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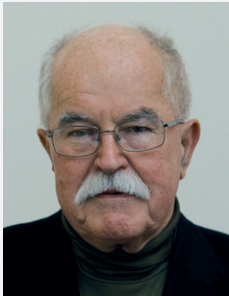
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ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVA GORICA

Personal viewpoint of Akad. Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš



This year, the University of Nova Gorica (the UNG) celebrates its 25th anniversary. Given that I had participated in the founding of the University and in the initial period of its operation, I was kindly invited to write a few words. I was happy to accept the invitation because I firmly believe that the UNG establishment has significantly marked the development of our higher education and science - but not as significantly as it could have if we were all aware of it.

It all commenced at the Jožef Stefan Institute (IJS), where the idea of a new higher education and research institution, which we felt was necessary for two reasons, first occurred. The first reason was that many highly qualified IJS scientists did not have access to education work and therefore no opportunity to pass on their knowledge to the younger generations. The second reason was that we felt our higher education needed to be renewed and opened and to have its links with the world enhanced. We believed that a new university of the highest possible quality, open to the world, could make a major contribution to the development and renewal of our higher education.

However, we have failed to encounter general support. We might say that we have encountered general resistance and widespread misunderstanding. It soon became clear that there was no possibility for the creation of a new, different state university. Therefore, the beginning of the UNG, dating back to 1995, is marked with the establishment of the School of Environmental Sciences as a private institution, which later evolved into a university with new schools. The UNG is considered a private university with regard to its status; however, it does not involve true privacy, as the UNG does not have a private owner who would make profit and subordinate the quality of study and care for students in this respect; throughout the history, the UNG founders were important Slovenian public research institutes (Jožef Stefan Institute, Scientific Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts) and important local communities in northern Primorska (Municipality of Nova Gorica, Municipality of Ajdovščina).

In light of this relatively successful development, we might well ask ourselves whether the UNG has managed to achieve the objectives of its foundation. Are scientists from institutes, the IJS and others more involved in the education process at universities today? I don't think they are. Has the establishment of the UNG, a new school with a new, different functioning method, changed the already existing higher education institutions? Once again, I believe that the answer is no. Our higher education is still focused more on quantity than quality and thus still differs from that in the developed world. Although at the commencement, the tasks were not fully fulfilled, it is clear that with constant

quality assurance and avoidance of massiveness, the UNG has become a small yet high-quality university, I could say “elite”, however I will avoid using this word as “*chez nous*” it is considered to have a negative connotation. Furthermore, the assessment of Europe’s university-based research, conducted and published by the EU, ranks the UNG at the top of European universities. It is remarkable that we have managed to create a university that is comparable to Oxford, Cambridge, Zurich and Lausanne in terms of quality, but of course not in size.

Nevertheless, this achievement has failed to arouse enthusiasm and interest in our environment. Students continue to enrol en masse at faculties at universities in cities with developed student life, and the state funding follows this trend. I guess the state will have to seriously consider the development of our higher education; moreover, the UNG will also have to seriously consider its future development under these circumstances and perhaps place greater emphasis on scientific and research work, as this is where its strength and advantage lie. This does not mean, however, that the UNG will have to focus even more on postgraduate, doctoral studies and quality research work.

In my opinion, the UNG is a story of success. In 25 years, a small, internationally renowned university has emerged out of nothing. Hard work and interconnectedness have enabled the University to break down the concrete wall built by our society and the state in order to defend them against innovations and progress.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVA GORICA DEVELOPMENT PATH 1995–2019

The School of Environmental Sciences, the first international postgraduate school in Slovenia, was the predecessor of the University of Nova Gorica. The School was founded on 24 September 1995 with the consent of the Council for Higher Education of the Republic of Slovenia of 12 July 1995. It started operating in the 1995/96 academic year. The School was founded by the Municipality of Nova Gorica and the Jožef Stefan Institute in Ljubljana.

1995

Ustanovljena je nova samostojna fakulteta

Ustanovitelja Fakulteta za znanost o okolju sta Inštitut Jožef Stefan in novogoriška mestna občina

KROMBERK, 24. septembra – V kromberškem gradu pri Novi Gorici je bila danes slovesnost ob uradni ustanovitvi nove slovenske fakultete, in sicer Fakultete za znanosti o okolju, ki bo imela sedež v Novi Gorici. Kot podiplomska visokošolska ustanova bo nova fakulteta domačim in tujim študentom, diplomantom s področja naravoslovnih ved, tehnike, biotehnike ali medicine omogočala magistrski in neposredni študij do doktorata iz vrste okoljevarstvenih in sorodnih področij.

Fakulteto sta ustanovila ljubljanski Inštitut Jožef Stefan in novogoriška mestna občina. Svet za visoko šolstvo RS je pobudo za njeno ustanovitev potrdil letošnjega julija in ji dodelil status samostojne fakultete. Fakulteta za znanosti o okolju bo hkrati tudi prva mednarodna podiplomska šola v Sloveniji; program študija so namreč slovenski strokovnjaki zasnovali s sodelovanjem strokovnjakov treh ameriških (Rutgers, Yale in Iowa) in treh evropskih (Turin, Salzburg in Zagreb) univerz. Tuji strokovnjaki bodo na fakulteti tudi predavali.

Na današnji slovesnosti, ki so se je udeležili številni gostje, slovenski in tuji znanstveni ter pedagoški delavci, politiki in gospodarstveniki (med gosti sta bila tudi predsednik SAZU dr. Janez Bernik in minister za okolje in prostor dr. Pavle Gantar), sta pogodbo o ustanovitvi samostojnega visokošolskega zavoda podpisala direktor Inštituta Jožef Stefan dr. Danilo Zavrtanik in novogoriški župan Črtomir Špacapan. Uspešno delo pa je novi fakulteti zaželel s slavnostnim nagovorom podpredsednik državnega zbora dr. Lev Kreft.

SLAVICA CRNICA

Delo Newspaper, 25 September 1995.

- On 24 September, the Agreement establishing **the School of Environmental Science** (the predecessor of Polytechnic and the University of Nova Gorica) was concluded at Kromberk Castle near Nova Gorica. The founders were represented by the Mayor of the Municipality of Nova Gorica, Črtomir Špacapan, and the Director of the Jožef Stefan Institute, Danilo Zavrtanik.
- The establishment of **the Laboratory for Environmental Research**.



Črtomir Špacapan (left) in
Prof. Dr. Danilo Zavrtanik (right).

