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# II. EQUIPMENT

## **II.1** Teaching and Research Laboratories

- Large climatic chamber for synergistic research on heat transfer, vapour diffusion and air infiltration
- Acoustic chamber for experimental research on airborne sound and impact of sound insulation
- Large pressure chamber for air infiltration research
- Rain chamber for research on water penetration through details of walls and roofs
- Solar chamber for the study of the energy balance of windows
- Physics laboratory for foundation engineering

## **II.2** Special Measuring Instruments and Computers

- Testing equipment for research on the durability of materials
- PC laboratory for CAD systems
- SUN Microsystem UNIX laboratory for computer-aided building simulation

## **II.3** Computer Software

The following state-of-the-art computer software is used in Computer Building Simulation classes:

• ASAP - a professional optical modeling program designed to calculate the performance of fully three-dimensional optical systems. The program originates from the Breault Research Organization, Inc. (http://www.breault.com/);

- ESP-r a European thermal simulation reference program capable of integrated energy and environmental simulation of buildings. The program originates from the Energy Systems Research Unit of the University of Glasgow (http://www.strath.ac.uk/Departments/ESRU/);
- RADIANCE lighting simulation and rendering system, which originates from the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory (http://radsite.lbl.gov/radiance/).

# III. TEACHING

The Department covers the basic study areas necessary for a graduate of this discipline. The theory of building construction is based on a symbiosis of architecture, construction, and applied building physics. In the subjects of building construction, studio design typology, architectural design, thermodynamics, acoustics, day lighting, and the energy efficiency of buildings, students are directed towards the design of construction units, elements, and details by theoretical and experimental methods of reasoning.

#### **III.1** Graduate Study

Subjects	Semester	Hours Per Week Lectures Seminars	Lecturer
Technical Drawing	1	0 - 2	Gieciová
Building Construction I.	2	2 - 2	Adamská, Šebestová
Building Construction II.	3	2 - 2	Gieciová, Žilinský
Building Construction III.	4	2 - 2	Zajac, Bacigalová
Building Construction IV.	5	2 - 2	Ohrablo, Oláh
Building Construction V.	6	2 - 2	Puškár, Polák
Thermal Engineering of			
Buildings I.	4	2 - 2	Beťko, Chmúrny
Design Studio I.	4	0-3	Rabenseifer, ARC
Design Studio II.	5	0 - 2	Miklósiová, ARC
Design Studio III.	6	0 - 3	Miklósiová
Building Acoustics and			
Illumination I.	5	2 - 2	Tomašovič
Building Construction VI.	7	2 - 2	Jakeš
Design Studio VII.	10	0 - 5	Držka
Energy Effectiveness of			
Buildings	8	2 - 2	Bielek
Computer Graphics	9	1 – 3	Jamnický, Štujber
Industrial and Engineering			
Construction	9	0 - 4	Turček
Renewal and Modernization of			
Buildings	10	2 - 2	Turček, Puškár
Fire Safety of Buildings	7	1 - 2	Mikolai
Design Studio IV.	7	0 - 5	Šebestová
Design Studio V.	8	0 - 5	Šebestová
Design Studio VI.	9	0 - 5	Držka
Design Studio VII.	10	0 - 5	Držka
Computer-Aided Design	8	2-3	Jamnický
Internships	8		Držka

Special Architectural Design	9	2 - 2	Hraška
Building Defects and			
Reconstructions	9	2 - 2	Greško
Special Seminar I.	9	0 - 2	Adamská
Special Seminar II.	10	0 - 2	Adamská
Solar Energy Gains and			
Illumination of Buildings	10	2 - 1	Hraška
Design of Architectural			
Structures	10	2 - 1	Minarovičová
Thermal Engineering of			
Buildings II.	9	2 - 1	Beťko, Chmúrny
Aerodynamics and			Bielek
Hydrodynamics	9	2 - 1	
Low-Energy Architecture	10	2 - 1	Hraška
Computer Building Simulation			
Urban and Building Acoustics	9	1 - 2	Hraška, Janák
Fire Safety of Buildings			
	10	2 - 1	Tomašovič
	10	2 - 1	Mikolai, Olbřímek

