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The social role of universities in COVID-19 crisis: The rise of knowledge

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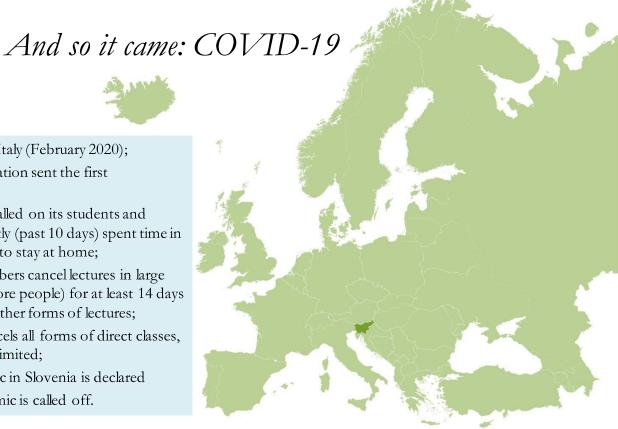
- Among the top 3% universities in the world
- 37.615 students
 3.094 enrolled international students
 2.158 incoming exchange students
- **6.293** employees

- Established in 1919 with
 5 member faculties
- At present: 23 faculties and 3 arts academies
- Study fields: Art, Fine Arts, Natural Science, Technology and Engineering, Social Sciences, Humanities, Medicine, Health Sciences, Sport





- Epicenter: Notheren Italy (February 2020);
- The Ministry of Education sent the first recommendations;
- On February 25 UL called on its students and employees who recently (past 10 days) spent time in northern Italian cities to stay at home;
- On March 8 UL members cancel lectures in large classrooms (100 or more people) for at least 14 days and replace them by other forms of lectures;
- On March 11 UL cancels all forms of direct classes, personal contates are limited;
- On March 12 epidemic in Slovenia is declared
- On May 15 the epidemic is called off.



We took the situation seriously

Website tab UL and CORONAVIRUS

- → Rectors's message
- → Ongoing publications of Rectors's resolutions
- → Constant news regarding operation of UL during epidemic time

We took care of our staff, students and community

- → Internal newsletters
- → On-line events, advice, recommendations from our members (faculties and academies)
- → UL became a key player in resolving the coronavirus crisis in Slovenian society

UL AND CORONAVIRUS





- 16.09.2020 Information for incoming foreign students from co
- Slovenia

 28.08.2020 Arrival to Slovenia-COVID-19 related information

- 2008.2000 Arroyal to Sirvenila CAVID-19 related information
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- 06.04.2020 What else can we do?

- 0.10.4.2020 from advice and even stronger support for critical activities in the country
 26.03.2020 EUTOPIA and COVID-19
 19.03.2020 The University of Liubilana playing a key role in resolving the coronavirus:

- 1803.2002 Psychological commellium gention. How to deal with the current situation?

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 1303.2002 Information regarding Corona virus and implications for Horizon 2020 projects

RECTOR'S RESOLUTIONS

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Newsletters





Uvodnik

Z močno voljo zmoremo vse!

obdobje, v katerem se trenutno nahajamo, je spremenilo vse vidike našega življena in dela. Pri tem pa z navdušenjem ugotavljam, da smo se sposobni prilagajati razmeram z izjemnim optimizmom in voljo. Na Univerzi v Ljubljani že dlje poteka projekt Digitalna



Digitalna Univerza v Ljubljani tudi kot odgovor na izredne razmere



V času karantene na daljavo opravljenih že več kot 130 zagovorov zaključnih del



Vse informacije o Univerzi v Ljubljani in COVID-19 na enem



Odgovori na najpogostejša vprašanja raziskovalcev glede prenosa znanja



Teja Stamać,

E-Newsletter e-univerzitetnik

- → Prepared by Rectorate, mainly corporate news
- → Sent to all employees of UL and Student Council
- → Published every other month, usually on the last Thursday of the month.



