieks-un-zinatnu-prorektors-paraksta-sadarbibas-ligumu-par-italu-valodas-apmacibu-rtu>

September 16

Confirming RTU's commitment to academic principles, RTU Rector Academician *Leonīds Ribickis* signs the renewed version of the Great University Charter (*Magna Charta Universitatum*) in Bologna.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-rektors-bolona-paraksta-lielas-universitasu-hartas-atjaunoto-versiju?fbclid=IwAR0klaUjZjhconDCKyBme7xrNI8KmcPdvXqYjk8QYAz1A5SucNPljnX5gHA>

September 21

In the «Origo» shopping centre, at 4 *Stacijas laukums*, on the 2nd floor of the new building, an interactive changing exhibition «*RTU un «Origo» nākotnes pietura*» (RTU and «Origo» Future Stop) opens, where one can get acquainted with the latest technological solutions and achievements of RTU students, engineers and scientists.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/atklas-nakotnes-pieturu>

September 22

Representatives of the science advisors of the European Union's foreign ministries and science diplomacy network are visiting *Ķīpsala*, visiting RTU laboratories and getting acquainted with the work of RTU scientists.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/eiropas-savienibas-zinatnes-diplomati-iepazistas-ar-petniecibu-rtu>

RTU in *Ķīpsala*, 16 *Zunda* Embankment, opens the Aeronautics House – the scientific research and teaching building of the Institute of Aeronautics of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Transport and Aeronautics (FMETA); where scientists and students will develop aeronautical technologies.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/svinigi-atklaj-rtu-aeronautikas-maju>

September 23

With the participation of the Minister of Education and Science, *Anita Muižniece*, in *Ķīpsala*, in the auditorium centre «*Domus Auditorialis*», a seminar «On the road to excellence» is held, in which RTU receives an award from the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) – a four-star rating «Recognized by EFQM» awarded by international experts, ranking the quality management system implemented by RTU among the most highly rated and better managed systems that comply with the EFQM model.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-jauna-kvalitates-vadibas-sistema-sanem-augstu-starptautisku-novertejumu>

September 25–29

RTU's mixed choir «*Vivere*» wins a Gold Diploma in two categories: «*Laikmetīgā mūzika*» (Contemporary Music) and «*Garīgā mūzika*» (Sacred Music), as well as 2nd place in the X International Choir Competition «*Isola del Sole*», which takes place in Grado, Italy.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/rtu-jauktais-koris-vivere-parada-izcilu-sniegumu-loti-gruta-un-vienlaikus-iedvesmojosa-starptautiska-koru-konkursa-italija>

September 26

The RTU Senate decides (Minutes No. 665) to award the title of RTU Honorary Doctor (*Dr. Honoris Causa*) to the Dean of Aalto University (Finland) Professor *D. sc. (tech.)* Gary Marquis and to the former Rector of the University of Bergamo (Italy) Professor Remo Morcenti Pellegrini.

At the meeting of the Senate, *Mārtiņš Kalniņš*, the Leading Researcher of the Institute of Polymer Materials of the Faculty of Materials Science and Applied Chemistry (FMSAC), is presented with the diploma of RTU Honorary Professor.

September 28

RTU is organizing a seminar for Latvian physics teachers online, on the Zoom platform, «Sharing our experience», which offers materials for physics practical work, experiments and problem solving, helping teachers to prepare for physics lessons.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-aicina-latvijas-fizikas-skolotajus-uz-seminaru-dalamies-pieredze>

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October 1-2

RTU men's and women's duets successfully compete in Latvian XXXIII Universiade in beach volleyball: *Sandis Bērziņš* (Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (1st course at FCSIT)) and *Rūdolfs Stankevičs* (Faculty of Electronics and Telecommunications (3rd course at FET)) won 1st place; *Stefānija Krista Jaunzeme* (Faculty of Engineering Economics and Management (2nd course at FEEM)) and *Gerda Eleonora Šnore* (1st course at FEEM) – 3rd place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-pludmales-volejbolistiem-godalgotas-vietas-latvijas-xxxiii-universiade?fbclid=IwAR1HUkEzHsujjudlyEHjBKwFJWaL8GKfkell6oy240GeRi97MHHadZK2ECw>

October 7

In honour of the prominent scientist, chemist and science historian, RTU Honorary Member (2000), Academician *Jānis Stradiņš* (1933–2019), VAS «Latvijas Pasts» issues a stamp and an envelope dedicated to him.

https://www.pasts.lv/lv/zinas/filatelijas_zinas/7102-latvijas-pasts-izdod-pastmarku-par-godu-izcilajam-akademikim-janim-stradinam

October 8

The artistic Director and Conductor of the RTU men's choir «*Gaudeamus*» *Ivars Cinkuss* is presented with the *Teodors Reiters* Music Grand Prize for his significant contribution to the development of choral art in Latvia and promoting its recognition in the world.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10218125324444399&set=a.2069332672712>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/dirigentam-ivaram-cinkusam-pieskir-teodora-reitera-muzikas-lielo-balvu>

October 10

On the sixth RTU History Day, the session of the RTU 63rd International Scientific Conference section «History of Engineering Sciences and Institutions of Higher Education» was being held; the scientific monograph prepared by the RTU Research Centre for Engineering History «Olympians of Riga Technical University in 110 years. 1912–2022» was opened and the opening ceremony of our university's Olympians Gallery was opened.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/muzejs/muzejs-par-mums/muzeja-zinas/atvert/notiks-sesta-rtu-vestures-diena>

October 11

Celebrating RTU's 160th anniversary, RTU's management, students and employees traditionally visited the resting places of RTU's founders and former university rectors in the Riga cemeteries.

The premiere of the documentary film «*Paātrinājums*» (Acceleration) dedicated to RTU's 160th anniversary is taking place in the auditorium centre «*Domus Auditorialis*».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/godinot-izcilakos-zinatniekus-un-atceroties-pagatni-izskan-rtu-160-jubilejas-gads>

October 12

The RTU Faculty of Architecture (FA), at 6 *Ķīpsalas* Street, opens the exhibition «*Dialogs ar telpu*» (Dialogue With Space), dedicated to the long-time RTU faculty member and architect Professor *Ivars Strautmanis* (1932–2017) on his 90th anniversary.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/af/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/atklas-rtu-profesoram-un-arhitektam-ivaram-strautmanim-veltitu-pieminas-izstadi-dialogs-ar-telpu>

October 14

Celebrating RTU's 160th anniversary, the plenary session of the 63rd RTU International Scientific Conference is taking place, with the participation of Minister of Economy *Ilze Indriksone*; thanking RTU academic staff, scientists and employees, the Minister presents RTU with a Letter of Recognition for the contribution to education and the national economy.

In the plenary session, the most outstanding RTU scientists are traditionally honoured: the «RTU Scientist of the Year 2022» award goes to *Oskars Ozoliņš*, Associate Professor of the FET; «RTU Young Female Scientist of the Year 2022» award goes to *Brigita Dejus*, Leading Researcher of the FCE; «RTU Young Scientist of the Year 2022» award goes to *Jurģis Zemītis*, Associate Professor of the FCE; «RTU Annual Award for Valorization 2022» award goes to *Remo Merijs-Meri*, Professor of the FMSAC; «RTU Annual Student of for Valorization 2022» goes to *Ilze Vamža* Researcher of the Faculty of Electrical and Environmental Engineering (FEEE).

At the solemn meeting of the RTU Senate, RTU Honorary Doctor (*Dr. Honoris Causa*) diplomas are presented; they are received by

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Professor Gary Marquis, Dean of Aalto University (Finland) and Professor Remo Morcenti Pellegrini, former Rector of University of Bergamo (Italy).

The most outstanding RTU faculty members are also honoured at the solemn meeting of the RTU Senate: «RTU Annual Academic Excellence Award 2022» is awarded to Academician *Māris Turks*, Dean of the FMSAC, «RTU New Lecturer of the Year 2022» is awarded to *Ieva Parkere* Associate Professor of FEEE.

FMETA presents its special award – the Badge of Honour «Zelta zobrats» (Golden Gear) for the support to the faculty to the Dean of the FEEM), the Chairperson of the RTU Senate, Professor *Elīna Gaile-Sarkane*.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-160-jubilejas-svinibas-nosledz-ar-izcilako-zinatnieku-un-macibspeku-apbalvosanu>

October 15

The RTU interfaculty erudition competition «Spice 2022» is taking place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/rtu-starpfakultasu-eruditu-konkurss-spice>

October 17

Professor Ion Tiginyanu, President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, and Tudor Braniste, Head of the International Relations Department, are visiting RTU on a working visit, getting acquainted with RTU's achievements in studies, science, technology transfer, innovation, infrastructure modernization and internationalization of the study environment.

October 18

Tomáš Boček, Vice President of The Council of Europe Development Bank (EPAB), visits the RTU Student Campus in *Ķīpsala* and meets with RTU management. During the meeting, *T. Boček* presents the Medal of Recognition and expresses gratitude to RTU and the Rector for the successfully implemented infrastructure construction and renovation project.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/eiropas-padomes-attistibas-bankas-vadiba-izsaka-pateicibu-rtu-par-veiksmigo-sadarbibu-attistot-infrastrukturas-projektus>

The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia awards a Certificate of Recognition to FMSAC Professor *Sergejs Gaidukovs* for his significant contribution to the research of biomass polymers and the promotion of a sustainable environment.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/ministru-kabinets-atzinibas-rakstu-pieskir-rtu-profesoram-sergejam-gaidukovam>

In honour of the long-time Professor of our university *Jānis Rudzītis* (1938–2018), a Memorial Plaque dedicated to him is unveiled on the birthday of the Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics of the FMETA, at 6B *Ķīpsalas* Street, on the 4th floor.

https://www.facebook.com/RTUVesturesMuzejs/posts/pfbid02xSQ1zVZ6xcJmhJ8K82a1XeF6gV6W4dJQhscrVNy8FLgrz7iUogGDkFi2qhcFrRgzl?notif_id=1666109938443215¬if_t=feedback_reaction_generic&ref=notif

October 20

The first TEDx Riga Technical University is taking place in RTU's auditorium centre «*Domus Auditorialis*», at 8 *Zunda* Embankment, and online on RTU's Youtube and Facebook channels, gathering representatives of business, innovation, technology, science, medicine, maritime and other fields. This is the first time in Latvia that an educational institution has obtained a license to organize TEDx – the event is organized by the FEEM Institute of Business Engineering and Management.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/sonedel-notiks-pirmais-tedx-riga-technical-university>

<https://youtu.be/JstvSn5ddBA>

October 21

RTU EHS Open Doors Day is taking place, where interested parties get to know EHS in person and the possibilities of enrolling in this secondary school, the environment and curriculum of which are specially designed for in-depth study of engineering.

<https://www.izv.lv/2022/10/atverto-durvju-diena-2022-2/>

October 22

The anniversary concert of the RTU men's choir «*Gaudeamus*» is being held in Riga St. Peter's Church,

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/rtu-viru-kora-gaudeamus-jubilejas-koncerts>

October 25

The official opening of the multifunctional exercise bench «*solis augšup*» (bench (step) up), which was installed in *Ķīpsala*, near the colonnade, by the information technology company «*Accenture*», to promote the physical health of RTU students and workers and to take care of the welfare of society as a whole, is taking place.

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October 26

Representatives of the Technical Regulation Agency of Uzbekistan, the Institute of Standardization and the Institute of Metrology visit FMETA scientific laboratories to familiarize themselves with RTU's laboratory equipment, research by scientists, experience in training young specialists and cooperation with industry.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/uzbekistanas-standartizacijas-un-metrologijas-eksperti-panem-rtu-labo-pieredzi>

Minister of Education and Science *Anita Muižniece* presents Letters of Recognition to the organizing committee and program makers of the 19th Baltic States Student Song and Dance Festival «*Gaudeamus*», including RTU employees: long-time Head of the Culture Centre *Asja Visocka*, Head of the mixed choir «*Vivere*» *Gints Cepleniēks*, Head of TDA «*Vektors*» *Dagmāra Bārbala*, the Head of the women's choir «*Delta*» *Elīza Dūma* and the Head of the student brass band «*SPO*» *Māris Martinsons*.