# **III.2** Postgraduate Study

Subjects	Semester	Hours Per Semester	Lecturer
Alternative and Renewable			
Energy Sources	1	2	Bielek
Slovak Energy-Saving			
Programs	1	2	Chmúrny
Construction Energy Standards			~
and Codes	1	4	Chmúrny
Theory of Low-Energy Housing	2	2	D: 1.1
Basement and Foundation	2	2	Bielek
Details from the Point of View			
of Energy Savings	2	2	Turček
Non-Transparent Building Envelope	2	2	TUICEK
Transparent Building Envelope	2	2	Puškár
The Role of Flat Roofs in	2	2	i uskui
Building Energy Consumption	2	2	Puškár
The Effect of Brickwork			
Moisture upon Increases in			
Heat Transmission Losses	2	2	Oláh
Heat Regeneration in Energy-			
Efficient Buildings			
Architectural Design of Houses	2	2	Adamská
from the Point of View of			
Energy Savings	2	0,5	Hraška
Durability of Materials and			
Construction from the Point of	2	2	TT 1 V
View of Energy Savings	2	2	Hykš

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# IV. RESEARCH TARGETS

The Department of Building Structures (DBS) at the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the Slovak University of Technology is one of the leading Slovak facilities devoted to building research and development. It assists in the research of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, students, the building industry, the regulatory community and others interested in building and construction practice.

The mission statement of the DBS says: "Identify, develop, and deploy sustainable and energyefficient building system technologies by forming partnerships between university sources and industry for analysis, well-characterized experiments, technological development, and market outreach".

The scientific and research activity of the Department is aimed at problems of thermal comfort, heat and humidity transfer through the walls and roofs of buildings and their joints, sound transmission in buildings, room and urban acoustics, the theory of day lighting and the solar energy of buildings, air infiltration and the effect of driven rain on walls and roofs of buildings and their joints, the total energy effectiveness of buildings, the durability of building materials, diagnoses, and building reconstruction.

### Main research areas covered by the Department of Building Structures at the present time:

- 1. Climate Model Slovak Test Reference Year for use in a dynamic simulation program for predicting building energy consumption
- 2. Precise new methods and models for natural ventilation analysis
- 3. Development of a dynamic simulation method for mathematical modeling of thermal building performance
- 4. Physical quantification of passive solar systems as components of solar architecture in a theory for developing low-energy houses
- 5. Design of a structural system with future parameters (year 2010):
  - optimization of static criteria
  - optimization of technology
  - application of energy-efficient construction elements
  - development of joint function systems with the inclusion of a high degree of know-how and technical facilities
- 6. Research on degrading factors which affect the durability and reliability of selected residential and commercial building structures
- 7. Research on the properties of structural materials
- 8. Developments and research in system engineering
- 9. Analysis of comfort parameters criteria for thermal engineering, energy balance and technical equipment of buildings
- 10. Analysis of the creation of acoustical criteria in the noise protection of buildings
- 11. Analysis of the creation of criteria for daylight design systems and artificial lighting in building interiors

# V. RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 1. VEGA 1/0314/03 Theory, experiment, simulation and structural design of double transparent facades of intelligent buildings
- 2. VEGA 1/0308/03 Simulation of buildings in the Slovak climate conditions
- 3. VEGA 1/0317/03 Building envelopes for challenging indoor functions
- 4. VEGA 1/2146/05 Establishment of measuring methods, assessments and criteria for classrooms from the viewpoint of the presence of additional sound sources
- 5. MVTS 1 / 7138 / 20 Collaboration of Austrian, Hungarian, German and Slovak institutions of higher education in the redevelopment of rural areas
- 6. MVTS Bil/Nem/SR/STU/06 Reduction of the Consumption of Landscape Areas by Activating the Potential of Existing Urban Spaces
- 7. APVT-20-014904 Simulations of indoor and external building environments in the fields of aerodynamics, thermodynamics and acoustics
- 8. APVT-51-030704 Complex thermal and moisture performance of buildings

# VI. COOPERATION

# VI.1 Cooperation in Slovakia

- 1. Ministry of Building and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
- 2. Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
- 3. Slovak Institute of Technical Standardization, Bratislava
- 4. TASUS, Bratislava
- 5. TU Košice
- 6. TU Zvolen
- 7. University of Agriculture, Nitra
- 8. VVUPS NOVA, Bratislava
- 9. Lignotesting, Bratislava
- 10. Nováky Chemical Works, Nováky
- 11. Alufinal, Žiar nad Hronom
- 12. Priemstav, Bratislava
- 13. Nitrasklo, Nitra
- 14. Drevina Turany, Turany
- 15. Matador, Púchov