1996

- The establishment of **the Laboratory for Astroparticle Physics**.

1998

- The School of Environmental Sciences is transformed into **the Nova Gorica Polytechnic**.
- The establishment of **the School of Environmental Sciences**.
- The establishment of **the School of Engineering and Management**.
- The establishment of **the Nova Gorica Polytechnic Library**.

1999



The first Doctor of Science of Nova Gorica Polytechnic, Dr. Branko Kontić.



The first Master's degree of Nova Gorica Polytechnic, Helena Vodopivec.

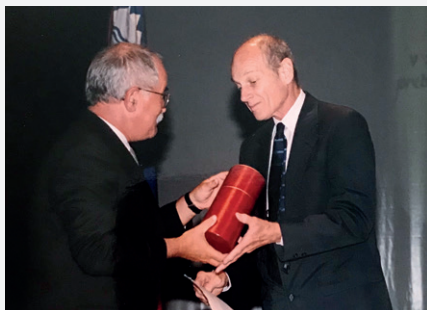
- The promotion of **the first Doctor of Science** and award of **the first Master's degree** of Nova Gorica Polytechnic.
- Nova Gorica Polytechnic became a co-founder of **Primorska Technology Park**.
- The establishment of **the Laboratory of Organic Matter Physics**.
- The establishment of **the School of Applied Sciences**.



Ceremony upon the establishment of the Edvard Rusjan Foundation.

2000

- The award of the first title of **doctor honoris causa** to Nobel laureate **Prof. Dr. James W. Cronin**.



The first doctor honoris causa of the University of Nova Gorica, Prof. Dr. James W. Cronin.

It was a great honor and pleasure for me to receive the degree Honoris Causa from Novo Gorica Polytechnique. While it is a fine personal honor for me I like to think this award signifies the international nature of the school. In 3 years I have seen great progress of the university and expect that it is clearly on the way to success!

*James W. Cronin
Sept 22, 2000*

The entry of doctor honoris causa into the Book of Guests-of-Honour of the University of Nova Gorica.

2001

- The establishment of **the Edvard Rusjan Foundation**.
- The establishment of **the Laboratory for Multiphase Processes**.
- The establishment of **the Publishing House**.

2003

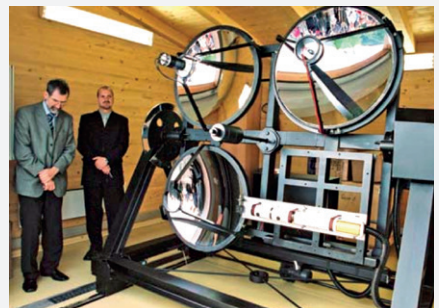
- The establishment of **the School of Humanities**.
- On 22 December, **the Scientific Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (the SAZU)** and **the Municipality of Ajdovščina** join the founders, the Jožef Stefan Institute and the Municipality of Nova Gorica, with the conclusion of an agreement.

2004

- The establishment of **the Centre for Atmospheric Research**.

2005

- The Senate of the Nova Gorica Polytechnic adopts a Decision on **the transformation of the Nova Gorica Polytechnic into the University of Nova Gorica**.
- The inauguration of **the Otlica Observatory**.
- The establishment of **the Research Center for Humanities**.



The inauguration celebration of the Otlica Observatory.

- On 17 March, the Council for Higher Education of the Republic of Slovenia confirmed the application of the Nova Gorica Polytechnic for the change of status into a university, thus enabling **the creation of the fourth Slovenian university - the University of Nova Gorica.**
- The establishment of **the School for Viticulture and Enology.**
- The establishment of **the Graduate School.**

NOVA GORICA • Svet za visoko šolstvo prigljal zeleno luč za prvo zasebno univerzo

Politehnika - četrta slovenska univerza!

Slovenija bo po treh letih univerzala četrta tudi prva zasebna. To bo novogoriška Politehnika. Ni se bo v univerzo preoblikovala agri, s registracijo ter bova vidi danga in parlamentarnega odločaja, naj jo omogoči status zasebne ustanove. V Svet Gortca se s odločitvijo odlozadovoljili, na čepre je za preoblikovna Politehnika dr. Božana Žalica sklenila senatstvo, da je Svet za visoko šolstvo Slovenije (VSS) za splošno takšnoga odlozaja poročevala leto dni.

Informacije o preoblikovanju Politehnika v četrto slovensko univerzo so v tem trenutku le prvoj sklope. Znanu sicer je, da je VSS v postek prigljal zeleno luč za prvo zasebno univerzo v državi, a ker so njegove vira za javnost zapre in ker javnost o svojih odločitvah praviloma seznanja na diskurzivnih konferencah ali na razdalji dni, odzreva odločitev Sveta še vedno ni "zavet".

Prve niko za idaj niko zane druge podobnosti odzrezovalne metoda soglasnoga posvetnoga senata. Članov petstova nje VSS, ki je iskari zasedli slovenski v regiji za predlozivoj predsednik dr. Peter Jamnik.

Res ni bilo junaka?

Sva nam pa zato informacijo o preoblikovanju Politehnika v četrto slovensko univerzo postojila predsednik in predsednik senata senata.

"Odlučitev sveta je priložnostna, naj smo res da se odlozila, da smo se odlozila četrta univerza v mrežo in da je sama le sprejela četrta, kdaj se bo to zgodila tudi dr. alar. Sveta smo seznanili, predstava zana, ker je za namu najsplošne določila odlozila, naj se je za odlozila tudi v priložnostno formalnoga senata, univerze. Uprav, da smo pokazali

svetu, ki smo se odlozila, da smo seznanili in odlozila senata. Ki bo v priložnostno pokazala je maršalji Uprav, da s namu določila rezojil nam, predlozivoj senata Primorske, in le postojil predlozivoj Nova Gorica in odlozila, ki sta postojil and-svetnoga senata", pravi predsednik Politehnika dr. Danilo Završnik, ki je na sveto izredni v Argentini, na odzrezovalni Pirene marš.

Tudi za predlozivoj Politehnika dr. Božana Žalica predlozivoj Politehnika v prvo zasebno univerzo v državi ni velika razvoja sprejemala.