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=Izglitiba.ministrija&set=a.492033822951159>

October 27

During her working visit to RTU, the President of the European Parliament, *Roberta Metsola*, is coming to Latvia. She is meeting with 100 young Latvians in the RTU auditorium centre «*Domus Auditorialis*» and online discuss the future of Europe.

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/latvia/lv/pasakumi/2022-gads/ep-priekss-d-t-jar-g-tiksies-ar-jauniesiem-un-augst-kaj-m-amatperson-m.html>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/eiropas-parlamenta-priekssedetaja-roberta-metsola-rtu-tiksies-ar-100-latvijas-jauniesiem?fbclid=IwAR0Z1kOzDFKfxg0DLpI4lqDfTffoyNABpvQy4iJZKIKsn6Yc92e2100iNNY>

October 28

In the presence of Minister of Education and Science *Anita Muižniece*, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Economy *Raimonds Lapīņš*, RTU management, representatives of companies and research organizations, FCE, at 6A *Ķīpsalas* Street on the 2nd floor, the Science and Innovation Centre was opened, where students, entrepreneurs and scientists will be able to create innovative products and develop science-intensive ideas.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-sper-butisku-soli-latvijas-inovaciju-ekosistemas-attistiba-atklajot-zinatnes-un-inovaciju-centru?fbclid=IwAR03L710TfjU6f8YeA5_XWdyiyWbMMtVOQPPuwmlRGLJ1AfVsGKXFJxXKLg

Representatives of the Association of Physics Teachers visit the FET laboratories in order to get new information, which could later be used in the teaching process, by meeting with faculty members and scientists.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/fizikas-skolotaji-iepazistas-ar-aktualitatem-rtu-elektronikas-un-telekomunikaciju-fakultate>

October 29

The RTU Self-defence Team won several prize-winning places in the open Duo-system competitions organized by the Latvian Jiu-Jitsu Federation, gaining the right to represent Latvia in international competitions: the gold medal was won by RTU Varsity Team athlete *Laura Leja*; bronze medal – *Mārtiņš Ciekurs* (4th course at RTU Riga Business School) *Aleksandrs Burdžibaljans* (3rd course at FCE) and *Veronika Jonina* (3rd course at FA).

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-pasaizsardzibas-izlase-no-sacensibam-atgriezas-ar-godalgam?fbclid=IwAR2IHZKdXrMJI7PCKVaeD-KqusKa0XXt2XGvWdtFE4yOoW08Uz896UN10mc>

October 31

In the conference hall of the RTU Dormitory «*Integrālis*» and online, an informative event on the development perspective of maritime education is taking place, with the addition of the Latvian Maritime Academy to RTU from 1 November.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-medijus-aicina-uz-informativu-pasakumu-par-latvijas-juras-akademijas-pievienosanu-universitatei>

At the meeting of the RTU Senate, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science, Director of the Department of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, *Dmitrijs Stepanovs*, presents the Letters of Recognition and Gratitude to the RTU management and employees who have made a significant contribution to the development in higher education, science and valorization of RTU. Ministry of Education and Science Awards are received by: Rector *Leonīds Ribickis*; Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs *Uldis Sukovskis*; Vice-Rector for Research *Tālis Juhna*; Vice-Rector for Finance *Ingars Eriņš*; Vice-Rector for Strategic Development *Artūrs Zeps*; Chair of the Senate *Elīna Gaile-Sarkane*; Deputy Rector for Digital Transformation *Jans Šlihte*; Deputy Rector for International Academic Cooperation and Studies *Igors Tipāns*; Director of Administration *Juris Iljins*; Director of the Scientific Library *Aija Janbicka-Vība*; Director of Department of Public Affairs *Laine Kučinska*; Director of Department of Financial Planning and Management *Edgars Bunka*; Director of Legal Department *Dāvis Mednis*; Long-term Director of Culture Centre *Asja Visocka*. Ministry of Education

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and Science Gratitude is received by: Dean of FA *Uģis Bratuškins*; Dean of FCE *Mārtiņš Vilnītis*; Dean of FCSIT *Agris Ņikitenko*; Dean of FETH *Marina Platonova*; Acting Dean of FET *Vjačeslavs Bobrovs*; Dean of FEEE *Oskars Krievs*; Dean of FMETA *Ēriks Geriņš*; Dean of FMSAC *Māris Turks*; Director of Riga Business School *Jānis Grēviņš*; Member of the Board of RTU EHS *Solveiga Medne*; Director of Student Accommodation Department *Iveta Sveržicka*; Director of Study Department *Uģis Citskovskis*; Director of the Infrastructure Department *Sandis Kārklīņš*; Director of Innovation Technology Transfer Centre *Laila Eliņa*; Deputy Vice-Rector for Research *Gatis Bažbauers*; Director of RTU *Cēsis* Centre for Studies and Research *Armands Sīlītis*; Director of RTU *Daugavpils* Centre for Studies and Research *Ivans Griņevičs*; Director of RTU *Liepāja* Centre for Studies and Research *Mārcis Priedītis*; Director of RTU *Ventpils* Centre for Studies and Research *Vineta Gobiņa*; RTU Student Parliament President *Aneta Tarasova*.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720303332744>

The RTU Senate (Minutes No. 666) decides:

- to approve the regulations of the RTU Advisory Board in a new version;
- make changes to the regulations of the RTU Science Council and the regulations of the RTU Constitutional Assembly election commission and election process;
- taking into account the regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of 25 October 2022 «Amendment to the regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of 16 April 2013 No. 202 «Procedure in which documents certifying higher education recognized by the state are issued» and Cabinet of Ministers regulations of 27 September 2022 No. 595 «Regulations on Latvian science branch groups, science branches and sub-branches», to make changes in the scientific degrees to be awarded in academic doctoral study programs.

In October

Evaluating RTU's influence in ensuring sustainability, in the international ranking «QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2023» RTU was recognized as the best not only in Latvia, but also in the Baltics, ranking the university 451st–500th place in the overall ranking in the world.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-labaka-baltija-starptautiskaja-reitinga-qs-world-university-rankings-sustainability-2023?fbclid=IwAR1RhmMKgckeMbR3d5R5CMG9Lp_HL9FuHHK3cLBv5ZqvOFbNex8QN9ijMcQ

<https://www.delfi.lv/news/national/politics/rtu-baltijas-valstu-vidu-labakais-vertejums-starptautiska-augstskolu-ilgtspejas-reitinga.d?id=54880352&fbclid=IwAR0vRPqxDIWnrSUfrBdAqCSvOdRQE4-zbhMEX7JePAYGXrE8Ap2kMuN621U>

Until 29 October, RTU will hold elections for new members of faculties, study and science centres, as well as international student self-government.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/rtusp/par-rtusp/biedru-velesanas?fbclid=IwAR0mD97y1ghfj3YywgGF0h0BMPLUMsxnGclpXXYFylWA9yTdGmWSya_tvpMI

November 1

By the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers (CM) of 5 July 2022 (session protocol No. 35, § 57; Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of 6 July 2022 No. 492) Latvian Maritime Academy (LMA) as an autonomous structural unit, continuing all existing LMA study programs, providing maritime education in accordance with international conventions and taking over the obligations of LMA, as well as preserving the name, identity and traditions of the academy, added to RTU.

<https://www.vestnesis.lv/op/2022/130.25>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvijas-juras-akademijai-pievienojoties-rtu-bus-iespeja-stiprinat-studijas-un-zinatni-un-attistit-infrastrukturu>

November 4–5

The *Āgenskalns* Amateur Art Festival organized by the RTU Culture Centre is taking place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/rigas-tehniskas-universitates-kulturas-centrs-aicina-apmeklet-agenskalna-amatiermakslas-festivalu>

RTU swimmers successfully compete in the X International Sprint Festival «*Rīgas Sprints 2022*», which is the largest and best-known swimming competition in the Baltics: RTU graduate Olympian *Daniils Bobrovs* wins the 200 m and 100 m breaststroke and a silver medal in the 50 m distance; *Rihards Kahanovičs* (2nd course at FCE) wins the 50 m freestyle, the silver medal in the 100 m breaststroke and the bronze medal in the 100 m swimming stroke; RTU graduate *Ģirts Feldbergs* wins in 100 m and 200 m backstroke; *Dainis Kudrjavcevs* (1st course at FCSIT) wins the silver medal in 200 m backstroke; *Toms Veinbergs* (1st course at FEEM) wins two silver medals – 100 m freestyle and 50 m backstroke. In the freestyle relay (4 x 50 m) *Ģ. Feldbergs*, *T. Veinbergs*, as well as *Andrejs Dūda* and *Kārlis Ādmons* achieve a new Latvian record.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-peldetaji-izcina-godalgas-rigas-sprinta-2022?fbclid=IwAR2Q6O6Cvv1yxhgnNuFDV2PP1jsTNXCclHcX-hI5FnhNVXoqitYMCEru4V0>

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November 5

An Open Door Day is held at the RTU Student Campus in *Ķīpsala*.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/toposie-studenti-jau-laikus-vares-iegut-informaciju-par-studijam-rtu-atverto-durvju-diena>

November 4–6

In the «Design Arena 2022» competition organized by the Latvian Designers' Society, which takes place during the International Furniture, Interior, Lighting and Design exhibition «Furniture & Design Isle 2022», several awards are received by the students of the Institute of Design Technologies (IDT) of RTU FMSAC and the design products created by them. In the Product Design category: 1st place – *Sindija Medne*, supervisor – IDT Scientific Assistant *Inga Zotova*, *S. Medne* was also chosen as the student of the year in design; 2nd place – *Sintija Grīnberga*, supervisor – IDT Scientific Assistant *Kristaps Zvirgzds*; 3rd place – *Ance Kalniņa*, supervisor – IDT Lecturer *Artūrs Ķīsis*. In the Design Research category: 2nd place – *Sindija Medne*, supervisor – IDT Scientific Assistant *Inga Zotova*; 3rd place – *Liene Brice*, supervisor – IDT Assistant Professor *Ilze Gudro*. IDT also wins a prize from Ltd. «*Stikla Serviss*».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-dizaina-tehnologiju-studentu-darbi-iegust-godalgas-konkursa-dizaina-arena-2022>

November 10

The event «*RTU zinātnes attīstība*» (RTU Science Development) is taking place, where one can familiarize himself with the new laboratory equipment and its importance in the improvement of science, implementing eight projects, which are realized with the donation made by Ltd. «*Mikrotikls*».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/attistibasfonds/fonds-par-mums/zinas-1/atvert/atkats-pasakums-rtu-zinatnes-attistiba?fbclid=IwAR2rjYdaXEuh3VyYHXR8ObLoTFWcb7Dq7WkjjzNPRmpFhi7D5toWmbliYCWE>

The traditional student competition «*Papīra tilti 9*» (Paper Bridges 9) is taking place, in which FCE students build the strongest paper bridge, which can withstand 120.3 kg.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-konkursa-papira-tilti-9-uzvaretajtilts-notur-120-3-kilogramus>

November 11

Celebrating Latvian Freedom Fighters' Remembrance Day (*Lāčplēsis* Day), in an event organized by the RTU Student Parliament, students, faculty and staff light up the *Ķīpsala* colonnade, creating the outline of Latvia and Latvian symbols with candles.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720303678128>

November 12

FCSIT 2nd year student *Deniss Vasiljevs* wins prize-winning places in the Latvian junior championships in table tennis, winning 1st place in singles and doubles (paired with *Artūrs Spalis*), as well as 2nd place in mixed doubles (paired with *Rēzija Meļke*).

