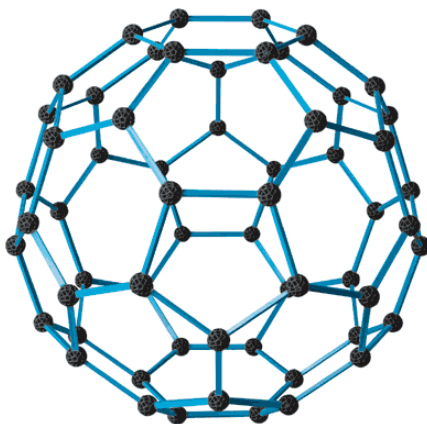


Honorary Doctorate of the University of Primorska

The Senate of the UP confers the title of *Doctor Honoris Causa* for 2013 upon Sir Harold Professor Kroto, Ph.D., Nobel laureate in Chemistry, for his exceptional scientific achievements.

Sir Harold Professor Kroto, Ph.D., a member of the Royal Society of London, is a world-famous chemist, who is currently employed at the University of Florida. In 1996, he received the Nobel Prize in chemistry along with Robert Curl and Richard Smalley. The Nobel Prize was awarded for the discovery of fullerenes, molecules of pure carbon in the form of polyhedrons. The most widely known among them is the Buckminster fullerene, which is comprised of 60 carbon atoms located at the vertices of an archimedean shape, a truncated icosahedron.



His scientific discoveries brought about a true revolution in chemistry, physics, material sciences, nanotechnology, and they had an impact on biology, medicine, and mathematics. The research of Sir Harold Professor Kroto, Ph.D., in mathematical chemistry is related to that of researchers at the University of Primorska through application of mathematical methods, especially graph theory in chemistry. In 2012, an international scientific conference on "Computers in Scientific Discovery 6 - CSD 6" was held at the university, at which Sir Harold Kroto gave a plenary lecture entitled "Science, lost in translation?" He is also an avid advocate of science and promotes science among young people.

Professor Emeritus of the University of Primorska

The Senate of the UP awards Tenured Professor Lucija Čok the title of Professor Emeritus of the University of Primorska for exceptional achievements in the advancement of a scientific field and contribution to the enhancing the reputation and distinction of the University.

Professor Lucija Čok, Ph.D., has left an indelible impression on the field of education, research, and teaching in both the Slovenian and international arena. As the first director of the Scientific Research Center Koper, she built up the scientific basis for the founding of the University of Primorska. From 2000 to 2002, she served as Minister of Education, Science, and Sports of the Republic of Slovenia. In 2003, she assumed the position of Rector of the University of Primorska as the first female rector in Slovenia. She is a scientific councilor and a tenured professor in the field of multilingualism and inter-culturality. Her research touches upon linguistics, models of bilingual education and preserving linguistic diversity. Professor Lucija Čok is an internationally-recognized specialist in the didactics of foreign languages. Her bibliography contains 360 entries. She has received numerous awards, both national and international, for her extensive research and pedagogical work.

The Senate of the UP awards Tenured Professor Cene Bavec for exceptional achievements in advancing a scientific field, for devoted pedagogical and mentoring activity and for contribution to the enhancement of the reputation and distinction of the university.

Professor Cene Bavec, Ph.D., began his professional journey as a systems' engineer at IBM, continued it in the Slovenian Public Administration, and made his mark on it by developing an information society and the development of an information society building of information systems. In 2006, he received the European Forum on Innovation Lifetime Achievement award. In 2001, he collaborated actively in founding the University of Primorska, where later, from 2001 to 2002, he served as Dean of the then College of Management Koper. His scientific and pedagogical work is markedly interdisciplinary encompassing management, organization theory, and managing information technologies. In addition to research and pedagogical work at the University of Primorska, he also taught and researched at the University of Ljubljana as well as at foreign universities. Through his exceptional achievements, Professor Cene Bavec, Ph.D., made his mark on connection of academic and business realms. His bibliography contains 330 entries.

Honor Role

The Senate awards inclusion in "the Honor Role to a young College teacher or, rather, collaborator or scientific worker or, rather, research collaborator of the UP" for exceptional incisiveness and excellent achievements in scientific pedagogical work to Assistant Professor Marko Orel, Ph.D.