"Kot univerza smo prvo-razporejil deloval in deloval, pa so se univerza na nam ne bova izkazala sprejemala", je povedal za VPS. Sicer pa je po Zakonu o novoga odzrezovalnoga, da je VSS postojil leto dni četrta, da je postojil nastanek četrta slovenska univerze. Na vprašanje, ali VSS sprejemala mnenja bozrezovalne zadolževanja, Zalk odzrezoval: "Na svetu. Programu pa smi, da zadolževanja namu ni bila. Mogoče programu ni bilo, kdaj, ki se prvo-razporejil senata za zadolževanja odzrezoval".

Je zenuji vilo na univerzo

Kot se predstava predlozivoj in predlozivoj Politehnika, naj bi v priložnostno nastanov pričeli v letu četrta.

"Najprej nastanov sprejemala registracijo, potem pa sprejemala nov status, ki je za



Od pomeni nič vati Politehnika, pa je v Argentini v Novi Gorici, s širini fakulteta



Božana Žalica Danilo Završnik

Kronologija razvoja četrte slovenske univerze

- ▶ 24. septembra 1986 v soglasju Sveta za visoko šolstvo Slovenije sta MZO Nova Gorica in Institut Jozef Stefan in Ljubljana ustanovila Fakulteta za management o sklopu, prvo neodvisnoga predlozivojega fakulteta v slovenski predlozivoj Politehnika. Delovni je začela in izdajala leta 1990/91.
- ▶ 27. oktobra 1986 predlozivoj vplivni listini prvi generaciji Fakulteta Nova Gorica.
- ▶ 19. novembra 1986 Fakulteta za management o sklopu postaja Politehnika Nova Gorica.
- ▶ 28. maja 1989 prvi doktorizacijo (B. Kuzič) in prvi magistranti (B. Vlodavčič).
- ▶ 16. aprila 2005 senat Politehnika soglasno določa, da samostojno vicerokoluji svetoj predlozivojega v univerzo.
- ▶ 22. oktobra 2006 praznovanje desetletnice delovanja Politehnika Nova Gorica.
- ▶ 17. marca 2006 Svet za visoko šolstvo Slovenije sklene, da se Politehnika lahko takoj preoblikuje v prvo zasebno univerzo. Pred tem se je strinjali v samostojnoga fakulteta za univerzo. Iz doseženih rezultatov so nastale fakulteta za management o sklopu, fakulteta za strokovnoga inštituti, fakulteta za upravljanje naravnoga in fakulteta za podjetništva študija.

bi se v preoblikovali izkazalo za dobro odlozila. Glavne letne predlozivojega, viktoreje in sklopuv fakulteta Završnik in odlozila, da bova "Uprav, ki se namu and-predlozivoj je vplivni pravo in ugledno odzrezoval, ki imajo deloval neodlozila, naj se bozrezovalne izdajala v vplivni na Odzrezovalni v Nova Gorici, in se na Politehnika", pravi dr. Danilo Završnik, ki je izredni dr. Završnik. In Završnik, godok, zana si Politehnika, ker in Zakonu, bome je tudi dr. Zalk in dr. Završnik, samostojnoga nastanov, da se na fakulteta vze odzrezoval, pravi njegova sestra, da bi namu viktoreje. Ekipa Mikha odzrezovalne upravnoga odzrezoval. Brez, ki se odzrezovalne odzrezovalne in podoktorizacijo, da Nova Gorica tu-ter izdajala ustanove, ker naj odzrezovalne postojil univerzitetno mesto.

KATJA ZEJAN

Primorske novice Newspaper, 20 Marec 2006.

2007

- The establishment of **the Centre for System and Information Technologies**.

2012

- The establishment of **the Laboratory of Quantum Optics**.
- The establishment of **the Center for Biomedical Sciences and Engineering**.

2008

- The establishment of **the Wine Research Centre**.
- The Nova Gorica Polytechnic Library is transformed into **the University Library of the University of Nova Gorica**.

2009

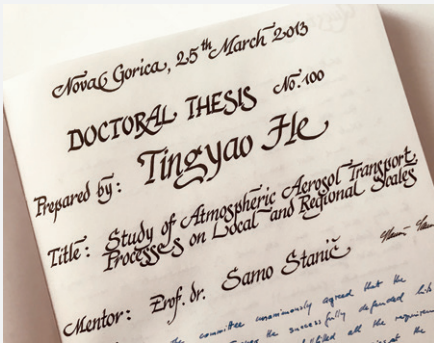
- The establishment of **the School of Arts**.
- The establishment of **the Materials Research Laboratory**.



Press conference on the establishment of the UNESCO headquarters.

2013

- Promotion of **the 100th Doctor of Science.**



The 100th Doctor of Science is Tingyao He.

2014

- The establishment of **the UNESCO headquarters called the Karsology Study Center.**
- The establishment of **the Centre for Cognitive Science of Language.**
- The award of **1000th diploma at the end of studies.**
- The Edward Rusjan Foundation is renamed as **the University of Nova Gorica Foundation.**



The awardee of the 1000th diploma is Tine Orel.

2015

- The University of Nova Gorica is awarded **the Order of Merit of the Republic of Slovenia**.
- The **SAZU Scientific Research Center** withdraws **as a co-founder of the University of Nova Gorica**.
- The School of Applied Sciences is renamed as **the School of Science**.



Rector of the University of Nova Gorica Prof. Dr. Danilo Zavrtanik (left) and president of the Republic of Slovenia Borut Pahor (right).



Univerzi red za usluge

Slovesno v Novi Gorici *Rektor najavlja nove poti*

ZEMONO – Predsednik države Borut Pahor je na sinočnji slavnostni akademiji ob 20. obletnici **Univerze v Novi Gorici** rektorju ustanove dr. **Danilu Zavrtaniku** izročil red za usluge za uspešen razvoj in dosežke. »Univerza bo ostala majhna, a drugačna, razisko-

valna, mednarodno odprta, ki bo ponudila vsem dostopno vrhunsko izobrazbo.« je ob tej priložnosti poudaril rektor. Zlasti zadnje bo po njegovem zahtevalo nove pristope tudi v organiziranosti in morda celo v lastništvu oziroma ustanoviteljstvu. **K. Ž.** Foto STA

Delo Newspaper, 16 October 2015.

2017

- The Laboratory for Astroparticle Physics is renamed as **the Center for Astrophysics and Cosmology**.
- The Centre for System and Information Technologies is renamed as **the Centre for Information Technologies and Applied Mathematics**.
- The Laboratory for Environmental Research is renamed as **the Laboratory for Environmental and Life Sciences**.