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-students-deniss-vasiljevs-izcina-godalgas-latvijas-2022-gada-junioru-meistarsacikstes-galda-tenisa>

November 14–17

By creating an innovative fire extinguishing complex, 3rd-course students of the Aviation Transport study program of FMETA Institute of Aeronautics *Gļebs Panfilovs*, *Jurijs Lukanovs* and *Emīls Aliks* won the 1st place in the international competition «TRA VISIONS 2022 Young Researcher Competition».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-aviotransporta-inzenierijas-studenti-iegust-1-vietu-starptautiskaja-konkursa-par-inovativas-ugunsdzesanas-tehnologijas-izveidi?fbclid=IwAR13xfHhyfiy7iM-L8xa8EBK4BKGOwmRUY512FlzLU921wDaRyyczsULjq0>

November 15–18

At the international conference of additive manufacturing – the exhibition «Formnext 2022», which takes place in Frankfurt, Germany, a prototype of a particle accelerator component printed in 3D technology, which was made for the first time in history using additive manufacturing technology, from pure copper in one piece and which was created in the project I. FAST by RTU, was exhibited. It was designed by *Guntis Pikurs*, a researcher at the Centre of High Energy Physics and Accelerator Technologies, in collaboration with several international partners.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-zinatnieki-kopa-ar-starptautiskajiem-partneriem-pirmoreiz-vesture-ar-aditivo-razosanas-tehnologiju-izgatavo-dalinu-paatrinataja-prototipu>

November 24

New full members (academics), corresponding members, foreign members and one Honorary member were elected at the plenary meeting of the Latvian Academy of Sciences (LAS), among them two RTU scientists were elected as corresponding members of the LAS: FET Professor *Sandis Spolītis* and FMSAC Associate Professor *Raivis Žalubovskis*.

https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/jaunumi/1314-lza-ieveleti-divdesmit-pieci-zinatnieki-un-viens-goda-loceklis?fbclid=IwAR0SUab9EkM7e9FGTm08HcOoG3X_y5pPqaBo68c0Qkwe7lkCIRqcXxPCPs0

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November 29

RTU, University of Latvia, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Economics, Electronic Communications Office of Latvia, Ltd. «Tet», Ltd. «Mikrotik», Employers' Confederation of Latvia, Liepāja Special Economic Zone Administration and Ltd. «LMT» sign a memorandum of understanding on the next generation technological development – for the development of Latvia's capabilities for the production of microchips necessary for electronics.

<https://labsoflatvia.com/aktuali/paraksta-memorandu-par-mikrocipu-razosanu>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-paraksta-saprasanas-memorandus-pa-nakamas-paaudzes-tehnologiju-attistibu>

November 30

While visiting Riga and participating in the «5G Techritory» forum, Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen, Deputy Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), visited RTU to meet with the university management and learn about study opportunities and research in our university.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/oecd-generalsekretara-vietnieks-ulriks-vestergards-knudsens-iepazistas-ar-rtu-zinatnes-un-inovaciju-vidi>

In November

Appreciating FEEM's continuous efforts to raise the quality of higher education, build the business ecosystem and strengthen it in the region and beyond, the Baltic Management Development Association awards the faculty an award for significant influence in the Baltic Sea region.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/starptautiski-augstu-noverte-rtu-inzenierekonomikas-un-vadibas-fakultates-ietekmi-baltijas-juras-regiona?fbclid=IwAR0zAcUErm_esYe1rA_s--wN4PMRESOJ3pKz6MAbG6QyHF2BBPx-dOILCNY

The Latvian student team, which included RTU, University of Latvia and Riga Stradins University students (team manager – RTU Vice-Rector for Research Academician *Tālis Juhna*), won a bronze medal in the world's largest biotechnology innovation competition «International Genetically Engineered Machine» (iGEM).

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvijas-studenti-iegust-bronzu-pasaule-lielakajas-biotehnologiju-inovaciju-sacensibas>

For the sixth year in a row, FEEM and RTU Riga Business School (RBS) have been included in the prestigious «Eduniversal» ranking of the world's best business schools in the four-palm league.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/sesto-gadu-pek-kartas-rtu-inzenierekonomikas-un-vadibas-fakultate-ieklost-eduniversal-cetru-palmu-liga>

December 1

In order to discuss potential cooperation and highlight the benefits provided by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to RTU students and scientists, Tomas Lamanuskas, Deputy Secretary-General of ITU, and Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the Office for Europe, are visiting RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-viesojas-starptautiskas-telekomunikaciju-savienibas-vadiba>

December 3

RTU athletes win medals at the Riga Table Tennis Championship: *Eduards Spāģis* (FCSIT graduate) won the gold medal in men's doubles, playing in a pair with *Māris Freibergs*; silver medal in mixed doubles – *Viktorija Majorova* (2nd course at FEEM), playing in a pair with *Aleksandra Maskaļonoka*.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-studenti-iegust-medalas-rigas-cempionata-galda-tenisa>

December 4

RTU luger *Anda Upīte* (3rd course at FEEM) wins the bronze medal in the first stage of the World Cup, competing with *Sanija Ozoliņa*.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-kamaninu-brauceja-anda-upite-izcina-bronzu-pasaules-kausa-pirmaja-posma>

December 7

The new RTU Advisory Board convenes for its first meeting (the personnel composition of the Advisory Board was approved at the 21 November meeting of the RTU Senate (Minutes No. 667) and at the 28 November meeting of the RTU Council). *Leonīds Jākobsons*, a Board Member of the Latvian Construction Engineers Union, was elected as the Chairman of the RTU Advisory Board, and *Aigars Ločmelis*, a Board Member of the «Industry Service Partner», was elected as his deputy.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-darbu-sak-jaunais-padomnieku-konvents>

December 10

In the competition stage of the European Cup in bobsleigh, the Latvian crew of four, in which the pusher is 4th course student at FCE *Lauris Kaufmanis*, wins the third place.

<https://www.bobslejs.lv/raksts/cipula-cetriniekam-uzvara-kalendam-pirma-medala-karjera>

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December 10-11

RTU chess players won the title of Champion and Vice-champion in the Latvian Team Championship in rapid chess and in a similar tournament in rapid chess.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-sahistiem-cempionu-un-vicecempionu-tituls-latvijas-komandu-turniros>

December 15

RTU scientists receive JSC «Latvenergo» and LAS annual awards in energy: for a significant contribution to energy, the Annual Award goes to FEEE Institute of Industrial Electronics and Electrical Engineering (IIEEE) Researcher and Laboratory Manager *Ansis Avotiņš* and FEEE Institute of Energy Systems and Environment (IESE) Professor *Andra Blumberga*; IIEEE Leading Researcher *Kristaps Vītols* and IESE Researcher *Vivita Priedniece*, as well as Energy Engineer *Dmitrijs Boreiko* of JSC «Rīgas piena kombināts» and Director of the Energy Department of the Public Services Regulatory Commission *Līga Kurevska* – both defended their doctoral theses at RTU this year.

<https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/jaunumi/1341-latvijas-zinatnieki-sanem-gada-balvas-energetika-2022>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-zinatnieki-sanem-gada-balvas-energetika>

The clothing collection of *Aļisa Ļeksunova*, a student at RTU's Bachelor study programme «Materials Technology and Design», «Stress Expression» was recognized as one of the best in the fashion designer competition «*Modes manifestācija 2022*» (Fashion Manifestation 2022) in the «Bachelor's Studies» category.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-studentes-terpu-kolekcija-atzita-par-vienu-no-labakajam-konkursa-modes-manifestacija-2022?fbclid=IwAR2863sZyZZ8Z9oPZmG6ojKcwUn804NbH2Ppavr713y1d-S7NfIASwADbgg>

December 19

Member of the European Court of Auditors, RTU graduate *Mihails Kozlovs* is visiting FEEM to discuss cooperation with RTU. During the visit, *M. Kozlovs* meets with FEEM Dean Professor *Elīna Gaile-Sarkane* and gives a lecture to the students of the faculty about the work and tasks of the European Court of Auditors.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/eiropas-revizijas-palatas-loceklis-mihails-kozlovs-apspriez-sadarbibas-iespejas-ar-rtu-inzenierekonomikas-un-vadibas-fakultati>

Minister of Economics of the Republic of Latvia *Ilze Indriksone* is visiting FEEM. During the visit, the minister meets with faculty scientists and familiarizes herself with the latest scientific research.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720304589300>

While waiting for Christmas, RTU students and employees decorated a festive tree in *Ķīpsala* colonnade with the decorations of FMSAC Institute of Design Technologies, RTU «*Latvenergo*» creative laboratory, Science Innovation Centre (SIC) and their own decorations, creating a festive feeling in the RTU Student Campus in *Ķīpsala*.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720304585575>

In December

RTU EHS 11th-grade pupil *Rūdis Freipičs* receives the Letter of Recognition from the Cabinet of Ministers for his achievements in the International Geography Olympiad, where he won 2nd place.

https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/23-skoleni-un-36-pedagogi-sanem-mk-godalgas-par-augstiem-sasniedzumiem-starptautiskajas-macibu-prieksmetu-olimpiades?fbclid=IwAR3ftE_43G_L_AI2Q4562L6emKjAW6YXubL-WmR52HRR4CC4WycHLitdjMo&utm_source=https%3A%2F%2Ffacebook.com%2F

In the green policy and sustainability ranking «GreenMetric World University Rankings 2022», RTU is ranked 55th and is the only Baltic higher education institution rated so high in the ranking – none of the Baltic universities has ranked among the 400 greenest universities.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-vieniga-no-baltijas-valstim-greenmetric-reitinga-ierindojusies-starp-55-zalakajam-universitatem-pasaule?fbclid=IwAR3oJv3hjFMnza48D0VnG2HpmxzpSc-CQKAfgYuoTu32Fto_ItKA8T9eQKc

Emīls Abrickis, a graduate of the professional study program «*Siltumenerģētika un siltumtehnika*» (Heat Power and Thermal Engineering) of the Department of Thermal Power Systems of FMETA, receives the «*Latvenergo*» Award for the best final thesis – the diploma project «*Termoelektrostaciju iekārtu defektu klasifikācijas sistēmas izstrāde un tās pielietošana defektu cēloņu novērtēšanai*» (Development of power plants' equipment defect classification system and its application in assessment of the defects' causes).

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/mtaf/par-mums-3/mtaf-zinas/atvert/rtu-students-sanem-Latvenergo-balvu-2022?fbclid=IwAR1VjX11Mmt8FkCko_qvrppGonTM9STNQEHSoljJErgs5WFikxR-NnnCmto

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January 7

At the fourth stage of the Luge World Cup, which takes place in *Sigulda* (Latvia), *Anda Upīte* (3rd course at FEEM) won the 1st place in women's doubles in a pair with *Sanija Ozoliņa*, achieving a new record of the *Sigulda* bobsled and luge track.

https://www.apollo.lv/7686224/vel-viena-uzvara-latvijas-kamaninu-braucejiem-upite-ozolina-triumfe-pk-posma-sigulda?cx_testId=16&cx_testVariant=cx_1&cx_artPos=1#cxrecs_s

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-studente-kopar-parinieci-izcina-zeltu-eberspacher-pasaules-kausa-ceturtaja-posma-kamaninu-divvietigo-ekipazu-sacensibas>

January 12

The meeting of the RTU Constitutional Assembly is taking place, in which the RTU Council nominates two candidates for the rector's election: RTU Vice-Rector for Research *Tālis Juhna* and RTU Riga Business School Director *Jānis Grēviņš*. RTU's Constitutional Assembly elects the Rector's Election Commission in the following composition: *Aneta Tarasova*, President of the RTU Student Parliament («for» – 150 votes out of 160 present members of the Constituent Assembly); Professor *Elīna Gaile-Sarkane*, Chairwoman of RTU Senate, Dean of FEEM (135); Professor *Juris Blūms*, Director of the Institute of Technical Physics of FMSAC; Professor *Sandis Spolītis* of FET (111); Head of the Procurement Unit of the Legal Department *Mārtiņš Briedis* (98).

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-padome-rektora-velesanam-izvirza-divus-kandidatus-rtu-zinatnu-prorektoru-tali-juhnu-un-rtu-rigas-biznesa-skolas-direktoru-jani-grevinu>

January 13

For active participation in the «*Asins draudzība 2022*» (Blood Friendship 2022) campaign of the State Blood Donor Centre, thanks to 1463 RTU donors who donated blood last year, RTU wins the traveling «*Asins draugu kausu*» (Blood Friends Cup) in the group of large universities.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/7217720305283294/with/52630629103/>

January 14

In the fifth stage of the World Cup in luge sports, which takes place in *Sigulda* (Latvia) and is also the European Championship, *Anda Upīte* (3rd course at FEEM) won the 2nd place in women's doubles paired with *Sanija Ozoliņa*.