In 2009, Assistant Professor Marko Orel, Ph.D., obtained his doctorate at the University of Ljubljana, in mathematics and, in 2010, he joined the faculty of the College of Mathematics, Natural Science, and Information Technology, at the UP, where he immediately engaged himself in its development. Currently, he is serving as Vice Dean of scientific research and development work at the UP FAMNIT in addition to being on the management board of the UP as well as serving as president and a member of other important bodies at the College and at the Andrej Marušič Institute. In addition to performing his pedagogical duties diligently and to the highest standard, he is remarkably well liked among his students. He also excels in a remarkable level of research activity, especially, in collaboration with Russian researchers. His opus currently consists of seven scientific articles in journals cited by the SCI. His field of research lies in the intersection of graph theory and preserver theory. He actively presents his research results at international conferences.

The Senate awards inclusion in "the Honor Role to a young College teacher or, rather, collaborator or scientific worker or, rather, research collaborator of the UP" for exceptional incisiveness and excellent achievements in scientific pedagogical work to Mojca Kukanja Gabrijelčič.

Mojca Kukanja Gabrijelčič has been employed at the University of Primorska's College of Education, since 2009 and performs the duties of a university teacher of pedagogics and didactics. She earned a Doctorate of Science degree from the University of Ljubljana's Faculty of Arts. Her important contribution to education consists of a measurement instrument, since she is the first in Slovenia to publish a grading scale to discover talented students of history. In addition to diligent work, she is also engaged in research in developing didactics, where she is examining how well-founded are curricula and teaching materials in social sciences. She presents her results regularly at conferences both at home and abroad.

The "Gold Medal of the University of Primorska" Acknowledgement

The Senate of the UP awards the "Gold Medal" acknowledgement for a university teacher or, rather, a scientific worker at the UP for an exceptionally substantial contribution to the development of scientific and pedagogic work at the University as well as a contribution to enhancing the reputation and distinction of the University for his life's work at the University to Professor Anton Gosar, Ph.D.

Professor Anton Gosar, Ph.D., is a tenured professor of social and regional geography. He began his academic journey at the University of Primorska in 2000, serving as the first full-time dean of the Faculty for Humanistic Studies. In 2012, he began his term as dean of the Faculty of Tourism Studies. His carrier before coming to the University of Primorska was characterized by international engagements at universities abroad, where he pursued graduate studies: two years in Germany, four years in the U.S.A., and one year in New Zealand. His opus is characterized by 40 visiting scholarships at universities abroad. He conducts research in the professional fields of geography of tourism and recreation, political geography, demography, and social geography. His bibliography contains more than 500 entries. For enhancing recognition of Slovene science abroad, the title of Ambassador of Science was bestowed upon him in 2005. He received numerous professional awards for his work. He is a respected member of various international professional and scientific associations. His international pedagogic work contributed to the establishment and strengthening of scientific research ties with German geographers and transmission of the so-called "German social-geographic school" to the Slovene environment.

The Senate of the UP awards the "Gold Medal" acknowledgement for a university teacher or, rather, a scientific worker at the UP for an especially-large contribution to the advancement of scientific and pedagogical work at the University as well as for contributing to the enhancement of the reputation and distinction of the University for his life's work to Professor Diego De Leo, DSc.

Professor Diego De Leo, DSc., is a world-renown expert on suicidal behavior, who exhibits exceptional scientific research achievements and brings to our environment innovative approaches to prevention of the phenomenon of suicide, which presents one of the most important public health challenges in Slovenia. His academic journey at the University of Primorska began in 2008, when he decided to continue his work in Slovenia and implements the ideas set out by his late colleague and friend Andrej Marušič, M.D., Ph.D. At the University, he founded the Slovene Center for Suicide Research, on the strength of his academic credentials, he gained many national and international projects for the UP. Among others, he heads the studies program in biopsychology at UP FAMNIT. Professor De Leo received numerous prestigious international awards and recognition. Recently, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his merits in the field of psychiatry. He is the author of 290 original and review scientific articles. His H index of scientific achievement in Scopus is 33.

The Senate of the UP awards the "Gold Medal" acknowledgment for a university teacher or, rather, a scientific worker at the UP for an exceptionally substantial contribution to the advancement of scientific and pedagogic work at the University as well as a contribution to the enhancement of the reputation and distinction of the University for her life's work at the University to Assistant Professor Sonja Starc.

Assistant Professor Sonja Starc, Ph.D., employed by the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Humanistic Studies as an assistant professor of Slovene language has devoted her academic work of many years to studying and teaching the Slovene language while also

promoting in a devoted and rationally-argued manner the advancement of the Slovene language in all aspects of individuals' activities as well as those of society as a whole. At the University of Primorska, where she already began her work in 2001, she along with her colleagues began developing a new subject in the Slovene environment - text linguistics, which was an important innovation in linguistics. Her work is also characterized by collaboration with colleagues from Trieste in projects centered around teaching Slovene as a mother tongue and introducing Slovene as a foreign language in Italian elementary schools. She is a member of reputable associations at home and abroad. She presents her scientific and professional achievements regularly at scientific conferences at home and abroad.

