



**Voronezh State  
University  
European focus in  
international activities**



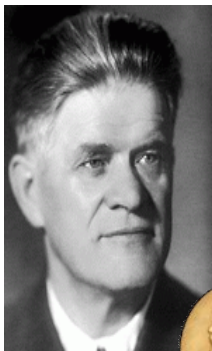


# European roots of the university

*VSU was founded in 1918 tracing back its roots to the University of Tartu (Estonia)*



*Leading scientists and talented teachers laid the foundation of VSU's scholarly traditions (N. Burdenko, K. Saint-Hilaire, M. Tsvet, V.Regel)*



*Famous alumni — Prof. Pavel Cherenkov won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1958 (graduated in 1928)*





# VSU today

- over 20,000 students
- 18 Faculties
- Institute of International Education
- Advanced Training Institute
- 6 research institutes
- 10 academic, research and production centres
- 16 research laboratories founded in collaboration with the Russian Academy of Sciences
- 10 International Language and a Students' Cultural Centres
- Business school
- Venevitinovo Research Centre
- Galichiya Gora nature reserve
- Physical education complex with a swimming pool
- Astronomical Observatory
- 11 museums
- 13 university buildings
- 9 dormitories
- Botanical garden





# VSU in the world

- 501+ Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)
- 701+ (Russia: 22) — Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Ranking
- A+ Academic Ranking of World Universities - European Standard (ARES)
- 801+ (Russia : 24) —Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking
- (354=) —Times Higher Education (THE) Best Universities in Europe
- 144 (Russia : 2) — UI GreenMetric World University Ranking
- 609 (Russia : 18) — Round University Ranking (RUR)
- 12 position in ranking on in-demand HEIs among classical universities in Russia (Agency Russia Today)
- 22 position in ranking of university expertise in extended fields of research



# International students



- In 1961 VSU became one of the first universities to enroll international students
- Over 15 thousand students, assistants, and postgraduates from 141 countries, among whom over 2 000 are from Germany and 1 000 are from the UK, have graduated from VSU
- One of the 4<sup>th</sup> largest universities in Russia based on the number of international students
- Over 1 000 international students are currently studying at VSU





# VSU Alumni Association

*VSU is proud of its alumni, many of whom are talented scientists, Laureates of the State Prize of the Russian Federation, Heroes of Labour, academicians, ministers, distinguished scholars, artists, famous lawyers, and successful businessmen.*



- VSU Alumni Association;
- Has been in operation since 1997 (over 100 members);
- The German Alumni Association;
- The Hungarian Alumni Association;
- The British Alumni Association.



# The German Alumni Association



- *In 1986 the first nationwide meeting of VSU alumni and assistant lectures was held in Berlin*
- *Association annual meetings have been held in Berlin since 2004*
- *In 2015 VSU hosted the Forum of the VSU graduates from Germany (30 delegates)*
- *In 2016 the German Alumni's Forum "Dialogue between Russia and Germany: university traditions" was held in Berlin*

# The Hungarian Alumni Association

*In 2016 the Forum for Hungarian alumni who have graduated from the Faculty of Philology was organized;*

*Gabriella Solti, a graduate of 1990:*

*“We will never forget the time we spent at VSU. We learned a lot and became a real team. Our teachers were very helpful and we have fond memories about them... Voronezh will always remain in our hearts.”*







# The British Alumni Association

*In 1987 the nationwide meeting of the VSU British Alumni took place in London.*



**Michael Bird, Director of the British Council in Russia:** *“Voronezh holds a special place in the Slavonic studies in Britain. It is beyond doubt that VSU is well-known and popular among Slavists in the UK. Students gladly come here”.*



**Derek Averre, Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies (University of Birmingham):** *“VSU taught me the lessons that develop one’s personality and stay with you forever...”*



*In 2016 Mr. Jonathan Evans, first secretary of the British Embassy in the Russian Federation, and James Paver, political Counsellor of the British Embassy, visited VSU and discussed ideas for creating the VSU British Alumni Association*