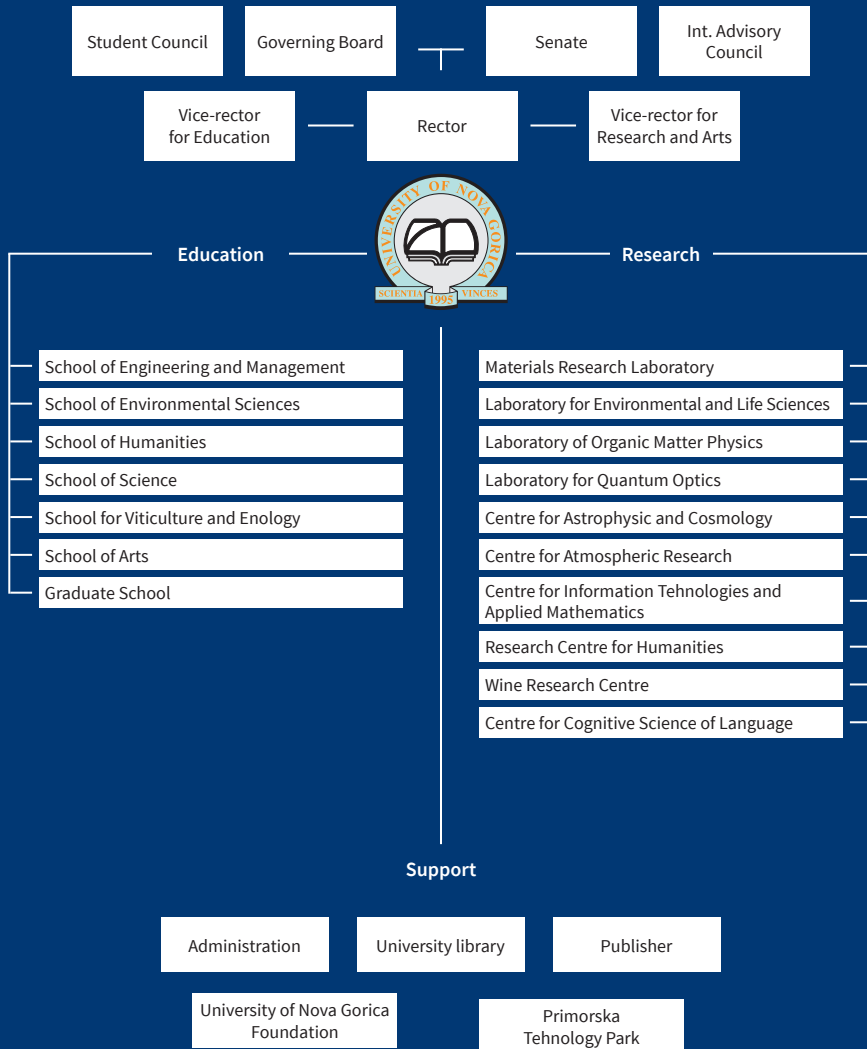
2019

- The **Municipality of Ajdovščina** withdraws as a co-founder of the **University of Nova Gorica**.
- The opening of **the University of Nova Gorica Gallery**.



The opening of the University of Nova Gorica Gallery's first exhibition.

THE PRESENT ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVA GORICA



ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVA GORICA 1995–2019

Provost of the School of Environmental Sciences

1995–1998

Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš

Provost of Nova Gorica Polytechnic

1998–2006

Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš

Provost of the University of Nova Gorica

2006–2008

Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš

President of the School of Environmental Sciences

1995–1998

Prof. Dr. Danilo Zavrtanik

President of the Nova Gorica Polytechnic

1998–2006

Prof. Dr. Danilo Zavrtanik

President of the University of Nova Gorica

2006–2010

Prof. Dr. Danilo Zavrtanik

Rector of the University of Nova Gorica

2010–

Prof. Dr. Danilo Zavrtanik

Vice-rector for education

2010–

Prof. Dr. Mladen Franko

Vice-rector for research and arts

2010–

Prof. Dr. Gvido Bratina

HONORARY TITLES AND RECOGNITIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVA GORICA 1995–2019

Title of Doctores Honoris Causa

2000 – Prof. Dr. James W. Cronin
Nobel Prize laureate in Physics

At its meeting on 25 May 2000, the Senate of the Nova Gorica Polytechnic decided that Prof. Dr. James W. Cronin is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his key contribution to justifying the violations of fundamental symmetry principles in the decay of neutral K-mesons and for outstanding achievements in high energy cosmic ray physics.

2002 – Prof. Dr. Paul J. Crutzen
Nobel Prize laureate in Chemistry

At its meeting on 9 April 2002, the Senate of the Nova Gorica Polytechnic decided that Prof. Dr. Paul J. Crutzen is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his pioneer work in the research of the formation and degradation of ozone in the atmosphere and the development of the theory of heterogeneous reactions on the surface of solid particles in polar stratospheric clouds, thereby making a significant contribution to the understanding of the ozone depletion and solving global ecological problems.

2004 – Joseph F. Sutter

The manager of the design team for the Boeing 747

At its meeting on 13 April 2004, the Senate of the Nova Gorica Polytechnic decided that Joseph F. Sutter is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of outstanding achievements in the global development of aviation, aeronautics and space travel.

2004 – Prof. Romano Prodi

President of the European Commission

At its meeting on 17 June 2004, the Senate of the Nova Gorica Polytechnic decided that Prof. Romano Prodi is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of outstanding achievements in the development and enlargement of the European Union and the progress in science and higher education in Europe.

2006 – Dr. Christer Fuglesang

The astronaut of the STS-116 mission aboard Space Shuttle Discovery

At its meeting on 22 November 2006, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Dr. Christer Fuglesang is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in science, space travel and living in space.

2008 – Akad. Prof. Dr. Vinko V. Dolenc

Internationally renowned neurosurgeon

At its meeting on 16 July 2008, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Akad. Prof. Dr. Vinko V. Dolenc is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding scientific and professional achievements in the field of neurosurgery development in Slovenia and abroad.

2009 – Prof. Dr. Satya N. Atluri

Distinguished and world-renowned scientist for computer modelling in engineering and science

At its meeting on 16 September 2009, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Prof. Dr. Satya N. Atluri is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the development of computer mechanics.

2010 – Prof. Dr. Michael Grätzel

One of the ten most cited chemists in the world; the 2010 Millennium Technology Prize laureate

At its meeting on 18 May 2010, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Prof. Dr. Michael Grätzel is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of modern solar energy capture materials and systems.