The Scientific Excellence Prize of the University of Primorska for 2013

The Senate of the UP awards the Scientific Excellence Prize for 2013, for the publication of articles in SCI, SSCI, and A&HCI in natural science to Associate Professor Ajda Fošner, Ph.D.

Associate Professor Ajda Fošner, Ph.D., earned her doctorate in mathematics, in 2005. Since 2006, she has been employed at the University of Primorska Faculty of Management, where she was promoted to Associate Professor. Ajda Fošner's fruitful and high-quality scientific research work is borne out by numerous publications of original scientific articles in the most prestigious scientific journals. In 2013, she published 14 original scientific articles in mathematical journals with a high impact factor. In the past 10 years, she accumulated 70 pure quotations. She focuses on preservers and works successfully in ring theory and algebra. Outcroppings of her research work span to sociology, physics, and quantum mechanics. She received awards several times for her professional work.

The Senate of the UP awards the 2013 Award for scientific excellence in social sciences to Assistant Professor Vita Poštuvan for publishing articles in SCI, SSCI, and A&HCI.

In the past year, Assistant Professor and psychologist Vita Poštuvan has demonstrated her scientific excellence through the number of publications of scientific articles (eight), which she, in co-authorship with colleagues, mostly from abroad, published in the field of studying and preventing suicidal behavior. Since 2011, she has served as deputy director of the Slovene Center for Suicide Research within the Andrej Marušič Institute. She successfully coordinates fundamental, intervention/research-oriented projects and other activities relating to promotion of health and suicide prevention. Her research is of exceptional significance for the Slovene environment, since it enables advancement in the field of suicide prevention. In the past five years, her bibliography contains 70 items, 14 of which being original articles and yielding 88 pure citations. It is worth emphasizing that she is the first recipient of the Prize for Excellence of the University of Primorska, which she was awarded even before defending her doctoral dissertation, which she was otherwise preparing at the University of Ljubljana, in psychology.

The Pedagogic Excellence Award of the University of Primorska in the School Year 2012/2013

The Senate of the UP awards the prize for pedagogic excellence of a university teacher for the school year 2012/2013 to Professor Štefan Bojnec., Ph.D.

Professor Štefan Bojnec, Ph.D., a tenured professor of economics, has been employed at the University of Primorska's Faculty of Management, since 2004. Currently, he is serving as chair of the section for economic sciences and teaching Economics of businesses, Philosophy and epistemology of research, and selected topics in economics. He informs his students, whom he involves in research work and encourages them to publish papers, of the newest results of his research work. At the Faculty of Management, he is involved in the preparation of curricula at all levels of Bologna study programs. He has served as supervisor to many students in their preparation of diplomas, master's theses, and doctoral dissertations as well as young researchers eight of which were even awarded prizes.

He leads numerous national and international scientific research projects in addition to being an invited lecturer and researcher at universities throughout Europe and elsewhere in the World.

Professor Štefan Bojnec, Ph.D., is, among other things, a receiver of Zois Acknowledgement for important achievements in economics in 2008. According to the measure of bibliographic indices of research success, specified by the ARRS methodology for the past five years, puts him in first place among 10 most successful researchers in economics in Slovenia.

The Senate of the UP awards the prize for excellence in pedagogics to a teacher at the University of Primorska in the school year 2012/2013 to Professor Jurka Lepičnik Vodopivec.

Professor Jurka Lepičnik Vodopivec is a tenured professor of pedagogics who teaches several courses at all levels of study at the University of Primorska's Faculty of Education. The opus of her pedagogic work is exceptionally broad, extending beyond the borders of Slovenia, especially to Croatia, Serbia, Hungary, and the Czech Republic. She includes in her lectures new discoveries, which she verifies empirically in her research work and in her immediate practical experience in early learning and teaching, pedagogic communication, and professional training of professional collaborators. In her pedagogic practice, she supervised more than 300 undergraduates in both the Faculties of Education and Arts. She is the author of numerous workbooks and other materials for students, teachers, and children. Her work is recognized in the Slovene environment and is in use in a majority of kindergartens across Slovenia.

