

## Cracow University of Technology and FH Münster will cooperate in educating doctoral students

***CUT and FH Münster recognise and acknowledge that the scientific quality of the education programme offered by the CUT Doctoral School (CUT DS) in the discipline of Architecture and Urban Planning and the PhD certification programme of the Münster School of Architecture (MSA) at FH Münster are equivalent – says the preamble to the agreement signed today at Cracow University of Technology. Under the provisions of this agreement, both universities will cooperate in educating doctoral students.***

Starting today, Cracow University of Technology and FH Münster University of Applied Sciences will cooperate in educating doctoral students. The signed agreement specifies the mutual rights, obligations and scope of responsibility of both partners. The agreement was signed by: Vice-Rector for Research prof. dr hab. inż. Dariusz Bogdał, President of FH Münster University of Applied Sciences, Prof. Dr. rer. pol. Frank Dellmann, Dean of the CUT Faculty of Architecture dr hab. inż. arch. Magdalena Kozień-Woźniak prof. of CUT, Dean of Münster School of Architecture Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Martin Weischer and the Director of the CUT Doctoral School dr hab. inż. Małgorzata Cimochowicz-Rybicka, prof. of CUT.



*Signatories of the agreement / Phot. Jan Zych*

*- FH Münster has chosen us because we have been cooperating for over 30 years. Initially, the Faculty of Architecture was an active participant in this cooperation, and then the Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology joined in. At present, we have yet another generation of scientists, and I am very happy that this cooperation has developed so well and has been raised to the doctoral level. FH Münster is a reliable partner and I hope that in the future other faculties of Cracow University of Technology will undertake cooperation with them. – said prof. dr hab. inż. Dariusz Bogdał, Vice-Rector for Research.*



*Signing the Agreement on cooperation between Cracow University of Technology and FH Münster in providing education for doctoral students / Phot. Jan Zych*

The President of FH Münster University of Applied Sciences Prof. Dr. Frank Dellmann has also emphasised the long-standing cooperation of his university with Cracow University of Technology – *Our cooperation started in fact as early as in 1989, which was an important year for Poland, Germany and whole Europe (...). At this period of transformation, prof. Bühler of Münster School of Architecture and prof. Buliński of Cracow University of Technology started cooperating. Now, cooperation between universities of Western and Eastern Europe is simply obvious. Yet, 30 years ago it required courage and a great deal of commitment on both sides. We are cooperating not only in the field of architecture. In 2006 we expanded cooperation between our two universities to include chemical engineering, chemical technology and process engineering. We are also open to considering other scientific fields.* – stressed Prof. Dr. Frank Dellmann.

The cooperation undertaken today will enable integration of various competences and characteristics of education specific of the CUT Doctoral School and the MSA FH Münster PhD Certification Programme. It will also provide support for doctoral students. It is worth mentioning, however, that FH Münster – being a University of Applied Sciences (an institution of vocational higher education) – has no right to award the degree of doctor. Pursuant to the binding legal provisions, the degree of doctor is awarded by Cracow University of Technology. – *Today, we are adding yet another one to our numerous joint activities – the programme of doctoral students' education. For us – as an institution of higher education without the full right to award doctor's degrees, it is necessary to exercise supervision over doctoral students jointly with a university* – explained Prof. Dr. Frank Dellmann.

The PhD Certification Programme at FH Münster provides that the education at the host institution will be received by 4-5 doctoral students on an exchange basis (for the period of minimum 2 semesters), and it will lead to the award of an academic certificate. Thus, following the successful completion of the education programme at the CUT Doctoral School and public defence of the doctoral dissertation, the graduates will be awarded the degree of doctor in the in the field of Engineering and Technology (discipline of *Architecture and Urban Planning*) at Cracow University of Technology and the Academic Certificate of Completion of the Doctoral Studies Programme at FH Münster.



*Representatives of FH Münster and Cracow University of Technology / Phot. Jan Zych*

Doctoral students will be able to apply to the programme at Cracow University of Technology as well as to the programme at the MSA every year. The recruitment process will be conducted by a committee composed of representatives of both institutions. Each doctoral student will have two supervisors (one from each of the partner institutions). Doctoral dissertations prepared under the joint academic supervision will be written in English. The dissertations will also be defended in this language.

As the signatories of the agreement emphasised, FH Münster cooperates with Cracow University of Technology also in other fields. The first example at hand may be the project called "ZnTe nanoclusters of magical magnitude: a platform for high-efficiency chemical reduction" implemented at the Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology of Cracow University of Technology under the supervision of Katarzyna Matras-Postolek, prof. of CUT, in partnership with FH Münster University of Applied Sciences, Academic Centre for Materials and Nanotechnology of AGH University of Science and Technology and in cooperation with the Faculty of Physics, Astronomy and Applied Computer Science of Jagiellonian University. More about this project may be found in article [„W poszukiwaniu recepty na kryzys klimatyczny. Wspólny projekt PK i FH Münster University of Applied Sciences”](#).  
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