Honorary Mention of the Rector of Palacký University Olomouc to authors of professional books in 2026

1. In an effort to increase the prestige of scientific work at UP, the UP Rector awards the Honorary Mention of the Rector to authors of professional books, namely authors who are UP employees. The competition is governed by the rules set out in UP Internal Policy No. R-B-20/18 - ÚZ01.

2. The professional book must formally meet the criteria for a "B" rating according to the valid *Methodology for Evaluating Research Organizations* (methodology 25+) and will compete for the award in the following fields:

1. Natural sciences
2. Medical and health sciences
3. Humanities and arts
4. Social sciences

3. The following are expressly excluded from receiving an Honorable Mention of the Rector:

a) popular science publications,
b) educational texts and textbooks.

4. Any UP employee, including the author, may submit a proposal for an Honorable Mention by sending a printed copy of the professional book and an accompanying letter in electronic form (see Annex) to the Science and Research Office of the relevant faculty; to the director of the UP higher education institute, where the selection will be made.

5. The final decision on the awarding of prizes for selected specialist books will be made by a committee composed of the vice-deans for science and research of all UP faculties, the director of the higher education institute, and the Vice-Rector for Science and Research.

6. Each year in September, the UP Vice-Rector for Science and Research will inform the UP academic community about the possibility of receiving an Honorable Mention.

7. Deadline for submitting nominations at faculties and an UP higher education institute: **September 30, 2026**.

8. Authors of selected professional books published in the last five years are eligible for honorable mention. Each professional book may receive honorable mention from the rector only once.

9. The UP Vice-Rector for Science and Research is responsible for the timely submission of proposals for honorable mention to the UP rector.

10. The UP Rector reserves the right to determine the number of award-winning professional books per faculty: 1x FHS; 1x FPC; 1x FS; 5x FA; 4x FE; 2x FMD; 2x FL; 2x CMFT; 1x CATRIN.

11. The Honorary Mention of the Rector is presented by the UP Rector at a ceremonial gathering

12. The Honorary Mention is accompanied by a financial reward of CZK 10,000 per book.

13. The labeling of positions, job titles, and functions in the form of generic masculine forms in the text of the present internal policy is in accordance with legislative technical rules, without being discriminatory in nature or considered gender-biased. All generic masculine forms should also be understood to include their feminine forms (author/authoress, male/female employee, etc.).

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