<https://www.lsm.lv/raksts/sports/kamanas/latvijas-kamaninu-braucejiem-divi-sudrabi-un-divas-bronzas-eiropas-cempionata-sigulda.a491472/>

January 15

In the cultural centre «*Ziemeļblāzma*» the first graduation of RTU Latvian Maritime Academy (LMA) is held after the consolidation process of the two universities, when LMA joined RTU as an autonomous structural unit. 66 graduates are graduating from RTU LMA this year.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-lja-diplomus-par-jurniecibas-izglitibas-iegusanu-sanems-66-absolventi>

January 17

LAS awards name awards and young scientists awards to several RTU scientists and graduates: Award named by *Emīlija Gudriniece* in chemistry – to FMSAC Researcher *Linards Lapčinskis*; Award named by *Vitauts Tamužs* in the mechanics – FMETA graduate *Ph. D. Ivo Vaicis*; Award named by *Edvīns Vedējs* for outstanding achievements in organic chemistry – to FMSAC graduate *Ph. D. Lūkass Tomas Lukašēvics*; Young Scientists Award – to FMSAC master student *Artūrs Spergs*. For persistent work in attracting young people to science, the Award named by *Artūrs Barklavs* in the promotion of science is given to RTU EHS physics teacher, Researcher at the Institute of Solid State Physics of the UL, *Dr. phys. Virginija Vītola*.

<https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/jaunumi/1369-lza-senats-apstiprina-2023-gada-lza-vardbalvu-un-jauno-zinatnieku-balvu-laureatus>

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvijas-zinatnu-akademija-pieskir-vardbalvas-rtu-absolventiem-un-jaunajiem-zinatniekiem>

January 18

In the presence of the Minister of Education and Science *Anda Čakša*, the Minister of Health *Līga Meņģelsone* and the Minister of the Interior *Māris Kučinskis*, the Personal Protective Equipment Testing Laboratory with unique world-class equipment is opening in the Laboratory House of RT at 1 *P. Valdena* Street.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-atklasi-laboratoriju-kura-testes-visa-veida-individualas-aizsardzibas-lidzeklus>

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January 26

On the International Customs Day, which is traditionally celebrated on 26 January, *Normunds Rudzītis*, a Practical Assistant Professor of the FEEM International Business and Customs Institute, receives a Certificate of Honour from the World Customs Organization for his significant contribution to the development and strengthening of customs education in Latvia, as well as his active participation in the implementation of various international projects.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-macibspeks-sanem-pasaules-muitas-organizacijas-goda-rakstu-par-muitas-izglitibas-sekmesanu?fbclid=IwAR2bGejHRra74vxPOibvyocloib5bMMvQm6v_fXlXOIEof3lsYMsbufpyxw

January 27-29

Luger, *Anda Upīte* (3rd course at FEEM), paired with *Sanija Ozoliņa*, wins the bronze medal in women's doubles at the U-23 FIL World Championships in Oberhof, Germany.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-studente-kamaninu-sportiste-anda-upite-dueta-ar-saniju-ozolinu-izcina-bronzu-u-23-fil-pasaules-cempionata?fbclid=IwAR29qK9ip0n9fr0MrPGaJXQL10sOjbQw_9-P70ld1qlsUF4tyWq7HhJZKyo

January 30

The RTU Senate decides (Minutes No. 669) decides:

- to approve the procedure for awarding RTU Honorary title *Rector Emeritus*, determining that this Honorary title can be awarded for life to RTU rector who has reached the retirement age officially established in the country and whose term of office as rector has expired;
- based on the decision of the FET Council (Minutes No. 447), award the title of RTU *Professor Emeritus* to FET Institute of Radioelectronics Professor *Arnīs Gulbis*.

In January

Evaluating the most significant achievements in science in 2022, LAS names 12 winners of the competition, among them, in the applied sciences category, the cooperation project of the Institute of Materials and Surface Engineering of RTU FMSAC (leading researchers *Andris Šutka*, *Mārtiņš Vanags*), the Faculty of Chemistry of the University of Latvia (UL) and the Institute of Solid State Physics of the UL, which developed innovative amphoteric decoupled electrolysis – a simple concept to split water and produce H₂ with high efficiency and in a safe way.

<https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/jaunumi/1364-lza-nosauc-2022-gada-nozimigakos-sasniegumus-zinatne>

February 1

For the third year in a row, the Latvian State Radio and Television Centre awards RTU the «*eParaksta čempions*» (eSignature Champion) award and a Certificate of Recognition for the 3rd place. In the first place – the State Treasury, in the second place – the State Revenue Service.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-jau-treso-gadu-klust-par-e-paraksta-cempioni>

February 2

In order to promote cooperation in the theoretical and practical preparation and research of engineering specialists, the introducer of «Rail Baltica» in Latvia «*Eiropas Dzelzceļa līnijas*», the builder «Rail Baltica» Riga Central Junction «BERERIX» and RTU sign a cooperation agreement.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rail-baltica-latvijas-ieviesajs-un-buvnieks-sadarbosies-ar-rtu-jauno-inzenieru-sagatavosana>

February 4–5

RTU Badminton Varsity Team player *Reinis Krauklis* paired with citizen of *Sigulda Artūrs Akmens* wins 1st place in men's doubles at the 2023 Latvian Badminton Championship.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-badmintonu-izlases-speletajs-reinis-krauklis-triumfe-viriesu-dubultspeles-latvijas-cempionata-badmintona>

February 7

The Minister of State, Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Communities of Guinea-Bissau, *Suzi Carla Barbosa*, is visiting the RTU Student Campus in *Ķīpsala*, meeting with the university management, visiting the laboratories and getting to know the technical support used in the field of studies, science and innovation.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-viesoju-gvinejas-bisavas-valsts-arlietu-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-un-kopienu-ministre>

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February 9

Representatives of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway visit the RTU Rudolfs Cimdins Riga Biomaterials Innovations and Development Centre to familiarize themselves with the project that RTU is implementing together with the University of Oslo (Norway), the University of Reykjavík (Iceland) and the Tallinn University of Technology (Estonia) and in which a new technology for processing eggshells into biomaterials for bone tissue regeneration is designed and developed.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/norvegijas-karalistes-vestniecibas-un-norvegijas-arlietu-ministrijas-parstavji-rtu-izzina-ka-olu-caumalas-partop-inovativos-biomaterialos?fbclid=IwAR2GveVUeSj0fQ6Y0Yeg78aqS6-GvSW98_9lklhvdPYqbFWIN1KQY8P1Yto

February 10

Ambassador of Denmark to Latvia Flemming Stender is visiting RTU. During the visit, he is meeting with management and representatives of structural units and discussing opportunities for cooperation with Danish universities, potential opportunities to attract more Danish students to study and research at RTU, as well as opportunities to cooperate in science in the field of environment and green technologies.

<https://wrebl.rtu.lv/2023/02/13/5063/>

February 12

Luger *Anda Upīte* (3rd course at FEEM), together with *Sanija Ozoliņa*, won the seventh stage of the «Eberspacher» World Cup, which takes place in Winterberg, Germany, and bronze medals in the overall standings of the «BMW Sprint» World Cup.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-studente-kamaninbrauceja-anda-upite-ar-parinieci-saniju-ozolinu-uzvar-eberspacher-pasaules-kausa-septitaja-posma>

February 17

The charity concert «*Caur gaismu Ukrainā*» (Through the Light in Ukraine) organized by the RTU Culture Centre and the Society «*Tavi draugi*» is taking place in the *Ziedonis* Hall of the Latvian National Library. Proceeds from the concert tickets will be used to purchase generators to be delivered by volunteers to war-torn Ukraine.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/pirms-labdaribas-koncerta-caur-gaismu-ukraina-lnb-ziedona-zale-rtu-muziki-viesojas-ltv-rita-panorama>

February 18–19

Several RTU students won bronze medals at the Latvian Indoor Athletics Championship: *Daniela Lasmane* (1st course at FCE) – 60 m hurdles; *Maksims Pjazings* (2nd course at FEEM) – 60 m race; *Kārlis Degins* (RTU Sports Club) – 200 m race; *Ralfs Roga* (1st course at FEEM) – 800 m race.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-vieglatleti-izcina-bronzas-medalas-latvijas-cempionata-valmiera>

February 22

At the meeting of the RTU Constitutional Assembly, the new Rector of RTU is elected – Academician *Tālis Juhna*, the former Vice-Rector for Research. In total, 192 members of the Constituent Assembly participated in the meeting, 190 valid ballots were registered. Distribution of votes: *T. Juhna* – «for» 137 votes, «against» – 53; *J. Grēviņš* – «for» 43 votes, «against» – 147. The newly elected Rector *T. Juhna* will start his work at the end of March, the exact date will be agreed with the RTU Council.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/par-rtu-jauno-rektoru-parliecinosi-klust-rtu-zinatnu-prorektors-talis-juhna>

February 24

A year has passed since Russia started the war in Ukraine, RTU students and employees, in the presence of the Ambassador of Italy to Latvia Alessandro Monti, gather at the RTU International Information Centre at 1 *Kronvalda* Boulevard, for the screening of the documentary film «*Kordon*» by the Italian Director Alice Tomassini. The event is organized by the Italian Embassy in Latvia in cooperation with RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-un-italijas-vestnieciba-aicina-uz-filmu-par-brivpratigo-palidzibu-ukrainu-begliem>

In order to get to know RTU and identify even wider opportunities for cooperation, RTU is visited by the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Latvia Lee Tong-q and Embassy Counsellor Kim Sohee.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-apmekle-korejas-republikas-vestnieks-latvija-lee-tongs>

In February

Brigita Dejus, the Leading Researcher at RTU Water Research and Environmental Biotechnology Laboratory, who works on the Board of the mission dedicated to oceans and waters created by the European Commission, becomes the Ambassador of clean water in Europe.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-vadosa-petniece-brigita-dejus-klust-par-tira-udens-vestnieci-eiropa>

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FA graduate *Roberta Fišere* receives the Latvian Regional Architecture Scholarship of *Professor Ivars Strautmanis (1932–2017)* for her master's thesis «*Ūdensmalu atjaunošana ostas pilsētās: pasažieru termināls Eksportostā, Rīgā*» (Waterfront Restoration in Port Cities: Passenger Terminal in *Eksportosta*, Riga).

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/af/par-mums/af-zinas/atvert/jauna-arhitekta-roberta-fisere-sanem-profesora-ivara-strautmana-latvijas-reionalas-arhitekturas-stipendiju>

March 3

RTU EHS 10th grade pupil *Mareks Brucis* wins a gold medal at the 36th National Olympiad in Informatics (programming) in 8th–10th class group.

<https://labsoflatvia.com/aktuali/olimpiade-noskaidro-skolu-labakos-programmetajus?fbclid=IwAR0q-NNdyR4BSVkJyFNeKyLIBU7Amd87MM-rGzFuJ0hFkuw0vVqnBzc4qN0>

Prime Minister *Krišjānis Kariņš* presents Diplomas of the Cabinet of Ministers (CM) to Latvia's most outstanding pupils and their teachers for their achievements in international subject Olympiads. CM Diplomas are also received by RTU EHS pupils *Rūdis Freipičs*, *Daniils Soško*, *Lukass Roberts Kellijs*, and *Alfrēds Saročinskis*; and also EHS teachers *Brigita Mežgale-Turlaja* (Geography), *Jolanta Rimša* (Chemistry), *Elza Līna Liniņa* (Physics), *Artjoms Ubaidullajevs* (counselling in Chemistry and Mathematics), and *Inguna Granta* (Math; EHS Director). Minister of Education and Science *Anda Čakša*, Director of the State Education Development Agency *Dita Traidās* and representatives of the National Centre for Education (NCE) of the Republic of Latvia are participating in the award ceremony.

<https://www.mk.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/godina-skolenus-un-pedagogus-par-izcilie-sasnigumiem-starptautiskajas-macibu-prieksmetu-olimpiades-un-konkursa-worldskills-2022-special-edition>

March 3–5

The traditional exhibition «*Skola 2023*» (School 2023) is taking place.

<https://jauns.lv/raksts/zinas/547776-foto-jauniesi-druzmejas-izstade-skola-2023>

March 4–5

In the repertoire test shows, which are traditionally held in preparation for the General Latvian Song and Dance Festival, the A, D, E compositions of the RTU Folk Dance Ensemble «*Vektors*» obtain the highest degree diplomas.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/vektors-sanem-augstakas-pakapes-diplomas?fbclid=IwAR1Khpemf0bGfIsu3TtAXDpHhPED2hHzPY2O5FZ2GQ1ZCDPUaUL6G7IX12k>

March 6

Neils Kalniņš, a Member of the RTU Council, is resigning from his post of his own accord.