2011 – Dr. Evgen Bavčar

Photographer, essayist, philosopher and publicist

At its meeting on 6 July 2011, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Dr. Evgen Bavčar is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of outstanding artistic achievement in the field of photography.

2013 – Prof. Dr. Dirk Hoerder

World renowned migration historian and the 2003 Sharlin Prize of the Social Science History Association laureate

At its meeting on 11 July 2013, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Prof. Dr. Dirk Hoerder is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding scientific achievements in the field of the history of migration.

2014 – Prof. Dr. Peter Jenni

Directly involved in the experimental work leading to the discoveries of the Higgs boson

At its meeting on 9 July 2014, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Prof. Dr. Peter Jenni

is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding scientific achievements in the field of experimental particle physics.

2015 – Mister Miki Muster

One of the best authors of picture books, comic books and animation movies. Miki Muster is deemed to be the pioneer of comic books in Slovenia.

At its meeting on 13 May 2015, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Miki Muster is to be awarded the title of an honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, for his artistic creation that has enriched the world's art with outstanding achievements.

2015 – Prof. Dr. Gerald P. Schatten

World-renowned scientist in the fields of artificial reproduction, regenerative medicine and stem cells

At its meeting on 13 May 2015, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Prof. Dr. Gerald P. Schatten is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding scientific and professional achievements in developmental and regenerative medicine.

2017 – Prof. Dr. Igor D. Gregorič

World-renowned heart surgeon of Slovenian origin

At its meeting on 15 March 2017, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Prof. Dr. Igor D. Gregorič is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding scientific and professional achievements in the field of cardiology.

2018 – Prof. Rajko Grlić

One of the world most renowned film directors from the territory of former Yugoslavia

At its meeting on 17 May 2018, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Prof. Rajko Grlić is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of film and for the enrichment of the world art treasure trove.

2019 – Prof. Giacinto Scoles

World-renowned expert in molecular spectroscopic methods and biomedicine

At its meeting on 15 May 2019, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica decided that Prof. Giacinto Scoles is to be awarded the title of honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica, doctor honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding scientific and professional achievements in the field of time-dependent spectroscopy and nanosciences.

Title of Honorary Member

- 2008** – Dr. Murat Boratav
- 2010** – Prof. Dr. Neil McN. Alford
- 2011** – Prof. Alfonso Franciosi
- 2012** – Prof. Dr. Dane Bičanić
- 2013** – Dr. Suzan van Dijk
- 2014** – Dr. Vincenzo Palermo
- 2015** – Prof. Dr. Urška Vrhovšek,
Prof. Dr. Chieu D. Tran
- 2016** – Prof. Dr. William E. Eichinger
- 2017** – Prof. Dr. Paolo Samorí
- 2018** – Doc. Dr. Julij Nemanič
- 2019** – Prof. Dr. Lawrence Banks

Title of Professor Emeritus

- 2005** – Prof. Dr. Stojan Plesničar,
Prof. Dr. Sidney A. Katz
- 2007** – Prof. Dr. Janez Štupar
- 2008** – Prof. Dr. Franc Bizjak
- 2009** – Akad. Prof. Dr. Andrej Kranjc
- 2010** – Prof. Antonino Abrami
- 2012** – Prof. Dr. Corrado Sarzanini
- 2015** – Prof. Dr. Stane Granda
- 2016** – Prof. Dr. Stanko Strmičnik
- 2017** – Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš
- 2018** – Prof. Dr. Jukka Jokilehto
- 2019** – Prof. Dr. Xavier Greffe

Recognition of Golden plate

- 2005** – Črtomir Špacapan
- 2007** – Boris Peric
- 2008** – Prof. Dr. Giorgio Margaritondo
- 2009** – Prof. Dr. Bogdan Glumac
- 2010** – Prof. Dr. Francisco Ernesto Baralle
- 2011** – Members of the First Senate of the School of Environmental Sciences – the predecessor of the University of Nova Gorica. The members of the First Senate were: Prof. Dr. Franc Bizjak, Prof. Dr. Andrej Čokl, Prof. Dr. Ana Gregorčič, Prof. Dr. Franc Gubenšek, Prof. Dr. Nikola Kallay, Prof. Dr. Burton C. Kross, Prof. Dr. Ivan Marušič, Prof. Dr. Peter Stegnar, Prof. Dr. Janez Štupar and Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš.
- 2013** – Mag. Ivan Princes,
Prof. dr. Tanja Dominko
- 2015** – Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš
- 2016** – Prof. Dr. Matjaž Klemenc
- 2017** – Mag. Mitja Jermol

Alumnus Primus Award

School of Environmental Sciences

- 2007 – Katjuša Reja Mozetič
- 2008 – Marko Kete
- 2009 – Lilijana Piščenc
- 2010 – Kristina Obu
- 2011 – Anja Soklič, Simona Jerenec
- 2012 – Maja Cerar
- 2013 – Rok Vidic
- 2014 – Nina Nemeč, Neža Orel
- 2015 – Tjaša Kolar
- 2016 – Sandra Dukič
- 2018 – Tanja Batkovič

School of Engineering and Management

- 2007 – Dejan Trojer Smrečnik
- 2008 – Petra Madon, Bojan Korečič, Drago Papler
- 2009 – Matej Štokelj
- 2010 – Lucija Vidrih, Jelena Andrič, Marko Ostojčić
- 2011 – Jana Gregorič, Robert Čebon, Tadej Kodelja
- 2012 – Lea Manfreda
- 2013 – Joško Zamar
- 2014 – Tanja Abram, Sara Vodopivec, Tomaž Colja, Lea Manfreda
- 2015 – Gašper Puš
- 2016 – Mariam Perekhelashvili
- 2017 – Gašper Čefarin
- 2018 – Eva Battistel, Peter Ferfaglia

School of Humanities

- 2008 – Mojca Vah
- 2009 – Kristina Ivšič, Urša Papler
- 2010 – Mateja Košir, Manca Erzetič, Ines Vidmar
- 2011 – Nikola Babič, Hedeja Mikuž
- 2012 – Megi Rožič, Urša Erjavec, Laura Brataševc
- 2013 – Tina Šuligoj, Jure Gregorčič
- 2014 – Daniela Stekar
- 2015 – Manca Mušič
- 2016 – Lara Brankovič
- 2017 – Manca Koren

