

## Contact:

Communication Office Promotion and Development Section University of Cyprus

Tel.: 22894304, Fax: 22894477 E-mail: prinfo@ucy.ac.cy, Web-site: www.ucy.ac.cy/pr

Nicosia, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## University of Cyprus in the 55<sup>th</sup> place of the Times Higher Education 150 Under 50 Rankings 2016

Rector: Our Strategic aim is to reach to top



The University of Cyprus (UCY) has made it for the first time into the list of the Times Higher Education 150 Under 50 Ranking 2016 - a ranking of the top 150 world universities under 50 years old. UCY ranked 55<sup>th</sup>, despite its 25-year life span.

Times Higher Education has been releasing ranking results for the world's top 150 universities under 50 years old for five consecutive years with the 2016 ranking results being published today, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Cyprus's most important research and higher education institution, honored as well as a 'distinguished Mediterranean University', has been ranked amongst world's most ambitious, young universities, challenging the dominance of the "traditional" academic institutions.

According to the Rector, Professor Constantinos Christofides, the fact that the island's first state university is among the 150 best universities operating for less than 50 years, demonstrates the commitment of the university community on the acquisition and maintenance of high quality and excellence.

"The UCY is innovative, active and dynamic. This classification is due to the academic staff, administrative staff and our students. I would like to congratulate the university community for its impressive performance", Christofides said. He added that the goal is for the UCY, in a decade, to be among the top 20 young universities of the world. Given that the University of

Cyprus was established in 1989 and counts only 25 years of operation, ranking 55th is an achievement and a very important recognition of the University's work.

Top of the list is Switzerland's École Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, founded in 1969, followed by Nayang Technological University of Singapore, and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in the third place. Maastricht University and South Korea's Pohang University of Science and Technology, complete the top five list. The only Greek University that appears in the list and ranked 66<sup>th</sup>, is University of Crete (founded in 1973).

The Times Higher Education "150 under 50 Rankings", applies the same performance indicators as the World University Rankings, that are, teaching, research, citations, international outlook and industry income.

The list does not include universities that do not offer undergraduate degrees or if their research output amounted to fewer than 1,000 articles between 2010 and 2014 (200 a year).

Source: 150 best young universities in the world 2016

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2016/one-hundred-fifty-under-

fifty#!/page/0/length/25/sort\_by/rank\_label/sort\_order/asc/cols/rank\_only