Associate Professors Erik Lankut and Eivind Arne of the University of South-Eastern Norway are visiting RTU FEEM, sharing their international experience in promoting innovation.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-inzenierekonomikas-un-vadibas-fakultates-studenti-panem-labako-norvegijas-inovaciju-pieredzi>

March 9

The Italian Design Day is taking place, organized by the Embassy of Italy in Latvia and RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/italijas-dizaina-diena-zimola-made-in-italy-manierisms-arhitektura-un-know-how-produktu-izstrade>

March 12

The RTU Men's Volleyball Team wins the bronze medal in the National League of the «*Optibet*» Latvian Championship.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-viriesu-volejbola-komanda-izcina-bronzu-optibet-latvijas-cempionata-nacionalaja-liga>

March 13–17

The traditional event «*Seko studentam*» (Follow the Student) is taking place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/nac-studet/seko-studentam>

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March 14

In order to promote the creation, implementation and transfer of innovations, as well as the improvement of the educational process and its connection with the working environment, RTU Rector *Leonīds Ribickis* and Ltd. «*Rīgas meži*» Board Chairwoman *Anita Skudra* sign a memorandum of cooperation.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-un-rigas-mezi-plano-sadarboties-petnieciba-un-izglitiba?fbclid=IwAR2mGMyeg2S9BX2rGoe9VkbhQLZeibwyMD7r_qq_zDeVQ2nUFSpXAji702o

March 17

The traditional RTU Career Day takes place in the International Exhibition Centre in *Ķīpsala*, with the participation of more than 100 companies from various industries.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/aicina-apmeklet-rtu-karjeras-dienu-2023-2>

March 18

Towards the end of his term of office, the Rector of RTU (2011–2023), Academician *Leonīds Ribickis*, is holding a celebratory thanksgiving dinner for cooperation partners and employees in the auditorium centre «*Domus Auditorialis*».

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720306887634/page1>

RTU Women's Table Tennis Team – *Viktorija Majorova* (2nd course at FEEM), *Liāna Zeltiņa* (1st course at FCSIT), *Sanita Sveile* (Coach and Deputy Director of RTU Sports Centre) – wins bronze in the top league of the Latvian Team Championship.

<https://www.lgtf.lv/#/view-news/65>

March 20

Ieva Ose becomes the Head of the RTU Culture Centre.

March 24–25

The XXIV Latvian Student Theatre Days organized by RTU Culture Centre are taking place.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/spozi-noslegusas-xxiv-latvijas-studentu-teatra-dienas-un-sakas-viss-no-gala>

March 27

The RTU Senate decides (Minutes No. 671) decides:

- to award the Honorary Title of *Rector Emeritus* to the former Rector of RTU (2011–2023), Academician *Leonīds Ribickis*;
- award the Title of RTU Honorary Professor to FMSAC IDT Professor *Dr. habil. sc. ing. Silvija Kukle*.

Juris Blūms, Professor of the Institute of Technical Physics of FMSAC, is elected as the Chairman of the RTU Senate.

Highlighting future plans and upcoming work, the newly elected RTU Rector Academician *Tālis Juhna* begins his duties with an address to RTU students and employees, introducing also the new RTU management team: Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs *Elīna Gaile-Sarkane*, Vice-Rector for Innovations *Liene Briede*, acting Vice-Rector for Research *Gatis Bažbauers*, as well as Vice-Rector for Strategic Development *Artūrs Zeps* and Director of Administration *Juris Iljins* who continue to work in their previous positions.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-rektors-talis-juhna-pirmaja-darba-diena-sola-rtu-veidot-par-starptautiski-nozimigu-zinasanu-un-inovaciju-centru?fbclid=IwAR0g16hJykHsc-JY1g-ju_szoIPh6t-51QWMJfvMY8H-ZAjRHATlzqWA5us

March 29

RTU and *Liepāja Maritime College* (LMC) sign the Memorandum of Intent on cooperation in the LMC reorganization process. LMC will join RTU as an agency on 1 April, henceforth it will be called RTU LMC.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-un-liepajas-jurniecibas-koledza-parakstis-nodomu-protokolu-par-sadarbibu-koledzu-iekļaujot-rtu-ekosistema>

March 31

The 47th National Scientific Research Conference of Latvian Secondary School Pupils is taking place at RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/kalendars/atvert/latvijas-skolenu-47-zinatniskas-petniecibas-darbu-konference>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72177720307136942>

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Improving its position in the prestigious international ranking «QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023», RTU ranks 301st–350th among the best universities in the world in energy and electronics. Overall, RTU ranks 401st–450th place in engineering and technology and is the only university in Latvia in this position.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-prestizaja-qs-world-university-rankings-by-subject-parliecinosi-atzita-par-latvijas-labako-universitati-inzenierzinatnes-un-tehnologijas?fbclid=IwAR38K2R8NrKrO-e4sDs_T-I9cScbkBPXIVQ2uogUmYXdFJKozeiEtDoGJmU

Award named by *Vitauts Tamužs* for the best annual publication in the journal «Mechanics of Composite Materials» is awarded to three researchers of the FCE Institute of Materials and Structures – *Rims Janeliukštis*, *Deniss Mironovs* and *Aleksejs Safonovs*.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/vitauta-tamuza-balva-par-labako-publikaciju-trim-rtu-buvniecibas-inzenierzinatnu-fakultates-materialu-un-konstrukciju-instituta-petniekiem>

April 1

At the general meeting of the RTU Student Parliament (SP), a new SP Board is elected, the post of SP President will be continued by *Aneta Tarasova* (FEEM).

April 4

According to the decision of the President and the Chapter of Orders, 104 representatives of the society have been awarded the highest Latvian state awards, among them the Order of the Three Stars (OTS) has been awarded for special merits for the benefit of the Latvian state, and Academician *Aigars Jirgensons*, RTU Professor, Deputy Director of the Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis, has been appointed as the Commander of the OTS; FA Assistant Professor *Ilmārs Dirveīks* was awarded OTS and appointed as OTS Officer; FA technical specialist architect *Velta Holtcmane* was awarded the OTS and was appointed as a Knight of the OTS. The presentation ceremony will take place on the 33rd anniversary of the restoration of the independence of the Republic of Latvia, on 4 May, in Riga Palace.

<https://www.delfi.lv/news/national/politics/latvijas-valsts-augstakos-apbalvojumus-pieskirs-104-sabiedribas-parstavjiem.d?id=55422656>

April 5

Giving gratitude for excellent starts in the regional subject Olympiads, RTU EHS pupils are greeted by EHS founders and council members, RTU

Council members and RTU Rector *Tālis Juhna*, also paying tribute to EHS teachers who have prepared pupils for starts in Olympiads.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-vadiba-apbalvo-inzenierzinatnu-vidusskolas-skolenus-par-sasniedzumiem-olimpiades>

The RTU Team wins the championship title in the 2023 Latvian Team Championship in bridge sports, getting the opportunity to represent Latvia in the Baltic Cup.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-komanda-iegust-1-vietu-latvijas-komandu-cempionata-sporta-bridza>

The Shadow Day is held, in which RTU has also participated for several years, offering students to get acquainted with the work of RTU pedagogues and scientists.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/enu-diena-rtu-sakas-ar-zinatnieku-izstades-atklasanu>

April 5–25

The exhibition «*Zinātne Latvijai*» (Science for Latvia) can be viewed in the auditorium centre of RTU «*Domus Auditorialis*».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-auditoriju-maja-domus-auditorialis-bus-aplukoja-izstade-zinatne-latvijai-2023>

April 12

The Head of the Shipping Management and Navigation Centre, *Imants Aleksandrovs*, starts working as the Director of the RTU Latvian Maritime Academy.

RTU Vice-Rector for Strategic Development (2017–2023) *Artūrs Zeps* has been appointed RTU Vice-Rector for Strategic Development and Finance.

Yael Duthilleul, representative of The Council of Europe Development Bank (EPAB), visited RTU to get acquainted with the work done in the second round of the Student Campus in *Ķīpsala* development project and to assess how the improvement of the infrastructure affects the overall growth of the university.

April 14–16

RTU EHS pupils *Lukass Roberts Kellijs* (12th grade) and *Ilya Reutin* (11th grade) win bronze awards at the Nordic-Baltic Physics Olympiad (NBPhO), which takes place in Estonia and where Latvia is represented by 18 pupils.

https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/ziemelvalstu-baltijas-fizikas-olimpiade-nbpho-skoleniem-no-latvijas-1-sudraba-un-5-bronzas-medalas?fbclid=IwAR2Bhj8x30v_3ve8pFsaKlrey4a9D4DhXjy1e7SjNcCKg0s5ziZQ2IGzfWE

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April 17

During the Latvia-Ghana business forum, a tripartite cooperation agreement was signed between RTU, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies (until 2022 – Latvian Agricultural University) and Ghana University of Energy and Natural Resources, which will promote cooperation and student exchange.

<https://lvportals.lv/dienaskartiba/350893-arlietu-ministrs-ar-plasu-uznemeju-delegaciju-apmekle-ganu-2023>

In *Kīpsala*, in the event hall of the Science and Innovation Centre «The Moon», RTU Young Employees' Day is taking place.

April 19

Rector *Tālis Juhna* and Director of the Science and Innovation Centre *Liene Briede*, who will soon take up the position of Vice-Rector for Innovations, meet with the President of the Republic of Latvia *Egils Levits* to present their vision for the future development of RTU and how it is planned to promote RTU's international competitiveness.

<https://www.president.lv/lv/jaunums/vlsts-prezidents-inovacijam-ir-jabut-zinatnes-universitasu-centra>

The RTU Men's Volleyball Team «RTU *Robežsardze / Jūrmala*» wins the silver medal at the «Optibet» Latvian Championship.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-robezsardze-jurmala-izcina-sudrabu-optibet-latvijas-cempionata>

April 19–21

Daniils Soško, a 12th-grade pupil of RTU EHS, wins 2nd place in the 29th Chemistry Olympiad of the Baltic States, which is taking place this year in *Dobele*, Latvia.

<https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/skoleni-gust-izcilus-panakumus-latvijai-1-un-2-vieta-baltijas-valstu-kimijas-29-olimpiade?fbclid=IwAR0R2fD2xRxmXCCpRPPVpRSBWpdonxUH5pr5lqnq4tiBbyxpXOGEVtZS5wc>

The RTU Cheerleading Team «RTU Cheer» is participating in the world championships for the first time in the history of Latvia, winning the high 12th place.

https://sports.tv3.lv/citi/rtu-karsejkomanda-piepilda-sapni-un-pirmo-reizi-latvijas-vesture-piedalas-pasaules-meistarsacikstes/?utm_content=tv3.lv&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=owned&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAROMY_sfgdLRXJebL78Jb1sFHB0zsl5YPe6mu-dFXFASSIkDYsQfIAmvKXU#EchoBox=1682160852-1

April 20

RTU science curiosity centre «*Futurimo Rīga*» was officially opened.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/svinigi-atklaj-rtu-zinatkares-centru-futurimo-riga-apmekletajiem-tas-durvis-vers-no-22-aprila>

https://www.riga.lv/lv/jaunums/svinigi-atklaj-rtu-zinatkares-centru-futurimo-riga-apmekletajiem-tas-durvis-vers-no-22-aprila?utm_source=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F

The management of RTU – Rector *Tālis Juhna* and the Director of the Science and Innovation Centre *Liene Briede*, who will start the position of Vice-Rector for Innovation in May – participate in the discussion diskusijā «*Inovāciju pārnese: no idejas uz ekonomikas transformāciju*» (Innovation transfer: from idea to economic transformation) organized by the State President *Egils Levits*.

<https://www.president.lv/lv/jaunums/video-diskusija-inovaciju-parnese-no-idejas-uz-ekonomikas-transformaciju>

April 24

Elīna Gaile-Sarkane, Chairwoman of the RTU Senate (2012–2023) and FEEM Dean (2017–2023), has been appointed RTU Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs.

Assistant Professor *Aldis Čēvers*, Head of the Department of Customs and Taxes, begins his work as the Dean of FEEM.

