

'English for Chemistry: Film bank' - an innovative language project of the Jagiellonian University

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Abstract

English for Chemistry: Film Bank is a non-profit project, aiming to provide materials for teaching English for Specific Purposes at B2 level in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference to the students of the Faculty of Chemistry at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków.

The project was conducted in the academic year 2010/11 by third year students of this faculty under the supervision of Dorota Klimek, a teacher of English at the Jagiellonian Language Centre. The project participants were stressing good practice during their activity, e.g. respecting copyright and followed a model of a pilot initiative taken by the Jagiellonian University Language Centre - English ++'project, awarded the European Language Label in 2008. The new project English for Chemistry: Film Bank will participate in the next 2011/12 edition of the ELL competition in Poland. The students were also supervised by the researchers at the Institute of Chemistry at the Jagiellonian University.

The film bank includes a set of listening comprehension exercises based on films concerning a variety of chemistry subjects, carefully selected from the multitude of materials available on the Internet. The films are accompanied by a follow-up section, consisting of complementary reading and vocabulary exercises. The materials can be used in the classroom and for self-study purposes alike. Project participants and beneficiaries have developed a bank of Chemistry materials including specialist glossary, which helps improving the knowledge of professional jargon (ESP). The files are also available as printable pdfs at the Jagiellonian University Language Centre web site: www.jcj.uj.edu.pl

Video materials and published texts which features authentic Chemistry materials may be used during any Chemistry language course at B2 level.