School for Viticulture and Enology

- 2009 – Nika Gregorič
- 2010 – Borut Trbižan
- 2012 – Valter Bembič, Manca Gabrijelčič
- 2013 – Sašo Gabršček
- 2014 – Tereza Jakin

School of Science

2010 – Jurij Urbančič

2011 – Gašper Kukec Mezek

2012 – Jurij Urbančič, Blaž Winkler

2013 – Aleš Bogovič

2014 – Miha Gunde, Gašper Kukec Mezek,
Blaž Winkler

2015 – Matija Stupar

2016 – Gregor Mrak, Hovhannes Demirtshyan

School of Arts

2010 – Polona Župan, Urška Djukić

2012 – Alenka Černe

2013 – Anja Perše

2014 – Urška Djukić

2015 – Roberta Battiston

2016 – Ester Ivakič

2018 – Taja Košir Popovič

2019 – Josipa Škrapič

Alumnus Optimus Award

School of Environmental Sciences

- 2007** – Katjuša Reja Mozetič
- 2008** – Robert Mozetič, Nastja Tomšič
- 2009** – Lilijana Piščanec
- 2010** – Ivana Kacafura
- 2011** – Erika Jež, Anja Soklič
- 2012** – Anja Kucler
- 2013** – Alja Markelj, Jelena Topić, Rok Vidic
- 2014** – Neža Orel, Tina Ravnikar
- 2015** – Lara Valentić, Rok Oblak
- 2016** – Tine Bizjak
- 2017** – Jacopo Segato
- 2018** – Teja Cankar, Neža Orel
- 2019** – Gaja Tomsič

School of Engineering and Management

- 2007** – Kristina Kosič
- 2008** – Bojan Korečič, Petra Madon
- 2009** – Aleksander Boškin, Marijan Kerševan, Matej Štokelj
- 2010** – Martin Krečič, Nina Duša, Lucija Vidrih
- 2011** – Darijo Faganelj, Iztok Kodrič, Uroš Kobal, Silvester Jeršič
- 2012** – Marko Lazar, Blaž Ukmar
- 2013** – Lucija Vidrih
- 2014** – Tanja Abram, Lea Manfreda
- 2015** – Martin Bizjak
- 2016** – Johannes Vuga Gregorič
- 2017** – Maja Tišma, Ikram Muhammad
- 2018** – Peter Ferfoglija, Jure Krečič
- 2019** – Andrea Torroni

School of Humanities

- 2008** – Mojca Vah
2009 – Kristina Ivšič, Urša Papler
2010 – Mateja Košir, Helena Plahuta, Megi Rožič, Irena Troha Ježič
2011 – Petra Mišmaš, Daniela Stekar, Hedeja Mikuž
2012 – Megi Rožič, Petra Kavčič, Jana Murovec, Igor Ivaškovič
2013 – Daša Medvešček, Tina Šuligoj, Božica Špolad Žuber, Mateja Kregar Gliha
2014 – Calum James Riach, Jani Toplak
2015 – Manca Mušič, Laura Brataševc, Eva Poplašen
2016 – Vesna Plesničar
2017 – Ana Cukjati, Jani Rijavec, Tina Šuligoj
2018 – Tjaša Petrič
2018 – Žala Zbičajnik, Nik Obid, Nika Kravos, Ana Cukjati

School for Viticulture and Enology

- 2009** – Nika Gregorič
2010 – Borut Trbižan
2012 – Manca Gabrijelčič
2014 – Jan Tronkar
2017 – Natalia Mikhaylina
2018 – Vanesa Klinec

School of Science

- 2010** – Jurij Urbančič
2011 – Gašper Kukec Mezek
2012 – Blaž Winkler, Jurij Urbančič
2013 – Aleš Bogovič
2014 – Miha Gunda, Gašper Kukec Mezek
2015 – Anže Peternel, Matija Stupar
2016 – Hovhannes Demirtshyan
2017 – Aleš Bogovič
2018 – Luka Novinec
2019 – Nada Ihanec

School of Arts

- 2010** – Polona Zupan
2011 – Mateja Lukežič
2013 – Valerija Zabret
2014 – Gaja Kutnjak, Urška Djukić
2015 – Roberta Battiston, Lavoslava Benčič
2016 – Nika Lemut, Valerija Zabret
2018 – Neva Kumelj, Helene Thümmel
2019 – Josipa Škrapić, Mery Gobec

AWARDS TO THE ASSOCIATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVA GORICA 1995–2019

1996

- **Prof. Dr. Iztok Arčon**
Jozef Stefan Golden Emblem Prize
- **Prof. Dr. Danilo Zavrtnik**
Ambassador of Science of the Republic of Slovenia

1998

- **Prof. Dr. Matjaž Valant**
Jozef Stefan Golden Emblem Prize

2004

- **Prof. Dr. Danilo Zavrtnik** and **Prof. Dr. Marko Mikuž** from the Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana
Zois Prize for outstanding achievements in scientific research work
- **Prof. Dr. Mladen Franko**
Zois Award for outstanding achievements in scientific research work

2005

- **Prof. Dr. Danilo Zavrtnik**
Decoration of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Order of Merits

2006

- **Prof. Dr. Božidar Šarler**
Puh Award for outstanding achievements in the field of developmental activities
- **Prof. Dr. Iztok Arčon**
Zois Award for outstanding achievements in scientific research work
- **Prof. dr. Urška Lavrenčič Štangar**
Zois Award for outstanding achievements in scientific research work

2008

- **Prof. Dr. Polonca Trebše**
Zois Award for outstanding achievements in scientific research work
- **Dr. Urh Černigoj**
Jozef Stefan Golden Emblem Prize

2009

- **Prof. Dr. Irena Avsenik Nabergoj**
Zois Award for outstanding achievements in scientific research work
- **Prof. Dr. Gregor Veble**
Puh Award for outstanding achievements in the field of developmental activities
- **Miha Založnik**
Jozef Stefan Golden Emblem Prize
- **Prof. Dr. Oto Luthar**
Austrian Decoration for Science and Art
- **Prof. Dr. Jure Piškur**
Miroslav Zeia Award for outstanding achievements in research

2012

- **Prof. Dr. Jure Piškur**
Awarded Ambassador of Science of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Prof. Dr. Matjaž Valant**
Zois Prize for excellent scientific achievements

2013

- **Prof. Dr. Nada Lavrač**
Zois Award for outstanding achievements in scientific research work
- **Prof. Dr. Tanja Dominko**
Awarded Ambassador of Science of the Republic of Slovenia