Martina Hirayama, State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation of the Swiss Federal Department of Economics, Education and Research, is visiting RTU to get acquainted with engineering higher education and science in Latvia.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/sveices-valsts-sekretare-izglitibas-petniecibas-un-inovaciju-jautajumos-martina-hirajama-iepazistas-ar-rtu>

The RTU Senate decides (Minutes No. 672) decides:

- *Jānis Kaminskis* is elected as the Deputy Chairman of RTU Senate;
- adopt amendments to the Regulations of RTU Awards and Diplomas, creating two new awards – «RTU Badge of Honour», which is the highest award of RTU and awarded to RTU employees for special merits for RTU, and «Diploma of RTU Tenure Professor»;
- conceptually support and coordinate the following structural changes in RTU:
 - to change the internal audit system of RTU by moving the Internal Audit Department under the functional authority of the RTU Council and the administrative authority of the Rector;

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- the Office of Vice-Rector for Finance (including the Accounting Department, the Department of Financial Planning and Management and their units) will be added to the Office of Vice-Rector for Strategic Development, creating the Office of Vice-Rector for Strategic Development and Finance;
- to include the Information Technology Department and its units in the Office of Director of Administration;
- change the name of the User Support Centre to «IT Service Centre», change the name of the Communications Infrastructure Department to «IT Infrastructure and Cyber Security Department»;
- add the Digitalization Development Department to the Department of Information Systems, changing its name to «Digitalization and Information Systems Development Department»;
- liquidate the Digital Innovation Centre, transferring human and material resources to the Information Technology Department.

The effective date of changes to the RTU structure is determined by the RTU Council.

April 25

The RTU Council approves the decision of Senate on structural changes of RTU conceptually supported at the meeting on 24 April 2023. (Minutes No. 672).

April 27

While improving the sports infrastructure of RTU, the new lighting system of the RTU Stadium (*Daugavgrīvas* Street) is solemnly opened, in the improvement of which both RTU and the Latvian Football Federation have made equal investments.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-stadiona-svinigi-atklaj-jauno-apgaismojuma-sistemu?fbclid=IwAR1Zb2T1tW5JSZQIKkc43pHtUQEXKjthttDu8kjej3X8SPb1jwCzLKKJAK>

April 28–May 2

RTU EHS 11th grade pupil *Adriāns Piliksers* wins a silver medal at the Baltic Informatics Olympiad, which takes place in Denmark.

<https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/latvijas-skolenu-komanda-sasniegusi-izcilus-rezultatus-baltijas-informatikas-olimpiade>

April 29– May 5

RTU EHS 10th grade pupil *Edvards Meržvinskis* and his team win a silver medal at the European Olympiad of Experimental Sciences, which is being held in Latvia this year and is attended by 230 students and their mentors from 23 countries.

<https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/latvija-aizvaditaja-eiropas-eksperimentalo-zinatnu-olimpiade-uzvar-vacijas-jauniesu-komanda-latvijai-sudrabs-un-bronza?fbclid=IwAR2mBSWMf-uETCKE8-2aHFE10h4uLBC9iGGtX3gsM0ymSa13eamZbu3SasVA>

May 2

Liene Briede, the former Head of the RTU Science and Innovation Centre, is starting her work as RTU Vice-Rector for Innovations.

The Letter of Recognition of the Cabinet of Ministers (CM Order No. 254, Minutes No. 24 §32) for the contribution to the improvement of the higher education system was awarded to RTU Vice-Rector of Academic Research (2007–2023) Professor *Dr. sc. ing. Uldis Sukovskis*; for the creation and management of the personal protective equipment testing laboratory and contribution to public health safety – to the Leading Researcher *Dr. sc. ing. Inga Dāboliņa*.

<https://www.vestnesis.lv/op/2023/85.10>

May 10

Simona Ozoliņa-Ugore starts working as the Executive Director of the RTU Alumni Association

May 10–12

Bringing together scientists and experts from 25 countries, the international scientific conference «Conect 2023» is held in the RTU auditorium centre «*Domus Auditorialis*», which is organized annually by FEEE Institute of Energy Systems and Environment. The conference was opened by the Minister of Climate and Energy *Raimonds Čudars*, the Italian Ambassador to Latvia *Alessandro Monti* and the RTU Rector *Tālis Juhna*.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/10-12-maija-notiks-starptautiska-vides-un-klimata-tehnologiju-konference-connect-2023?fbclid=IwAR00jPwTstxtj1nBFN3y54IY-1SvDb2IIILrdJmj4xLsyg_JZm0PkR7TY_tc

May 11

RTU receives the Letter of Recognition of the Employers' Confederation of Latvian for its significant contribution to the improvement of professional education and the organization of training and internships based on the work environment.

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May 13

RTU Electronics Day 2023 and Robotics Championship are taking place. In the contest «*Jaunais elektronīkis 2023*» (Young Electronics 2023), in the age group from 15 years old, the pupils of RTU EHS *Kirils Koļesņikovs* (11th grade) and *Nikita Travins* (12th grade) won the 2nd place.

<https://www.letera.lv/elektronikas-un-robotikas-diena-2023-veids-ka-bernos-radit-interesi-par-dabaszinatnem/?fbclid=IwAR0xkWfT8T2hLu5TpJqAKCA12bN3A428fNbb8CBofRLCrz8KyDYioq186m0>

May 13-14

In the Volleyball Competition at the Latvian XXXIII Universiade, which takes place in *Jelgava*, the RTU Men's Volleyball Team won the gold medal; the RTU Women's Team won the bronze medal.

May 16

In the presence of the leaders of Latvia's largest universities-- RTU Rector *Tālis Juhna*, UL Rector *Indriķis Muižnieks*, RSU Vice-Rector for Sciences *Agrita Kiopa* – and *Dmitrijs Stepanovs*, Director of the Department of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Ministry of Education and Science, solemnly opens the project «*Augsta līmeņa digitālo prasmju attīstība Latvijā augstas veiktspējas skaitļošanas jomā*» (Development of High-Level Digital Skills in Latvia in the Field of High-performance Computing) at RTU SIC Hall «The Moon».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvijas-lielakas-universitates-svinigi-atklaj-projektu-kas-stiprinot-digitalas-prasmes-sabiedriba-sekmes-viedu-transformaciju>

May 17

An exhibition of works by students of the Institute of Design Technologies of FMSAC opens in the innovation and scientific achievements exhibition space «*RTU un Origo nākotnes pietura*» (Future Stop of RTU and Origo).

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/ekspoziciju-telpa-rtu-un-origo-nakotnes-pietura-atklaj-rtu-dizaina-studentu-darbu-izstadi?fbclid=IwAR2N5EZd37YRFB1xZvo4IjCvr1LIUUQRtAkWQnjQM-3gMbbmmzYOUgxPQLk>

May 18

RTU Personal Protective Equipment Testing Laboratory (led by *Dr. sc. ing. Inga Dāboliņa*) receives the Latvian Defence and Security Industry Award of the Year in the nomination «Growth».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-sanem-latvijas-aizsardzibas-un-drosibas-industrijas-gada-balvu-nominacija-izaugsme>

In RTU's Auditorium Center «*Domus Auditorialis*» the inauguration event of the newly elected Rector of RTU, Academician *Tālis Juhna*, is held, where the guests, faculty staff, scientists, employees and students are addressed by Prime Minister *Krišjānis Kariņš*, Minister of Education and Science *Anda Čakša*, Minister of Economics *Ilze Indriksone*, Minister of Finance *Arvils Ašeradens*, Minister of the Interior *Māris Kučinskis*, the General Director of the Confederation of Latvian Employers *Kaspars Gorkšs*, Chairman of the RTU Council *Andris Vanags*, Chairman of the RTU Constitutional Assembly *Valdis Kokars*, as well as luger, XX and XXII Olympic Winter Games bronze medallist (2006; 2014) *Mārtiņš Rubenis*.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/talis-juhna-rektora-inauguracijas-ceremonija-sola-rtu-veidot-par-pasaules-limena-universitati>

May 19

The «RTU Student Parliament Annual Award 2022/2023» presentation ceremony and SP's 31st birthday celebration are taking place. The main award – «Self-Government of the Year» is won by FMSAC. The «Faculty of the Year» award goes to: *Marts Švēde* (FA), *Līga Gaile* (FCE), *Māra Pudāne* (FCSIT), *Zane Seņko* (FETH), *Evija Kopeika* (FET), *Jūlija Maksimkina* (FEEE), *Uldis Kamols* (FEEM), *Marina Čerpinska* (FMETA), *Ilze Baltiņa* (FMSAC), *Inese Simkeviča* (RTU Cēsis Study and Science Centre), *Solvita Ziņģīte* (RTU Liepāja Study and Science Centre), *Igors Ščukins* (RTU Daugavpils Study and Science Centre). The «Student Friend of the Year in RTU Administration» award goes to the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs *Elīna Gaile-Sarkane*; «Student of the Year» – *Aija Monika Vainiņa* (2nd course at FCSIT); «Activist of the Student Parliament of the Year» – *Krišjānis Saliņš* (1st course at FET); «Board Member of the Year» – *Alise Drozdova* (3rd course at FCSIT); «Old Fellow of the Year» – *Ariadna Ivanova* (1st course of master's program of FCSIT); «Student Interest Representative of the Year» – *Airita Olehnoviča* (4th course at FCE); «Sportsman of the Year» – *Elza Ķuze* (2nd course at FCE).

«Project of the Year» – «*Fukšu Balle 2022*», «Faculty Student Self-Government Project of the Year» – Baltic's largest night adventure orienteering competition «The Lost '22», «Idea of the Year» – RTU Liepāja Study and Science Centre's freshman camp «Full Cosmos», «Audiovisual Material of the Year» – freshman camp «6G.exe», «Supporter of the year» – «Red Bull».

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtusp/albums/72177720308467470/page2>

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May 19–21

At the XXXVIII SELL (*Soumi, Eesti*, Latvia, Lithuania) Student Games held in Tartu (Estonia), RTU students won five gold, nine silver and five bronze medals. At the SELL Games, RTU is represented by 71 athletes in various sports this year – table tennis, badminton, swimming, mini football 7 x 7, athletics, power triathlon, basketball and volleyball.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-sportisti-sell-studentu-speles-izcina-19-medalas?fbclid=IwAR1z2pF8mjEdCG65GfnzbaBnC0WbeY6TJIORRjB-4ekq26lQxuH1uginazA>

May 20

RTU in cooperation with the national airline of Latvia «airBaltic» is organizing an unprecedented hackathon on the Baltic scale to promote the development of innovations in the aviation industry and to search for unprecedented solutions to current challenges.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijem/zinas/atvert/20-maija-notiks-baltija-pirmais-aviacijas-hakatonis?fbclid=IwAR2biqVnDboHIWG7iJrCzKQ-z4dezRW5ziHgx7ky0ir1dqM2fezMNNIG1Q>

May 22

RTU Rector *Tālis Juhna*, the Italian Ambassador to Latvia Alessandro Monti and Latvian Ambassador to Italy *Solvita Āboltiņa* sign the Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of RTU Latvian-Italian Cooperation Centre (*Latvijas-Itālijas sadarbības centrs* – LISC) in Bergamo. *Ēriks Badamšins*, Head of International Cooperation Unit of RTU International Cooperation and Foreign Students Department, has been appointed as the Executive Director of LISC.

May 26

With the decision of the FMSAC Council (Minutes No. 151), the Memorial Medals of the outstanding chemist Paul Walden were awarded to RTU history researcher Professor *Alīda Zigmunde*, RTU Honorary Doctor, University of Houston Professor chemist *Olafs Daugulis* and FMSAC Leading Researcher, Member of RTU Council material scientist *Jānis Ločs*.

https://www.lza.lv/aktualitates/jaunumi/1577-pieskirtas-paula-valdena-pieminas-medalas?fbclid=IwAR3O4jTFLuVGujSLZJnS8H9jg4BHy9SvdBVeQynGOD-M_3JSzAokPdrL6Rs_aem_th_AcNhppOIm-RqXTxrh622wTVIAPLE3UsdL8GpLfjq42_OHo6hMatCStwJgU9B22DmtdLw

May 30

The premiere of the short fashion film «*Entropija*» by the students of the FMSAC Institute of Design Technologies is taking place in the RTU SIC Event Hall «The Moon». The exhibition «*Dizaina kods 2023*» (Design Code 2023) opens at 6 *Kīpsalas* Street.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/notiks-rtu-dizaina-tehnologiju-instituta-studentu-modes-isfilmas-entropija-pirmizrade-un-izstade-dizaina-kods-2023>

The RTU Senate decides (Minutes No. 673)

- award the title of RTU Honorary Doctor to the long-time CERN Professor *Dr. phys. Maurizio Vretenar*;
https://www.rtu.lv/lv/aef/par-mums-aef/aef-aktualitates/atvert/rtu-pieskir-goda-doktora-nosaukumu-cern-profesoram-mauricio-vretenaram?fbclid=IwAR1lsNj9_jcDkwmLkxGilSscO38a4Lg_Z1Q2Er2f7qA-0wfd_FGN1NbrDnw
- to award RTU highest award – the RTU Badge of Honour – to Academician *Leonīds Ribickis*.

