

Visit to Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) Global Faculty Week 2025

Espen Johannessen, representing the Industrial Technology Department at UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Campus Narvik, had the honour of participating in the Global Faculty Week 2025 at Kaunas University of Technology (KTU). The event, held from May 5th to 9th, 2025, was organized to promote internationalization, foster academic collaboration, and integrate intercultural dimensions into the curriculum. This visit was made possible through the invitation of Associate Professor Andrius Jaskūnas, Head of Chemical Engineering Programmes at KTU.



The primary focus of the visit was active participation in the Global Faculty Week. This included engaging in AI workshops and exchanging experiences on using AI tools in education with staff from other universities visiting the Global Faculty Week. The event provided a platform to share expertise, explore potential areas of cooperation, and strengthen the academic relationship between UiT and KTU. As part of the program, I had the opportunity to visit KTU's facilities and laboratories, including the Department of Automation, Electrical, and Electronics Engineering Faculty, and meet with the Dean to discuss future collaborative initiatives.



Meetings with staff from the laboratory at the Faculty of Chemical Technology were done to do research on the possibility of using their equipment for exchange studies.



This visit is part of the ongoing partnership between UiT and KTU, which has already seen significant progress in the field of Chemical Engineering through teacher and student exchanges, as well as joint research efforts. Both institutions are committed to furthering this collaboration and are actively seeking funding opportunities to support these efforts.

In addition to the academic activities, the week offered a rich cultural program. Highlights included visits to local museums, a guided architectural tour of Kaunas city center, and attendance at basketball games featuring the local team, BC Žalgiris. The cultural immersion extended to enjoying traditional Lithuanian cuisine and beverages, as well as outdoor training sessions with colleagues in Kaunas' scenic parks.

The Global Faculty Week 2025 at Kaunas University of Technology was a highly rewarding experience. It not only facilitated academic growth and international cooperation but also provided an opportunity to engage with the vibrant culture of Kaunas. This visit underscored the importance of global academic partnerships and the shared pursuit of knowledge across borders.

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