# Bilateral cooperation with international universities



- Over 140 direct agreements with international universities
- 12 agreements under Erasmus+ programme
- 7 joint double degree programmes
- Master's programme "Business in the Emerging markets" (Joanneum University of Applied Sciences in Graz, Austria);
- Master's programme "Tourism management" (University of Marne-la-Vallée in Paris, France)



# Joint degree programmes

- Master's programme "Business communications in economics: German" (Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany);
- Master's programme "Contrastive Philology" (University of Leon, Spain);
- Master's programme "Russian Literature in the European context" (Georg-August University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany)
- Bachelor's programme "Trade and commercial network management" (University Lille 1, France)
- Specialist degree programme "Linguistics. Teaching Italian as a foreign language" (University for Foreigners of Perugia, Italy):





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# VSU in the EU-funded S&T

- VSU has successfully participated in international educational and scientific programmes since 1994 (e.g., Erasmus Mundus, ERASMUS+, TEMPUS/TACIS, DAAD, IREX, etc.)



- VSU is currently carrying out 23 projects:
  - ✓ 12 Erasmus+ projects, Action 1
  - ✓ 6 Erasmus+ projects, Jean Monnet Actions
  - ✓ 4 Erasmus+ projects, Action 2
  - ✓ 2 TEMPUS IV projects
  - ✓ 1 FP7 project
- 25 ERASMUS+ applications were submitted by VSU in 2015



## 11 completed projects in TEMPUS



- DeTEL – Developing the Teaching of European Languages: Modernising Language Teaching through the development of blended Masters Programmes (2013-2016)
- E3M – Evaluation of Quality of Cooperation in Education Ecosystem as a Mechanism for Building Professional Competencies (2013-2016)
- InterEULawEast – European and International Law Master Programme Development in Eastern Europe (2013-2016)
- HUMAN – HUMAN Security (environment, quality of food, public health and society) on Territories Contaminated by Radioactive Agents (2012-2015)
- ECOSTREAM – Strengthening the Lifelong Learning in Environmental Sciences in Russia



# VSU in TEMPUS

- ICARUS – Internationalized Curricula Advancement at Russian Universities in the Southern region(2011-2014)
- ERAMIS – European-Russian-Central Asian Network of Master's degrees “Informatics as a Second Competence”(2010-2013)
- JEP-27131-2006 Advanced Master Degree Programme in Public Administration (2006-2008)
- T017B05-2005 – Lifelong learning support structures for SME Management (2005-2006)
- T017B05-2005 – Europe - Russia Network for European Projects Experience Dissemination (2001-2002)
- JEP 10094-95 – University Management and international activities management on the level of department institution, and region (1994-1995)







# VSU in FP6/7 programmes

- ECONANOSORB – Ecological application of nanosorbents based on natural and synthetic ionites and carbons (2012-2016)
- EUinDepth – European identity, cultural diversity and political change
- BILAT-RUS Advanced – Advancement of the bilateral Partnership in scientific Research and Innovation with the Russian Federation (2012-2015)
- SUST-RUS – Spatial-economic-ecological model for the assessment of sustainability policies of Russia (2009-2011)
- E-URAL – European Union and Russia Link for S&T cooperation in the area of the environment (2009-2012)
- RegionERA – Regional Network for Support of S&T Cooperation between European Union and





# ERASMUS MUNDUS project *UNIQUE*

## *UNIQUE - University Quality Exchange*

The project is aimed at promoting European excellence and initiatives among non-EU partner universities to create a common platform for ensuring academic cooperation.

Different systems of higher education have been compared in the framework of the project to facilitate exchanges between students and teaching staff and develop understanding between HEIs of diverse types.