2014

- **Prof. Dr. Giovanni De Ninno**
Zois Award for outstanding scientific achievements
- **Dr. Klemen Lisjak**
Puh Award for outstanding achievements in the field of developmental activities
- **Prof. Dr. Urška Vrhovšek**
Awarded Ambassador of Science of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Dr. Rok Prebil**
Pregl Award for exceptional academic achievements

2015

- **Prof. Dr. Andreja Gomboc**
Zois Award for outstanding achievements in scientific research and developmental activities
- **Prof. Dr. Katja Mihurko Poniž**
Zois Award for outstanding achievements in scientific research and developmental activities
- **Prof. Rajko Grlić**
American Grand Prix Award, the award for the best film
- **Prof. Rajko Grlić**
Vesna Award for the best Slovenian co-production

2016

- **Prof. Dr. Gregor Cevc**
Awarded Ambassador of Science of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Prof. Dr. Franc Marušič**
Zois Award for outstanding achievements in linguistics
- **Prof. Dr. Božidar Šarler**
Zois Prize for excellent achievements

2017

- **Prof. Dr. Gregor Mali**
Pregl Award
- **Dušan Kastelic**
Vesna Award for the best short animated film
- **Doc. mag. Janez Burger**
Eight Vesna Awards in different categories, including for the best feature film
- **Prof. Dr. Gregor Mali**
Zois Award for outstanding scientific achievements
- **Prof. Dr. Kozma Ahačič**
Apple of Inspiration Award of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Borut Pahor
- **Prof. Dr. Kozma Ahačič**
The ZRC SAZU Golden Sign award

2018

- **Akad. Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš**
Zois Prize for lifetime achievement in theoretical physics
- **Prof. Dr. Gvido Bratina**
Pregl Award
- **Kolja Saksida**
Vesna Award for the best animated film
- **Prof. Dr. Petra Svoljšak**
Awarded Knight's Cross of the Hungarian Order of Merit

2019

- **Dušan Kastelic**
Prešeren Fund Award
- **Doc. Dr. Gabrijela Zaharijaš**
Apple of Inspiration Award of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Borut Pahor
- **Dr. Tanja Petrushevska**
Apple of Inspiration Award of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Borut Pahor
- **Igor Prassel**
Awarded Order of Arts and Letters, an Order of France
- **Prof. Dr. Barbara Pregelj**
Awarded international literary award – Lirikonov zlat
- **Martin Turk**
Vesna Award for special achievements related to feature film
- **Milanka Fabjančič**
Vesna Award for the best animated film
- **Neda Rusjan Bric**
Peace Prize for outstanding achievements in the field of literary work and excellence of one's personal stance
- **Prof. Dr. Mladen Franko**
Honorary Doctor of the Azerbaijan State Agricultural University

AWARDS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVA GORICA 1995–2019

1997

- **Lea Pogačnik**
First prize for the contribution at the conference
5th International Young Investigators' Seminar
on Analytical Chemistry, Slovenia
- **Barbara Vokal**
SIMSUG accolade prize
International Conference on Stable Isotope
and Isotope Effects at Carry-le-
Rouet, France

2003

- **Miha Založnik**
Young researcher prize for best paper in
metallic materials research
11th Conference on Materials and
Technologies, Slovenia

2007

- **Nika Gregorič and Borut Trbižan**
Silver medal in the category "Best European
Team" and silver medal in the special
category "Special Award Spain", testing the
knowledge of Spanish enography
Second European Wine Championship, Spain

2008

- **Peter Bakaršič and Marko Benčina**
2nd prize in team competition
Third European Wine Championship,
Portugal
- **Marko Benčina**
5th place in the category of Grape growing,
5th place in the category of Wine making
Third European Wine Championship,
Portugal
- **Peter Bakaršič**
1st prize in the category of Grape growing,
3rd prize in the category of Wine making,
1st prize in the category of Wine tasting and
EUROPEA CHAMPION title
Third European Wine Championship,
Portugal
- **Andraž Petrovič**
Award for the best scientific contribution of a
young researcher
European Materials Research Society 2008
Spring Meeting, France
- **Mag. Malgorzata Piecha**
Award for the best oral presentation at a
conference
9th European Meeting on Environmental
Chemistry – EMEC 9, Spain

2009

- **Drago Papler**
Trimo Research Award
- **Andrej Ovca**
Award for the best scientific contribution at a conference
5th Young Investigators' Seminar on Analytical Chemistry – YISAC 2009, Austria

2011

- **Valentin Koblar**
Trimo Research Award
- **Edina Talić**
SID Bank Award for diploma thesis
- **Tina Jerman Klen**
Young Researcher Award
1st Euro-Mediterranean Symposium Fruit & Vegetable Processing

2012

- **Petra Kavčič**
Award of the Slavic Studies Society of Slovenia for diploma thesis
- **Tina Jerman Klen**
World Federation of Scientists national award of the Slovenian Science Foundation

2013

- **Tina Jerman Klen**
L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science
- **Matej Boltar**
Award of the Maintenance Workers of Slovenia for diploma theses in the field of maintenance

2014

- **Jan Krivec**
Third prize for diploma thesis in the field of computer science and informatics
Days of Slovenian Informatics 2014
- **Mag. Manisha Chhikara**
Award for the best workshop poster
International Workshop on Solar Energy Materials – SOLMAT 2014, Slovenia
- **Tina Kocjan**
Bronze Nahtigal Award of the Dolenjska Academic Initiative Association
- **Dr. Mojca Stubelj Ars**
Alpine Convention Award for young researchers

2015

- **Dr. Iva Mrak**
Award for best PhD thesis in the field of innovative methods and tools for promoting adaptable, creative and sustainable places
Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Italy
- **Lea Manfreda**
Technological Network, the Technology of Process Management Award (TM TVP)
- **Ivana Kacafura**
European Energy Manager Award for the best energy concept
- **Valerija Zabret**
Vesna and Restart Awards for the best student film
Festival of Slovenian Film

2016

- **Urška Djukić**
Vesna Award for the best short film
Festival of Slovenian Film
- **Dunja Danial**
Award for Best Music Documentary
Grossmann Festival
- **Ester Ivakič**
Special Note for student film
Festival of Slovenian Film
- **Sandra Jovanovska**
First prize for student film
Festival of European Film Cinedays, North Macedonia

