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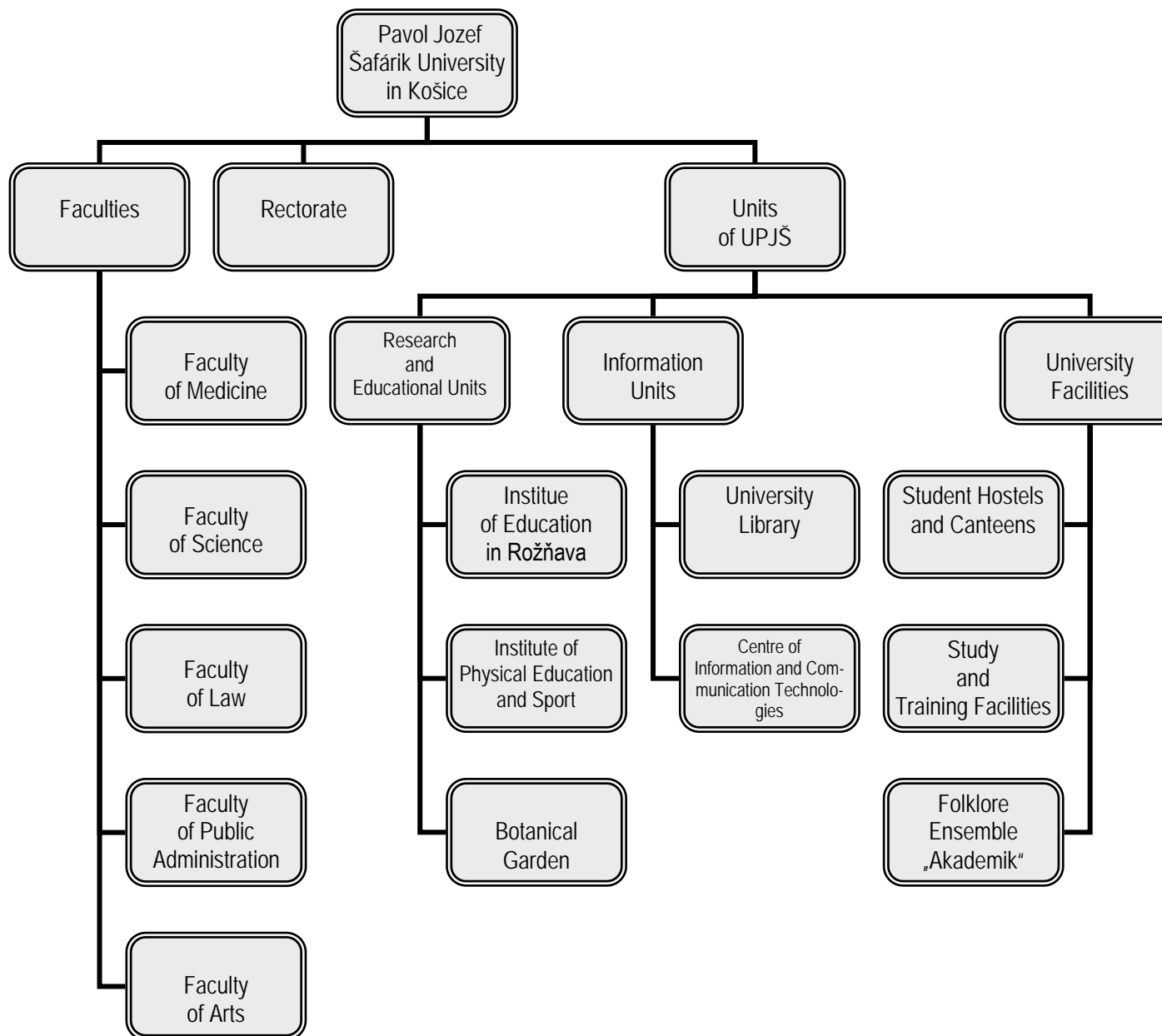
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# ORGANISATION CHART OF PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE



## RESEARCH AT PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE

This University is one of the institutions with a long tradition of scientific research that follows the mission of the University and ranks it among its priorities. The field lines of research are defined in the UPJŠ and individual Faculties long-term projections as approved by their respective Academic Boards. The basic form of research teams is organized by prominent academic personalities that address research issues. Research teams cross the borders of institutions, Faculties, and the University itself, while the priority in setting up these is being recognised as a need for comprehensive solution of the issues examined and the competence of investigators. From the University level, research is supported by a number of supporting tools.