Prihodnost ni jasna, a smo nanjo bolje pripravljeni

V rekordnem času razvili aplikacijo za raziskavo o razširjenosti covid-19



Ostani doma, ostani aktiven, #ostaniNTF



doc. dr. Jure Ahtik,

Elektrotehniški prototip medicinskega ventilatorja





E-Newsletter 3+23

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On-line events, webinars, ...

- Myths and truths about COVID-19
- Frauds associated with coronavirus
- The respond of EU to COVID-19 crisis in the economic field
- Study from home: opportunities, challenges and pitfalls
- Challenges of remote work
- Diet for preventing virus disease
- Dealing with stress during an epidemic
- Tourism after COVID-19
- COVID-19: danger and opportunity for the Slovenian health care system
- Social security during COVID-19 epidemic
- Finding motivation to learn
- The security challenges of the virus crisis and the role of the armed forces
- Financing startups during and after the crisis
- On-line scams during COVID-19
- Why the corona crisis may be worse than the crisis in 2009
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Advice and recommendations

- Physical activity during remote work
- Medications and coronavirus
- Coronavirus and animals
- Career individual counseling for remote students
- Making masks from fabrics
- Digital support for UL teachers and students
- Relieving and eliminating stress during COVID-19 epidemic
- Influence of vitamin D on the course of infection with COVID-19
- Videos of performances by drama students
- New thoughts about social science during the coronavirus pandemic, contributed by professors
- Tips from Student Psychosocial Counselling Service Team
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Key role of UL in resolving the coronavirus crisis

- Students from Faculty of Medicine were working at the government call centre.
- Students from Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Health Sciences responded to the Slovenian Red Cross's requests for voluntary assistance.
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering helped families without appropriate technical equipment to be able to study at home.
- The Institute of Microbiology and Immunology at the Faculty of Medicine performs laboratory diagnostics tests for covid-19.
- A working group at the Faculty of Pharmacy has been set up to keep up with the latest developments in COVID-19 therapy and the development of antiviral medicines.
- Nursing students at the Faculty of Health Science responded to the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia and the Nursing and Midwifery Students Section and offered voluntary assistance to their professional colleagues at retirement homes.

- The Faculty of Electrical Engineering developed electrotechnical prototype of a medical respirator called Fespirator.
- Veterinary Faculty published recommendations for animal owners and set up a special e-mail for questions regarding coronavirus. They also started animal testing for the presence of the virus.
- Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering, Department of Textiles, Graphic Arts and Design prepared instructions for sewing reusable cotton masks and joined the volunteers who sew protective masks for charity along with the students and alumni of the faculty.
- Students of Academy of Fine Arts and Design responded to open call for designing a coronavirus city poster to inspire responsibility and humanity.
- With the help of Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Computer and Information Science and Faculty of Social Sciences a nationwide survey on the prevalence of the new coronavirus in the population was carried out.

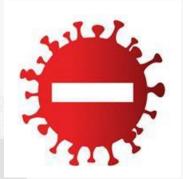
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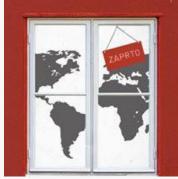


Coronavirus City Posters

















Contribution of UL researchers to the fight against COVID-19

- → The Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS) has compiled an overview of research work that can contribute directly or indirectly to greater success in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.
- → <u>Here</u> are research programmes and projects being conducted by researchers at the University of Ljubljana that might directly or indirectly combate the COVID-19 pandemic.



In conclusion ...

- The University of Ljubljana has taken the coronavirus situation very seriously.
- Besides regular informing about the coronavirus situation, we tried to keep our work processes running to the greatest extent possible.
- As the largest, oldest and renowed university we were also working to ensure the wellbeing of our society.
- Many University of Ljubljana member institutions have come to the aid of Slovenian citizens.

Knowledge has become more important than ever.



Thank you

