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Are lecturers and students ready for openness?

The need for the exchange of experiences, data, news and gossip has been the basis of our culture for the past thousands of years. Following the era of books, letters and social conversations, we have entered an era of a much faster exchange of information. The youth of today has the technical preparation for such an exchange; however, do the students enter universities with the most essential preparation, do their relationships and educational background allow them to look to the future with an optimistic mindset? Undoubtedly, the educational system in most countries of the world is lagging behind the changes, and the youth, as well as, the teachers are not prepared for such a change. Presentation discusses the main reason of these problems and shows examples of the openness needed to "produce" a student that is ready to deal with the contemporary state of things.

Biography

A biologist and an associate professor at the Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IBIB PAN). He deals mainly with the subject of pathogenic bacteria and filamentous fungi, but also with other subjects, e.g. red blood cell diseases. When possible, he tries to fulfill other goals, such as popularization of science or social activities. Recently he has started a cooperation with the Copernicus Science Centre. Among his measurable successes one should point out the creation of the interdisciplinary project "Humanists-Scientists" („Humaniści-Przyrodnicy”), winning the "Stay with us" („Zostańcie z nami”) prize of the "Polityka" weekly magazine in 2004 and, together with his popularizing team, winning the honorable mention in the "Popularizator of Science 2006" („Popularyzator Nauki 2006”) contest. Slightly less measurable, but still very important, was winning the title of the Teacher of the Year 2006/2007 in the school in which he has worked for 4 years. A husband and a proud father of two children.