In order to strengthen the education of young scientists, the Internal Academic Grant System of Pavol Jozef Šafárik in Košice has been in operation since 2004 for young university teachers and researchers within 35 years of age and full-time doctoral students (hereinafter "IAGS"). In the latest, 4<sup>th</sup> Public Tender for submitting the projects, 21 projects were successful, the addressing of which in the length of 18 months started in January 2009 and the total allocated funds amounted to €29,800.00. To support outstanding graduates from PhD. study, the UPJŠ Rector published a tender in the year 2009 to fill the two post-doctoral posts.

In the year 2009, University research groups, in several cases as part of research consortium (with the support of the Project Administration Unit at the UPJŠ Rector's Office), were successful in the tender for raising the funds from the Structural Funds under the Research and Development Operational Programme – Calls for the Submission of Non-refundable Financial Contribution under the measure 2.1.: Support of the Networks of Excellent Workplaces of Research and Development as Pillars of Regional Development and Promotion of Sub-regional Cooperation.

In the last year, the following four teams commenced their research in the projects:

Network of the Departments of Excellence for Oncology - SEPO (being addressed at the FS and FM; support granted: €1,310,285.56);  
Centre of Excellence for the Research Into Atherosclerosis and Its Complications - Cardiac and Cerebral Infarction - CEVA (being addressed at the FM; support granted: €863,884.39);  
IT Sciences and Knowledge Systems Centre of Excellence - CaKS (addressed at the FS; support granted: €1,151,453.89);  
Centre for Advanced Physical Studies of the Materials Under Extreme Conditions - Extrem (addressed at the FS; support granted: €1,327,689.46).

Other two teams in the projects approved are partners in the consortia, in which the applicants are not from this University:

CePM - Centre of Excellence in Advanced Materials and Nano- and Submicrone Structures (addressed at the IEP SAS and FS - partner, support granted: €1,327,740.16)  
CKV - Centre of Space Research: Space Weather Effects (addressed at the AI SAS, IEP SAS and FS - partner, support granted: €1,327,743.48).

Through the Structural Funds facilities, these projects will significantly improve the equipment of research units of the University departments in the sphere of research and science infrastructure and will mean a significant impulse for further development of scientific research and development at the University. In the year 2009, the teams became involved in the next tender and from among the submitted projects, the following three projects containing researchers from the University were successful:

Building the infrastructure in the Centre of Excellence SEPO II (being addressed at the FS and FM; support granted: €2,637,342.45);  
Centre of Excellence for the Research Into Atherosclerosis (CEVA) - (being addressed at the FM; support granted: €2,645,129.08 );  
Extrem - Completing the Centre for Advanced Physical Studies of Materials Under Extreme Conditions (being addressed at the FS, support granted: €2,361,131.70).

In another successful project entitled *"Building the Infrastructure of the Centre of Excellence in Advanced Materials and Nano- and Submicrone Structures"*, researchers from the University function as partners. In addition to the above, the project application was submitted under the tender OPVaV-2009/2.2/04-SORO *"Development of EVO and Communication Interface for Education, Science, State and Public Administration"*, whose implementation across the University is to become the basis of a feasibility study for the National Project of the same orientation.

## UPJŠ Qualification Structure

*In the year 2009, a total of 675 creative employees operated at the University. Of all the creative staff of the University, 34 are the holders of the degree of "DrSc".  
Qualification structure of the UPJŠ creative staff in the year 2009 (figures in persons as on 31/12/2009)*

	Professors	Associate professors	PhD.	University education without PhD.
Faculty of Medicine	42	50	114	79
Faculty of Science	22	58	53	15
Faculty of Law	8	17	20	11
Faculty of Public Administration	2	3	17	9
Faculty of Arts	15	23	36	31
University units (total)	0	5	2	9
<b>UPJŠ (total)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>154</b>

## Research Projects

In the year 2009, the University dealt with 255 projects, of which 126 were VEGA projects, 18 KEGA projects, 1 project of the state programme, 6 AV projects, 61 (50 chief researchers at UPJŠ and 11 co-researchers at UPJŠ) APVV projects, with 3 projects (1 – principal researcher at UPJŠ and 2 co-researchers at UPJŠ) orientated to Centres of Excellence, 20 VVGS projects, 1 European project of the 6th Framework Programme and 23 other projects, including 17 international research projects.

In the year 2009, the Ministry of Education employed changes in the method of financing the central projects, roofing the approaches to database collections by publishing the national project named *The National Information System for the Support of Research and Development in Slovakia - Access to Electronic Information Sources (NISPEZ)*, through which this University has gained access to 12 databases for the period of 5 years. In this project, the UPJŠ University Library is actively engaged as gestor in 2 databases: ProQuest Central and Reaxys.