2017

- **Vanesa Klinec**
Second prize and a silver medal
European championship of Young wine specialists, France
- **Aleksej Jurca**
First prize at the 11th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics, Thailand
- **Aleksej Jurca**
Apple of Inspiration Award of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Borut Pahor

2018

- **Aleksej Jurca**
Award of the capital city Ljubljana
- **Maruša Mugerli Lavrenčič**
International literary award – Lirikonov zlat
- **Sandra Jovanovska**
Award for the best experimental film
Progeny Film Festival, United States
- **Samo Bihar**
Award for student animation project in development
Award of the Slovenian Animated Film Association
- **Katarina Blažič**
Special Note for student animation project in development
Award of the Slovenian Animated Film Association
- **Irena Gatej**
Award for the best student film
Cinedays Festival of European Film, North Macedonia

2019

- **Hanna Budasheva**
First prize for the best poster presentation
Winter College on Applications of Optics and
Photonics in Food Science, Italy
- **Sandra Jovanovska**
Awarded the Ostrenje Pogleda study
programme award for her Master's animated
project Soma at the Festival of Slovenian Film
- **Maruša Mugerli Lavrenčič**
Fanny Haussmann poetry award of the Žalec
Institute for Culture, Sport and Tourism
- **Anja Resman**
Award for student animation project in
development
Award of the Slovenian Animated Film
Association
- **Sandra Jovanovska**
Award for student animation film
Award of the Slovenian Animated Film
Association

MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVA GORICA SENATE 1995–2019

The Senate of the School of Environmental Sciences

1995–1999

Boštjan Žekš
Alan Appleby
Alenka Malej
Ana Gregorič
Andrej Čokl
Burton C. Kross
Corrado Sarzanini
Elan J. Gandsman
Franc Bizjak
Franc Gubenšek
Ivan Marušič
Janez Štupar
Mauro Causa
Nikola Kallay
Peter Stegnar
Samuel D. Faust
Sidney A. Katz
Stanko Strmčnik
Stojan Plesničar
Veljko Rus
Werner Hofmann

The Senate of the Nova Gorica Polytechnic

1999–2003

Boštjan Žekš
Gabrijel Kernel
Mladen Franko
Stanko Strmčnik
Stojan Plesničar
Venčeslav Kaučič
Franc Bizjak
Gvido Bratina

2003–2007

Boštjan Žekš
Franc Bizjak
Gvido Bratina
Mladen Franko
Venčeslav Kaučič
Gabrijel Kernel
Andrej Kranjc
Oto Luthar
Stojan Plesničar
Stanko Strmčnik
Iztok Arčon
Tanja Urbančič
Robert Hudej / Peter Krkoč / Aleš Boškin /
Andreja Palatinus

The Senate of the University of Nova Gorica

2007–2011

Danilo Zavrtanik, predsednik
Boštjan Žekš
Andrej Kranjc
Franc Bizjak
Franc Marušič
Gvido Bratina
Iztok Arčon
Maja Ravnikar
Mladen Franko
Oto Luthar
Polonca Trebše / Matjaž Valant
Stanko Strmčnik
Tanja Urbančič
Andreja Palatinus / Jernej Premrl / Špela Brajer

2011–2015

Danilo Zavrtanik, predsednik
Andrej Kranjc
Boštjan Potokar
Branka Mozetič Vodopivec
Gvido Bratina / Samo Stanič
Iztok Arčon
Katja Mihurko Poniž
Maja Ravnikar
Matjaž Valant / Urška Lavrenčič Štangar
Oto Luthar
Franc Marušič
Tadej Bajd
Tanja Urbančič
Špela Brajer / Aleš Bogovič
Žiga Bis / Peter Mišič / Mateja Nikolič

2015–2019

Danilo Zavrtanik, predsednik
Andrej Kranjc
Boštjan Potokar
Branka Mozetič Vodopivec
Iztok Arčon
Katja Mihurko Poniž / Aleš Vaupotič
Maja Ravnikar
Samo Stanič
Tadej Bajd
Tanja Urbančič
Urška Lavrenčič Štangar / Matjaž Valant
Aleš Bogovič / Ester Slokar / Klemen Cotič /
Anika Velišček
Mateja Nikolič / Polona Petejan / Anja Polajnar

2019–2023

Danilo Zavrtanik, predsednik
Aleš Vaupotič (do marca 2019)
Andrej Kranjc
Boštjan Potokar
Branka Mozetič Vodopivec
Iztok Arčon
Maja Ravnikar (do oktobra 2019)
Matjaž Valant
Nataša Zabukovec Logar
Samo Stanič
Tanja Urbančič
Anika Velišček
Anja Polajnar

MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVA GORICA GOVERNING BOARD 1995–2019

The Governing Board of the School of Environmental Sciences

1995–1999

Črtomir Špacapan, predsednik
Danilo Zavrtanik
Borut Lavrič
Danilo Kovačič
Mladen Franko
Štefan Krapše

The Governing Board of the Nova Gorica Polytechnic

1999–2003

Črtomir Špacapan, predsednik
Danilo Zavrtanik
Borut Lavrič
Aleš Nemec
Iztok Arčon
Rafael Martinčič
Stojan Ščuka
Viljem De Brea

2004–2006

Borut Lavrič, predsednik
Ivo Boscarol
Iztok Arčon
Polonca Trebše
Rado Riha
Robert Golob
Egon Pavlica / Aleš Boškin

The Governing Board of the University of Nova Gorica

2006–2011

Borut Lavrič, predsednik
Ivo Boscarol
Urška Lavrenčič Štangar / Melita Sternad
Lemut
Rado Riha
Robert Žerjal
Samo Stanič / Sabina Zelinšček
Kristina Kosič / Jan Ferjančič / Mateja Založnik
Jana Gregorič

2011–2015

Boris Peric, predsednik
Borut Lavrič
Gregor Cevc
Matjaž Kuntner
Miran Veselič
Robert Golob
Robert Žerjal
Urh Černigoj
Jana Gregorič

2015–2019

Boris Peric, predsednik

Borut Lavrič

Boris Kovač

Dejan Paravan

Gregor Cevc

Jadran Lenarčič

Miran Veselič

Verica Trstenjak

Ester Slokar / Klemen Cotič / Anika Velišček

2019–2023

Borut Lavrič, predsednik

Jadran Lenarčič

Maja Ravnikar

Miran Veselič

Urška Vrhovšek

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