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**FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
TECHNOLOGY IN WROCŁAW**

invites you to attend  
**the 15<sup>th</sup> Scientific and Teaching Conference**

**MULTILINGUAL, INTERCULTURAL AND INTEGRATIVE TEACHING IN  
HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Wrocław, 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Knowledge of foreign languages translates into social, economic, personal and professional gains. It broadens access to information and widely understood culture, exerts influence on mobility, on shaping tolerance for and openness to other societies. One of the pillars of the European language policy is promoting multilingualism, also on the higher education level. It is called for to provide students with the richest possible selection of languages (including languages of small range and rarely taught languages) as well as offer whole programmes of studies in foreign languages (which should increase the competitiveness of the teaching offer on the international educational market). It is accentuated that developing multilingual and intercultural competences constitutes an integral component of the skills essential for graduates.

The conference is organized by the Foreign Languages Department at the University of Technology in Wrocław under the title *Multilingual, Intercultural and Integrative Teaching in Higher Education* and it aims at making an attempt to answer the following questions: whether and how a university student's/graduate's multilingualism translates into specific gains, what influence on a student's/graduate's intercultural competence and attitude towards others it exerts. We would also like to share our experience in using foreign languages to teach other subjects and teaching language for specific purposes in foreign language courses.

We suggest that the topics of the presentations centred around the following areas:

**1. Multilingualism as chance for better career prospects**

- language policy of the EU on multilingualism (mother tongue + at least 2 foreign languages) and reality at Polish universities;
- multilingualism and foreign language teaching at university;
- added value of multilingualism;
- dialogue between universities and the job market.

**2. Shaping and developing intercultural competence**

- awareness of cultural differences (e.g. in verbal and non-verbal communication)
- developing tolerance and openness towards other cultures;
- importance of intercultural competences in international work environment;
- assessment of linguistic and intercultural competences;
- aspects of cross-linguistic influence in teaching and learning many languages.

### 3. Integrative teaching: studying in a foreign language

- content and language integrated learning in higher education;
- advantages and disadvantages of studying in a foreign language;
- content and language integrated learning in foreign language courses – scope and possibilities;
- increasing mobility and internationalization of studies.

The conference will be held between **24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2015** in Wrocław. Applications (registration form enclosed) should be sent by **31<sup>th</sup> May 2015** to: [joanna.szczepaniak@pwr.edu.pl](mailto:joanna.szczepaniak@pwr.edu.pl).

Conference fee amounting to **PLN 250** includes: participation in the Conference, conference materials, coffee breaks, two lunches and a conference dinner.

Payments should be made by **31<sup>th</sup> May 2015** to the following account:

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Wybrzeże Wyspiańskiego 27

50-370 Wrocław (NIP 986-00-58-51)

No 37 1090 2402 0000 0006 1000 0434

With a note: **Conference SJO No 488246**

Payments made after **31<sup>th</sup> May 2015**, the conference fee shall be **PLN 300**.

In the case of resignation, the conference fee shall not be returned, and conference materials shall be sent by post. Participation of a person different than the one registered is accepted.

Languages of the conference will be Polish and English; however, we also plan sessions in other foreign language sections.

The papers in electronic versions shall be sent by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2015**. Paper submission guidelines can be found on the website: [www.konferencja.sjo.pwr.edu.pl](http://www.konferencja.sjo.pwr.edu.pl)

Planned time for a presentation: 15 minutes. The paper shall consist of maximum 6 pages (with references and an abstract in English). Conference materials shall not be reviewed. Authors take responsibility for the content of their papers. Programme committee reserves the right not to accept a paper for the Conference. Payment of the Conference fee is a prerequisite for a paper to be included in the Conference proceedings.

You will find all the information about our Conference on the website of the Foreign Languages Department at the University of Technology in Wrocław: [www.konferencja.sjo.pwr.edu.pl](http://www.konferencja.sjo.pwr.edu.pl).

Any queries regarding the Conference shall be directed to [joanna.szczepaniak@pwr.edu.pl](mailto:joanna.szczepaniak@pwr.edu.pl) or by phone: 0048-71-320-31-87, 0048-71-320-31-17.

We invite you to take part in our Conference.

On behalf of the Programme Committee

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