What should also be recognized as significant is the project of the Implementation of the New Generation of Intelligent Digital Technology in Education and Research Organization, conducted by the Laboratory of the Transfer of Technology in cooperation with the California Institute of Technology located in Pasadena, California, USA. Last year the version of EVO (Enabling Virtual Organisations) was made available for the users with the full support of HD video. The significance of the product EVO is also evidenced by the fact that in April 2009 it gained the highest "Internet2 IDEA Awards" in Washington.

To deal with scientific research projects in the year 2009, the University staff received through a competitive form the funds totaling to € 2.43 million (figure as on 31/0/2009), including funds for research and development projects from external research grants which amounted to € 264,192.00.

In addition, employees of the University under the APVV programme "Supporting Human Potential in Research and Development, and Popularization of Science" (LPP) in the year 2009 were engaged in other 26 projects (of which in 2 projects as co-researchers), in which they were granted € 380,272.00. Bilateral cooperation of the University staff has been supported by the APVV by the amount of € 27,850.00 within 11 mobility projects.

The average amount of funds received from grants per one University creative employee approaches over € 3,600.00.

## Employees Publications

In the year 2009, employees of the University published outputs (PO). The number of registered outputs corresponds to the state for the period from 1st November 2008 to 31st October 2009 and is comparable to the number of published outputs over the same period in the year 2008 (2325 publication outputs). The structure of research papers published in the year 2009 is listed in the table below.

*The number of outputs published by the UPJŠ staff  
for the period from 1st November 2008 to 31st October 2009  
(compiled under the requirements of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic from the Central Registry of Publications - CRP)*

WORKPLACE	Academic monographs in book form	Other book publications	Papers in peer-reviewed academic journals and author's certificates, patents and inventions	Other reviewed publications
Faculty of Medicine	8	27	142	941
Faculty of Science	7	24	164	410
Faculty of Law	6	15	0	137
Faculty of Public Administration	0	5	0	104
Faculty of Arts	8	25	34	210
University units (total)	0	3	1	21
<b>UPJŠ (total) according to publication categories</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>1780</b>

The focus of the University research shows that employees of the University published 16.8% of all their works in CC journals published by public universities in Slovakia, the proportion of the number of University students (8473) representing only 4.5%. Every creative staff member published in the reporting period more than 3.3 works.

The analysis of the organization of research activities clearly shows that the internationally acceptable research is carried out mainly at the Faculty of Science and at the Faculty of Medicine, other Faculties also being active in this area – this is suggested by an overview of the number of responses to the published outputs of the University in the year 2009, listed in Table 3 below.

The fact that the number of responses is higher than the number of published outputs should also be considered positive. One creative employee received in the reporting period the averaged 3.8 responses to their works.

## Comprehensive Accreditation

In the year 2009, the Complex Accreditation of the University Activities was completed for the period of years between 2002 and 2007, under which the following were held: (1) re-accreditation of study programmes, (2) re-accreditation of rights to carry out inauguration procedures and procedures for the appointment of professors and (3) the level of scientific research was assessed in individual areas of research. In the latter, all Faculties were evaluated except for the Faculty of Arts, as that one was only set up as of the 1st January 2007. The results achieved under the complex accreditation may be considered very successful, they meet the ambitions of the University and reflect the emphasis the University places on the area of research. Under the re-accreditation of educational programmes, this University defended its rights to implement 222 study programmes.

Of the above number, 93 degree programmes of the 1st degree of university education were accredited, 61 of the secondary level of higher education programmes, and 2 study programmes carried out at the joint 1st and 2 levels of higher education; in line with the emphasis laid on the third level education, 66 degree programmes were accredited, including their external forms. During the complex accreditation of the University activities, in all but one field of study all the rights previously acquired to carry out inaugural proceedings and those for the appointment of university professors were re-accredited, the University also having gained new rights in 11 fields of study.

Within the comprehensive accreditation, the level of scientific research was assessed in 10 areas of research, and in most cases the assessment reached the level of A or A-, corresponding to the highest international level. Thanks to the level of research attained, as well meeting the criteria of the remaining considered parameters of the University under the Universities Act, this University ranked among the **university-type higher education institutions**.

*The evaluation results of the different research areas within the Comprehensive Accreditation*

Faculty	Field of research	Assessment
Faculty of Medicine	Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences	A
Faculty of Science	Chemistry, Chemical Technology, and Biotechnologies	A
Faculty of Science	Environmental Studies and Ecology	A-
Faculty of Science	Information Sciences, Automation, and Telecommunications	A-
Faculty of Science	Sciences of Live Nature	A
Faculty of Science	Mathematics and Statistics	A
Faculty of Science	Educational Sciences	B-
Faculty of Science	Physics and Sciences of the Earth and the Universe	A
Faculty of Law	Law and International Relations	A-
Faculty of Public Administration	Social and Behavioural Sciences	C+
Faculty of Arts	Not evaluated (has been in existence for less than 4 years)	