June 2

For outstanding achievements and contribution to the promotion of the Latvian sports industry and the country in the world, the Ministry of Economics presents a Letter of Recognition to *Mārtiņš Rubenis*, a mechanic and Coach of the Latvian Luge Team, bronze medal winner of the XX and XXII Winter Olympic Games (2006; 2014), employee at the Design Factory of RTU Science and Innovation Centre.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/martins-rubenis-sanem-ekonomikas-ministrijas-atzinibas-rakstu?fbclid=IwAR1ddebwrn3bcpEejlM15F-S0SkWi_fSpIzclRW8lKx09iSeRKqXikrLND4

<https://lvportals.lv/dienaskartiba/352295-indriksone-pasniedz-atzinibas-uznemejiem-par-ekonomikas-izaugsmes-veicinasanu-un-latvijas-tela-popularizesanu-2023>

FEEM Professor *Dr. oec. Inga Lapiņa* starts work as a freelance adviser to the Minister of Education and Science *Anda Čakša*, the professor's task is to provide consultations and proposals on higher education issues.

<https://www.izm.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/darbu-uzsak-izglitibas-un-zinatnes-ministres-padomniece-profesore-inga-lapina?fbclid=IwAR1z7SGPhUYpkyiUjZc5Lw3kaH9f00os0nOrOQvcynVn1VbjwjU5f8X5ss>

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June 3–4

FMETA 1st course student *Lauris Pēteris Vējš* as part of the Latvian Junior Shotgun Shooting Team wins a bronze medal in the team competition at the World Junior Cup competition, which takes place in Suhl, Germany.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-students-lauris-peteris-vejs-latvijas-izlases-sastava-izcina-bronzas-medalu-pasaules-junioru-kausa-stenda-sausana>

June 6

RTU signs a cooperation agreement with the company «LVR Flote» on cooperation in studies and innovation development. The contract is signed by RTU Vice-Rector for Innovations *Liene Briede* and a Member of the Board of «LVR Flote» *Kaspars Ozoliņš*.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-parakstaligumu-ar-uznemumu-lvr-flote-par-sadarbibu-studijas-un-inovaciju-izstrade?fbclid=IwAR3BrMkMPnTnwhxnEoDF6lrepQY3RJW4wOT_Raj53ufHJSS3qeGEnLc6yo

June 9

U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai and Executive Vice President of the European Commission *Valdis Dombrovskis* are visiting RTU to get acquainted with Latvia's initiatives in creating innovations, as well as RTU's research.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/asv-tirdzniecibas-parstave-kestrina-taja-rtu-iepastistas-ar-latvijas-ieguldijumu-kvantu-tehnologijas>
<https://eng.lsm.lv/article/politics/diplomacy/09.06.2023-us-trade-representative-katherine-tai-in-latvia.a511632/>

June 9–10

RTU Rector *Tālis Juhna*, Vice-Rector for Innovations *Liene Briede*, as well as students, researchers and SIC employees participate in the traditional conversation festival «Lampa», which takes place in Cēsis Palace Park.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-parstavjilampa-diskutes-par-tehnologijam-zinasanam-jaunuznemumiem-ilgtspeju-kosmosu-un-udeni>

June 12–16

RTU EHS11th grade pupils *Aleksis Ķeviņš* and *Rinards Melnis* win silver medals at the International «Genius» Olympiad, which takes place in Rochester, USA.

https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/starptautiskaja-olimpiade-genius-skoleni-no-latvijas-izcina-sudraba-medalas?fbclid=IwAR3FLbeM0_uQGAOnzyHliKpQAvq2f6vNnpIp8lGVLilxE7Ko3xZDA1cKEos

June 14

Priscila Misihairabwi-Mushonga, Ambassador of the Republic of Zimbabwe to Latvia, is visiting RTU to discuss potential cooperation in the development of education and innovation. Together with the ambassador, *Tīls Indāns*, the third secretary of the Department of Middle East and African countries of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is visiting RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-viesojas-zimbabves-vestniece-latvija?fbclid=IwAR1liRHNRuRHqDwAyl216DF3CgkzvYz-k3HkHIYiTWOI4vTtKXYZotCK-bg>

In order to strengthen the cooperation between RTU and JSC «*Latvijas Finieris*» and to learn about the performance of RTU scientists and their offer for the development of the industry, Chairman of the Council of JSC «*Latvijas Finieris*» *Uldis Biķis* and the management of the company are visiting RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-un-as-latvijas-finieris-plano-stiprinat-sadarbibu>

June 15–16

A delegation from the University of Salento (US; Italy) is visiting RTU to discuss opportunities for closer cooperation. US Rector Fabio Pollice and RTU Rector *Tālis Juhna* sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the two universities.

June 16–18

RTU swimmers win several prize-winning places in the Latvian Championship in the 25 m pool, which takes place in the *Valmiera Olympic Centre*: FVE 2nd year student *Rihards Kahanovičs* ranks 2nd in 50 m and 3rd in 100 m breaststroke; FEEM 2nd year student *Marija Goberga* gets two 3rd places – 100 m and 200 m breaststroke; FCSIT 1st year student *Dainis Kudrjavcevs* – 3rd place in 400 m complex swimming.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/sports/sporta-centra-jaunumi/atvert/rtu-sportisti-gust-panakumus-latvijas-cempionata-peldesana?fbclid=IwAR28c_SJWbEhT6P36p0yPu9v13RCl-DufpnzOFp6kiDq4OP5ahhAaDLDEXY

June 16–20

At the European Physics Olympiad (EuPhO), which takes place in Hannover, Germany, RTU EHS 11th grade pupils receive awards: *Ilya Reutin* – silver medal, *Sandijs Raksiņš* – appreciation.

https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/eiropas-fizikas-olimpiade-latvijas-skoleniem-augsti-sasniedzumi-sanemtas-sudraba-un-bronzas-medalas-ka-ari-atziniba?fbclid=IwAR2vqtPFVH8EIT5H7iAfxPUjCzh8tqUsyKRL9DA4MnbkBk5xvX_SFD1vQRg&utm_source=https%3A%2F%2F1.facebook.com%2F

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June 17

RTU Folk Dance Ensemble «*Vektors*» (led by *Dagmāra Bārbale*) wins the XXVII General Latvian Song and XVII Dance Festival Grand Prize in the A (young) group, «*Vektors*» ranks 1st in the D (middle age) group. The final of the dance competition takes place in the Hall of the International Exhibition Centre in *Ķīpsala*, 16 groups participate in group A, and nine groups in group D.

<https://www.delfi.lv/kultura/news/dziesmu-un-deju-svetki/par-labakajiem-deju-kolektiviem-latvija-atziti-dancis-un-vektors.d?id=55671896>

June 19

In order to strengthen science and education, children's health care, as well as solve environmental problems, Latvian Finance Minister *Arvils Ašeradens* and Swiss Government representative for trade issues *Dominique Paravacini* sign the Swiss-Latvian cooperation program framework agreement, which provides for 42.4 million euros in Swiss support funding. The signing of the contract takes place in FA building. Before signing the contract, the Swiss delegation familiarizes itself with RTU laboratories and the work of scientists.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/latvijas-un-sveices-sadarbibas-programma-paredzeto-finansejumu-investes-ari-zinatne-un-inovacijas>

June 21

RTU management – Chairman of the Council *Andris Vanags*, Rector *Tālis Juhna*, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs *Elīna Gaile-Sarkane*, Vice-Rector for Innovations *Liene Briede*, Vice-Rector for Strategic Development and Finance *Artūrs Zeps*, Deputy Vice-Rector for Research *Gatis Bažbauers* and Director of Administration *Juris Iljins* – visit the *Rēzekne* Academy of Technology, starting with negotiations on the consolidation process.

https://www.rta.lv/aktualitates/rta-integresies-zinatnes-universitates-ekosistema-22062023?fbclid=IwAR37_5mIv2RPRyasR7Hot-MyO84zERsb3JoHqEvAxYsqska7Rflgs4vc5TY

June 21–30

Open HPC Week is taking place for the third year in a row. The events take place in SIC Event Hall «The Moon».

<https://hpc.rtu.lv/2023/06/atverta-hpc-nedela-2023/>

June 26

Claudio Andres Rivera starts his work as Director of RTU Riga Business School (RBS), replacing the long-time RBS Director *Jānis Grēviņš*.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/par-rtu-rigas-biznesa-skolas-direktoru-apstiprinats-klaudio-rivera>

June 26–30

The 11th-grade pupil of RTU EHS *Rūdis Freipičs* wins a gold medal at the Baltic Geography Olympiad, which takes place in *Valka* (Latvia) and *Tartu* (Estonia).

<https://www.tvnet.lv/7807490/latvijas-skolniekiem-spozi-panakumi-baltijas-geografijas-olimpiade>

June 27

The RTU Council approves the RTU Strategy 2023–2027 (Minutes No. 29), which for the next planning period foresees a proactive connection of the university's activities with the needs of the national economy and an orientation towards high quality and efficiency.

June 27–29

The fifth World Congress of Latvian Scientists is taking place in Riga, in which RTU scientists and students also participate.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-zinatnieki-un-studenti-piedalies-pasaules-latviesu-zinatnieku-kongresa>

June 28

The seventh RTU Grand Graduation is taking place, which is organized for the first time in the Student Campus in *Ķīpsala*, and where approximately 1400 RTU graduates receive their diplomas.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-lielaja-izlaiduma-diplomus-sanems-aptuveni-1000-absolventu-1>

June 30–July 9

On the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Festival, the XXVII General Latvian Song and XVII Dance Festival is held, in which RTU's amateur art groups also participate: men's choir «*Gaudeamus*», women's

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choir «Delta», mixed choir «Vivere», EHS mixed choir «Izvēle» student brass band «SPO», as well as students theatre «Spēle».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/kultura/par-mums-kultura/jaunumi-kultura/atvert/rtu-amatiermakslas-kolektivi-posas-xxvii-visparejiem-latviesu-dziesmu-un-xvii-deju-svetkiem>

In June

Evaluating RTU performance in implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 17 cooperation program, RTU was ranked 301st–400th in «The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2023» among the universities of the world.

https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/reitinga-impact-rankings-2023-visaugstak-noverte-rtu-ieguldijumu-inovaciju-sekmesana?fbclid=IwAR2LMsLgSbn0cZgig1kJbP2o-wecxFV0qoP_VruXys4rUazmNEVt_tXuDk0

RTU is the only university in Latvia included in the highest or platinum category of the «Sustainability Index».

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-ieklauta-iltgspejas-indeksa-platina-kategorija>

RTU ranks 751st–760th in the international ranking «QS World University Rankings 2024», maintaining the leading position in Latvia.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-latvija-saglaba-liderpozicijas-prestizaja-qs-world-university-rankings-2024>

Jurģis Grasmanis, a 3rd-year student at FMETA professional bachelor's program «Industriālais dizains» (Industrial Design), wins the Grand Prix at the International Furniture Design Competition «Kengo Kuma & Higashikawa», which is organized by the Japanese city of Higashikawa in cooperation with the world-famous architect Kengo Kuma, and which is held for the third time this year.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/mtaf/par-mums-3/mtaf-zinas/atvert/cinises-par-uzvaru-starptautiska-mebelu-dizaina-konkursa>

July 1

The RTU Project Support Department begins its work, which was created as a result of the reorganization Project and Development Department; the newly formed department has three units: Project Preparation and Development Unit, Project Implementation and Coordination Unit, Business Development Unit.