# ERASMUS+ projects in 2017

- Action 1: Academic Mobility**
1. Academic mobility with University of Patras (Greece) in Philosophy
  2. Academic mobility with Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium) in Humanities and Languages
  3. Academic mobility with the University of Girona (Spain) in International Relations
  4. Academic mobility with University Lille 1 (France) in Marketing and Sales Management
  5. Academic mobility with Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra (Slovakia)





# ERASMUS+ projects in 2017

## **Action 1. Academic Mobility**

6. *Academic mobility with Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (Poland) in International Relations*
7. *Academic mobility with the University of Leon (Spain)*
8. *Academic mobility with Lublin University of Technology (Poland)*
9. *Academic mobility with University of Debrecen (Hungary)*
10. *Academic mobility with Georg-August University of Göttingen (Germany)*



# ERASMUS+ projects in 2017

## *Action 2. Capacity building in the field of higher education*

- HARMONY – Development of approaches to harmonize comprehensive internationalization strategies in higher education, research, and innovation in the EU and Partner Countries
- COMPLETE – Establishment of Centers for Competence and Employability Development
- INSPIRE – Internationalisation of master programs in Russia and China in electrical engineering
- RUECVET – Piloting ECVET system in Russia and Uzbekistan





# ERASMUS+ projects in 2017

## *Jean Monnet Actions*

- PolidEU — Jean Monnet Module “European Identity through the European Union policy”
- EULap — Jean Monnet Module “Approximation of the EU law in Russia”
- ProEU — Jean Monnet Project “To be European in Russia: pro and contra”
- SHEXP — Jean Monnet Module “Overcoming shadow economy problems: adaptation of the EU experience in Russia”
- EuMig — Jean Monnet Module “Migration in the EU: challenges and opportunities”
- EHE PRS — European Higher education from the perspective of Russian students: a research into challenges for academic performance arising from the differences between the education process in the EU and Russian HEIs





# Strengthening bilateral relations:

## *Visits of Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary*



8 November  
2016

Janos Balla, Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary of Hungary to the  
Russian Federation



19 May 2016

Vladimir Remek, Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the  
Czech Republic to the Russian Federation



15 March 2016

Pierre Helg, Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary of Switzerland to the  
Russian Federation

17 February  
2015

Owen O'Leary, Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary of Ireland to the  
Russian Federation

4 December  
2014

Vygaudas Ušackas, European Union  
Ambassador to the Russian Federation



4 June 2012

Ulrich Brandenburg, Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of  
Germany to the Russian federation

# Strengthening bilateral relations:

## *Doctors Honoris Causa of VSU*

*32 scholars , among whom 10 are European researchers, have been awarded honoris causa degrees*

1993 Prof. Miguel Cordero del CAMPILLO, Rector of the University of Leon (Spain)

Prof. Peeter TULVISTE

1998 1993-1998- Rector of the University of Tartu (Estonia)  
1994-ongoing - Vice-president of the Estonian Academy of Sciences

1998 Ronan MURPHY, diplomat  
1997-2003 - Irish Ambassador to Moscow

1998 Prof. Theodor BERCHEM  
President of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Rector of University of Würzburg, President of the German Rector's Conference from 1983 to 1987

2003 Prof. Wilfried GRECKSCH, Rector of Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (Germany)





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| 2008 | Gerhard HOESL<br>Chief financial officer, Nokia Siemens Networks   |
| 2010 | Prof. Frank ROESSNER<br>Department of Technical Chemistry, University of Oldenburg (Germany)   |
| 2011 | Prof. Hermenegildo Lopez GONZALEZ<br>Director of the International Office of the University of Leon (Spain)  |
| 2012 | Ulrich BRANDENBURG, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Germany to the Russian federation  |
| 2013 | Jörg BECKER,<br>Vice-Rector for strategic planning and quality assurance of Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (Germany), Dr.h.c. of the Higher School of Economics |
| 2017 | Dr. Susan Garton,<br>Director of Postgraduate Programmes in English at Aston University (United Kingdom)   |