# VI.2 International Cooperation

- 1. TU Vienna, Austria
- 2. Wolfin WIRN, Austria
- 3. ČVUT Prague, Czech Republic
- 4. VUT Brno, Czech Republic
- 5. KEB Berlin, Germany
- 6. IFT Rosenheim, Germany
- 7. Planungsinstitut für ländliche Siedlung, Stuttgart, Germany
- 8. TU Budapest, Hungary
- 9. TU Győr, Hungary
- 10. CE Haifa, Israel
- 11. TU Eindhoven, The Netherlands

- 12. TU Delft, The Netherlands
- 13. KU Leuven, Belgium
- 14. MISI Moscow, Russia
- 15. TU Kharcow, Ukraine
- 16. University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom

# **VI.2.1** Visitors to the Department

- Prof. Dr. P. Bálint, University of Technology, Budapest, Hungary, 1 day
- Dipl.-Ing. S. Hoffmann, Bauhaus University, Weimar, Germany, 1 day
- Assoc. Prof. M. Kalousek, PhD, University of Technology, Brno, Czech Republic, 1 day
- Assoc. Prof. Dipl.-Ing. G. Konieczny, Konieczny Architekten, Stuttgart, Germany, 1 day
- Prof. G. Levermore, PhD, University of Manchester, UK, 1 day
- Prof. Dr.-techn. A. Mahdavi, University of Technology, Vienna, Austria, 1 day
- Prof. Dr.-techn. E. Panzhauser, University of Technology, Vienna, Austria, 1 day
- Assoc. Prof. J. Sedlák, PhD, University of Technology, Brno, Czech Republic, 1 day

## VI.2.2 Visits of Staff Members and Postgraduate Students to Foreign Institutions

Prof. Ing. J. Oláh, PhD, research stay at the University of Manchester, UK, 1 week Dr.-techn. Ing. arch. R. Rabenseifer, research stay at the University of Manchester, UK, 1 week Dr.-techn. Ing. arch. R. Rabenseifer, research stay at the University of Stuttgart, Germany, 3 months

# VII. THESES

## VII.1 Graduate Theses

Every year, approximately 60 - 80 students are engaged in fulfilling the requirements of their dissertations. The supervisors of the diploma projects are the professors, associate professors and assistant professors of the Department.

The diploma theses cover:

- General project documentation for residential, public, cultural, sports, industrial and agricultural buildings and facilities
- Reconstruction of buildings
- Theoretical analysis and design of the envelope and interior construction of buildings

# **VIII. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

## **VIII.1 Special Lectures**

IT-based environmental simulation courses started under the EU – TEMPUS scheme as part of the Joint European Project 09909-95:

The project is aimed at developing and introducing building performance simulation courses that are integrated and highly interdisciplinary in their content and fully compatible with, and equivalent to, courses at EU universities. Furthermore, newly-developed courses have also been adopted at EU partner universities. The courses have been given at all the participating institutions since the summer term, 1997.

### **VIII.2** Commercial Activities for Firms and Institutions

Thanks to its computer and laboratory equipment, the Department of Building Structures meets the highest quality standards for the tasks it performs, particularly in the area of the precise measurement and computer simulation of buildings. Among its most important clients are:

- 1. The Ministry of Building and Public Works of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
- 2. The Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
- 3. The Slovak Institute of Technical Standardization, Bratislava
- 4. TASUS, Bratislava
- 5. VVUPS NOVA, Bratislava
- 6. Lignotesting, Bratislava
- 7. Chemical Works of Nováky, Nováky
- 8. Alufinal, Žiar nad Hronom
- 9. Priemstav, Bratislava
- 10. HUECK-Slovakia, Bratislava
- 11. Glaverbel Czech, Kryry, Czech Republic
- 12. Nitrasklo, Nitra
- 13. Drevina Turany, Turany
- 14. Matador, Púchov
- 15. Jančina Architecture Office, Bratislava
- 16. Závodný Architecture Office, Bratislava

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