July 2

The RTU management team: Rector *Tālis Juhna*, Vice-Rector for Innovations *Liene Briede*, Vice-Rector for Strategic Development and Finance *Artūrs Zeps*, Chairman of the Senate *Juris Blūms*, Director of Administration *Juris Iljins* and Head of the Culture Centre *Ieva Ose* go in the procession of the participants of the XXVII General Latvian Song and XVII Dance Festival «*Novadu dižošanās*» together with RTU's amateur art collectives.

July 6

Design master classes are held in the Innovations and Science Exhibition Hall Future «*RTU un «Origo» nākotnes pietura*» (RTU and «Origo» Future Stop), led by teaching staff and students of the Institute of Design Technology of FMSAC.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/aicina-uz-dizaina-meistarklasem-inovaciju-un-zinatnes-sasniegumu-ekspoziciju-telpa-rtu-un-origo-nakotnes-pietura>

July 7

RTU and the *Valdis Valters* Basketball School start a new initiative «*Izglītots sportists*» (Educated Athlete), the Memorandum of Cooperation is signed by RTU Rector *Tālis Juhna* and the Head of the Basketball School, Latvian basketball legend, graduate (1988) of the Faculty of Engineering and Economics of Riga Polytechnic Institute *Valdis Valters*.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-un-valtera-basketbola-skola-iniciativa-izglitots-sportists-atbalstis-jaunos-sporta-talantus-augstakas-izglitibas-ieguve>

July 12

The sixth graduation of the RTU EHS is taking place in the RTU Student Campus in *Ķīpsala*, in the premises of FA.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-inzenierzinatnu-vidusskolu-absolve-24-eruditi-un-talantigi-jauniesi>

July 21

In order to get acquainted with RTU's activities in studies, science and innovation, as well as to evaluate the development of RTU's infrastructure and technical support, the President of Costa Rica, Rodrigo Chaves-Robles, together with the first lady of Costa Rica, Latvian *Signe Zeikate*, are visiting RTU.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/kostarikas-prezidents-iepazistas-ar-zinatni-un-inovacijam-rtu>

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July 16–25

RTU EHS 12th grade pupils *Daniils Soško* and *Viesturs Strelčs* win bronze medals at the International Chemistry Olympiad, which is held in Zurich, Switzerland.

[https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/starptautiskaja-kimijas-olimpiade-
visi-latvijas-skoleni-izcina-medalas?fbclid=IwAR3ofYHfXQZL-
xH3LNpIE4dFe0Fwxwr8rQ22Ljd6YFZDGgf9Nm8c9n26H8RI](https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/starptautiskaja-kimijas-olimpiade-
visi-latvijas-skoleni-izcina-medalas?fbclid=IwAR3ofYHfXQZL-
xH3LNpIE4dFe0Fwxwr8rQ22Ljd6YFZDGgf9Nm8c9n26H8RI)

In July

In a survey organized by the Confederation of Latvian Employers and portal *prakse.lv*, RTU has become the most recommended university in Latvia by employers for the 12th year.

[https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/
rtu-nemainigi-darba-deveju-visaugstak-noverteta-universitate-latvija](https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/
rtu-nemainigi-darba-deveju-visaugstak-noverteta-universitate-latvija)

FMETA Professor, Latvia's representative at the European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN), freelance advisor to the President on science issues *Toms Torims*, is awarded the Medal of the Baltic Assembly for outstanding promotion of scientific cooperation between the Baltic States and CERN.

[https://www.rtu.lv/lv/aef/par-mums-aef/aef-aktualitates/atvert/rtu-profesoram-
un-latvijas-parstavim-cern-tomam-torimam-pieskirta-baltijas-asamblejas-
medala?fbclid=IwAR0rBy9WkrMq4UD6VVdzjGqhTFMTBjmq0Y90PQop
Ldsa4QShbRjyA9_48-w](https://www.rtu.lv/lv/aef/par-mums-aef/aef-aktualitates/atvert/rtu-profesoram-
un-latvijas-parstavim-cern-tomam-torimam-pieskirta-baltijas-asamblejas-
medala?fbclid=IwAR0rBy9WkrMq4UD6VVdzjGqhTFMTBjmq0Y90PQop
Ldsa4QShbRjyA9_48-w)

August 1

RTU Rector *Tālis Juhna*, Vice-Rector for Innovations *Liene Briede* and the representative of the Design Factory of the Science and Innovation Centre, luger *Mārtiņš Rubenis* meet with the Minister of Education and Science *Anda Čakša* to discuss the unique solutions offered by RTU scientists for technical sports and the development plans of the Sports Technology Centre, ensuring higher achievements in both sports and science.

Minister of Economics *Ilze Indriksone* and representatives of the Ministry of Economics are visiting RTU Curiosity Centre «Futurimo Riga» to familiarize themselves with the centre's exhibits and, meeting with RTU management, to discuss the public issue of how to promote students' and young people's interest in exact and natural sciences.

[https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/
ekonomikas-ministre-ilze-indriksone-iepazistas-ar-zinatkares-centru-futurimo-riga](https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/
ekonomikas-ministre-ilze-indriksone-iepazistas-ar-zinatkares-centru-futurimo-riga)

August 6–18

The 11th-grade pupil of RTU EHS *Rūdis Freipičs* wins a silver medal at the International Geography Olympiad, which takes place in Bandung, Indonesia.

https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/latvijas-skoleni-izcinijusi-pilnu-medalu-komplektu-starptautiskaja-geografijas-olimpiade?fbclid=IwAR0MpxX1apt0l0KbAKLEfjiYzWu5MuRM9rf6PDM9t1ZG0tfl1sdciMQu_NtQ&utm_source=https%3A%2F%2Ffl.facebook.com%2F

August 7–12

The largest and one of the most prestigious international chess festivals «RTU Open 2023» is taking place for the 12th time in Northern Europe, where more than 500 participants from 29 countries compete in 11 tournaments of different levels – from chess grandmasters to children and young people. International master Elham Abdrlauf (Norway) became the winner in the main or A tournament of 201 participants.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-open-2023-uzvar-astonpadsmigtadigs-saha-meistars-no-norvegijas-elham-abdrlauf>

August 8

The Cabinet of Ministers supports the reorganization of *Liepāja* University (LiepU) (MK Order No. 482), by adding *Liepāja* University RTU as a separate structural unit from 1 March 2024.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/valdiba-atbalsta-liepajas-universitates-pievienosanu-rtu>

August 9

In RTU Student Campus in *Ķīpsala*, 3 *Paula Valdena* Street, the foundation stone and time capsule of the new building of the Baltic Biomaterials Centre of Excellence (BBCE) are being laid.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/svinigi-sak-baltijas-biomaterialu-ekselences-centra-ekas-buvniecibu-kipsala>

August 10–20

RTU EHS 12th grade pupil *Viesturs Streļčs* wins a bronze medal at the 16th International Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad, which is held in Chorzow, Poland.

<https://www.apollo.lv/7840180/starptautiskaja-astronomijas-un-astrofizikas-olimpiade-latvijas-skoleni-izcina-divas-medalas>

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August 11

RTU Rector *Tālis Juhna* and the management team are meeting with the future Latvian Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), *Dana Goldfinča*, to discuss cooperation opportunities with the UAE and other Persian Gulf countries.

August 15

«*RoboRiga*», a water robotics competition and industry discussion event, organized by «N-LAB» and «RTU SIC Design Factory», where robotics enthusiasts, innovation and technology experts and scientists gather to discuss the development of water management robotics. During the event, RTU, the creative and innovation centre «N-LAB», Ltd. «*Latvijas Mobilais Telefons*» and the art centre «NOASS» sign a cooperation agreement on the development of water robotics and innovations in Latvia.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/parakstasadarbibas-vienosanos-par-udens-robotikas-un-inovaciju-attistisanu-latvija>

Marija Hramcova, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Financial Affairs of Vice-Rector for Strategic Development and Finance *A. Zeps*, starts work at RTU, under whose leadership the Department of Financial Planning and Management and the Accounting Department of the Office of the Vice-Rector for Strategic Development will continue to work.

August 17-18

RTU is holding an educational inspiration conference «*Iedvesmas kods 2023*» (Inspiration Code 2023), which is dedicated to modern education solutions for excellence and which gathers around 170 teachers, school directors and representatives of educational institutions from all over Latvia.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-izglitibas-iedvesmas-konference-uznems-ap-170-skolotaju-no-visas-latvijas?fbclid=IwAR0PZAc8aJmvGFy5jcYrgoxJnCMaVMW4D7k-bKa9wIoMsn50wWDB-GvF7ys>

August 28

Assistant Professor *Ivo Vaicis* becomes Acting Dean of FMETA, Assistant Professor *Marina Čerpinska* becomes Acting Vice-Dean of Studies of FMETA.

August 28–September 4

Andriāns Piliksers, a pupil of the 11th grade of RTU EHS, wins a bronze medal at the International Informatics Olympiad, which takes place in Szeged, Hungary, in which 351 pupils from 87 countries competed.

<https://www.visc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/starptautiskaja-informatikas-olimpiade-latvijas-skoleni-izcina-divas-sudraba-un-vienu-bronzas-medalu?fbclid=IwAR3CGEKcpgzq1Wd55HQpU3k9F1h9VRa5Z2SFcZAvJp7omrmqJaeABYC0TMU>

August 29

The opening event of the fourth season of the RTU talent program is taking place, in which the patron of the program, the Executive Vice President of the European Commission, *Valdis Dombrovskis*, is taking part.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/svinigi-sak-rtu-talantu-programmas-ceturto-sezonu-saja-studiju-gada-programmu-absolves-pirmie-30-studenti>

Dean (2005–2023) of RTU FMETA Professor *Ēriks Geriņš* and Vice-Dean of Studies (2005–2023) Professor *Aldis Balodis* receive the RTU Honorary Diploma for their lifetime contribution to the development of RTU and FMETA.

August 30

FCE celebrates its 160th anniversary in a festive event with the participation of foreign guests, industry and cooperation partners.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/augstaka-buvniecibas-izglitiba-latvija-svin-160-jubileju>

There is an event for freshmen «*Startēšu RTU*», where you can get useful information about the study process, scientific, practical and extracurricular activities at the university.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/notiks-pirmkursnieku-pasakums-startesu-rtu-1>

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August 31

The traditional meeting of Rector *Tālis Juhna* with faculty, staff and students is taking place at the beginning of the new academic year. The Chairman of RTU Council *Andris Vanags*, his deputy *Anita Straujuma*, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs *Elīna Gaile-Sarkane*, Vice-Rector of Innovations *Liene Briede*, Vice-Rector for Strategic Development and Finance *Artūrs Zeps*, Deputy Vice-Rector for Research *Gatis Bažbauers* and Director of Administration *Juris Iljins* inform about current events and planned works. RTU management presents plans for the near future: strengthening interdisciplinary cooperation in studies and science, from 1 January 2024, it is planned to merge FCSIT, FEEE (except for Institute of Energy Systems and Environment – IESE), FET and FETH, creating the Faculty of Digital Technologies and Engineering; FCE (with the exception of the Institute of Water Systems and Biotechnology – IWSB) and FMETA are planned to be transformed into the Faculty of Construction and Mechanics; FMSAC is planned to join IESE and IWSB, creating the Faculty of Nature, Environment and Material Sciences; FEEM will maintain its current status, its name is planned to be changed to the Faculty of Management and Social Sciences; it is planned to add the Institute of Design Technology to FA, creating a School of Architecture.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/istenos-strukturalas-reformas-tuvinot-rtu-top-500-universitatu-limenim>

In August

RTU EHS becomes the best small school in Latvia for the eighth year in a row.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-inzenierzinatnu-vidusskola-astoto-reizi-pec-kartas-klust-par-labako-mazo-skolu-latvija?fbclid=IwAR1R1bFakHzN340hG-YxbKlIM2xIVVkaEaT2vWa4mZ00P43LE19L47BEGSw>

RTU Institute of Particle Physics and Accelerator Technologies Leading Researcher and Associate Professor *Kārlis Dreimanis* was awarded with the Letter of Recognition of the Ministry of Education and Science for his contribution to the development of high energy physics in Latvia and Latvia's very successful participation in the CMS Experiment at CERN.