The Senate of the UP awards the prize for pedagogic excellence of a university collaborator at the University of Primorska for the school year 2012/2013 to Teaching Assistant Tine Šukljan.

Tine Šukljan is employed at the Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Science, and Information Technology, where he is collaborating by conducting laboratory sessions in the studies program of Computers and Informatics. He graduated in computing and is currently a student in the Bologna doctoral program at UP FAMNIT, where he is studying data structures for processing large quantities of data. In addition to teaching, study, and research, he collaborates every year and conducts workshops for students in various competitions. Through his pedagogic work and involvement in a variety of activities, he contributes significantly to the enhancement of the pedagogic excellence of the University.

The "Srečko Kosovel" Prize for Students at the University of Primorska

The Senate of the UP awards the "Srečko Kosovel" Prize for students of the University of Primorska to Sergej Gričar, Ph.D., for exceptional achievements in the preparation of his doctoral dissertation.

Sergej Gričar, Ph.D., defended his doctoral dissertation entitled "Analysis of the Dynamics of Prices in the Restaurant Business" in February, 2013, under the supervision of Professor Štefan Bojnec, Ph.D. The dissertation is written on the basis of statistical and econometric scientific data analysis extracted from time series. The study includes an analysis of macroeconomic factors and the service sector (of the restaurant and tourism industry in Slovenia). His contribution of results to science and the profession encompasses economic politics and administration of business information. No similar study has yet been conducted in Slovenia. The dissertation was submitted to Emerald call for texts in economics and management. During his studies, he obtained several scholarships and undertook intensive training abroad (Denmark, Sweden), and was exceptionally active and successful in his research. Currently, he is a post-doctoral student at the University of Montenegro.

Klara Dodić Pegan, M.Sc., for exceptional achievements in the preparation of her Masters' of Science

Klara Dodić Pegan attained the title Masters' of Science by defending her thesis entitled "Reporting on the Intellectual Property of a University: a case study". The thesis, which she prepared under the supervision of Associate Professor Frank Milost, Ph.D., at the Faculty of Management treats the problem of measuring the intellectual property of the University of Primorska, and reporting on it. Her work in a university context is the first such attempt at an in-depth understanding of intellectual property for universities and it is raising awareness of the principal actors involved in university development of meaning of intellectual property for an organization. We can take her work as a basis for formulating a sector-specific model of a report of intellectual property of universities.

Aleksandar Pavlović for exceptional achievement in the preparation of his Masters' Thesis

Aleksandar Pavlović prepared his masters' thesis entitled "Developing a prototype of an e-form for admission to a care-ward in Slovenia" under the supervision of Assistant Professor Boštjan Žvanut, Ph.D., at the Faculty of Health Sciences. With his thesis, he delved into a rather under-examined and under-developed field in Slovenia, i.e., the field of informatics in the care industry. His work surpasses the level of similar theses and represents a significant contribution to the field and not least to science as well. The central result of his thesis is his recommendation to unify the admission procedure to care wards of hospitals.

Lara Bobič for exceptional achievements in preparing her graduate thesis

Lara Bobič graduated from the Faculty of Education with the thesis "The Role of The Piano in Singing Activity in Elementary School" under the supervision of Assistant Professor Ivan Lešnik, Ph.D. In her graduate thesis, she exposes the high significance of the singing activities for the musical, and also for the wholesome development of a child. Her excellence lies in the contemporary interpretation on a high musical and esthetic level of the works of several Slovene composers. Her thesis surpasses the usual level of the academic achievements in university study programs in its scope as well as in its high quality.

" Acknowledgment of the University of Primorska for the students of the University of Primorska"

The Senate of the UP confers the "Acknowledgment of the University of Primorska for students of the University of Primorska" for excellent achievements and contributions to the recognition of University of Primorska, for activities within the student organizations, and for successful promotion of UP, the College of Mathematics, Natural Science, and Information Technology, to Olga Kaliada.

Olga Kaliada entered the study program of Mathematics at the University of Primorska in the year 2008, when she immediately and actively joined extra-curriculum activities at the Faculty, and soon afterwards at the level of the University. With her promotional activities (organization of various events, Summer schools, workshops for university students and high-school students), organized in Slovenia as well as abroad, she achieved a significant increase in registered students in UP FAMNIT. Serving as president of the Student Council of the Faculty, as well as on the Student Council of the UP, she served as a member of several important governing bodies at the Faculty, the University, and on the State level. Ms. Kaliada contributed significantly to the distinction of the University of Primorska as well as to its internationalization through her participation in extra-curriculum activities.