# EDUCATION AT PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE

*Numbers of study programmes implemented in the academic year 2008/2009*

Fakulty	1st level programmes	1st and 2nd level joint programmes	2nd level programmes	3rd level programmes	TOTAL
Faculty of Medicine	4	2	4	17	27
Faculty of Science	36	-	35	15	86
Faculty of Law	1	-	1	5	7
Faculty of Public Administration	1	-	1	-	2
Faculty of Arts	25	-	23	4	52
Institute of Education in Rožňava	1	-	-	-	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>175</b>

*Numbers of full-time and part-time students at the first and second levels in the academic year 2008/2009 at individual UPJŠ faculties*

UPJŠ	Full-time study	Part-time study	Study of international students (full-time form)	TOTAL
Faculty of Medicine	2 027	93	257	2 377
Faculty of Science	1 289	29	6	1 324
Faculty of Law	1 174	276	1	1 451
Faculty of Public Administration	722	240	1	963
Faculty of Arts	1109	138	4	1251
Institute of Education in Rožňava	220	0	0	220
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6 541</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>7 586</b>

*Numbers of full-time and part-time students at the third level in the academic year 2008/2009 at individual UPJŠ faculties*

UPJŠ	Full-time study	Part-time study	Study of international students	TOTAL
Faculty of Medicine	53	207	9	269
Faculty of Science	124	29	4	157
Faculty of Law	22	63	3	88
Faculty of Arts	17	36	4	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>571</b>

## Admittance Procedure

Admission proceedings to individual degree programmes were designed in accordance with the provisions of Law Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and on changes of and/or amendments to some of the law acts as amended, the provisions under the UPJŠ Study Rules of Procedure, as well as the Study Rules of Procedure of the UPJŠ Faculties. Admission proceedings took place during the period from June to September 2009. At some of the Faculties and in some of the study programmes it became necessary to meet a single criterion, this being the achievements at secondary school-leaving examinations (Faculty of Science, interdisciplinary studies at the Faculty of Arts). At the other Faculties of the University, students were admitted on the basis of admission tests (Faculty of Public Administration, Faculty of Law).

Several educational programmes were used to select a combination considering the secondary-school ratings and taking into account the results of the admittance examination. The results of the admission procedure were available to applicants in the electronic form within two days as a standard. In reviewing the decisions not to admit, not even one case was reported of any violation of law or internal rules as set out for the admittance of applicants. The numbers of registered and enrolled students are summarized in the table below.

*Numbers of students applied for and enrolled in Bachelor study programmes and those of the joint first and second levels*

UPJŠ	Number of applications	Number of students enrolled in the 1st year in September 2009
Faculty of Medicine	1982	595
Faculty of Science	1282	452
Faculty of Law	1400	307
Faculty of Public Administration	645	230
Faculty of Arts	2107	642
Institute of Education in Rožňava	147	92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7560</b>	<b>2318</b>

## Graduates and their careers

*Numbers of graduates and degrees awarded at all levels of education at UPJŠ faculties  
(academic year of 2008/2009)*

Faculty	Bachelor Study (Bc.)	Magister Study (Mgr.)	Doctoral Study (MUDr.)	PhD. study (PhD.)	Doctoral Study
Faculty of Medicine	104	187	135	27	12
Faculty of Science	223	195	–	38	98
Faculty of Law	251	247	–	15	247
Faculty of Public Administration	178	127	–	–	34
Faculty of Arts	162	–	–	2	1
Institute of Education	58	–	–	–	–
<b>total</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>392</b>

In the spring of 2009, UPJŠ held for the fifth time a written questionnaire opinion survey focusing on the employment of graduates in practice, as well as the accumulation of their retrospective views on the pros and cons of their previous university education. A total of 783 questionnaires were sent, the return rate of answers amounted to 34.5%. Responses regarding the employment of graduates within 11 months after the successful completion of their study are summarized in the table below.

*Employment of graduates UPJŠ within 11 months after completion of their study*

	Number of employed		Number of employed in their field of study		Number of employed in the place of residence		Number of employed abroad	
		%		%		%		%
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	91,76	<b>198</b>	84,61	<b>129</b>	55,13	<b>22</b>	9,40

## Social Welfare Support System

The system of social support for students is based on three basic pillars:

- granting of social-welfare scholarships to students,
- granting of incentive scholarships,
- support for board and lodging to students.

Social welfare grants paid up in the academic year 2008/2009

UPJŠ	Average number of scholarship beneficiaries per month	Sums disbursed (in EUR)
Faculty of Medicine	379	514 245,40
Faculty of Science	116	342 265,58
Faculty of Law	84	118 823, 34
Faculty of Public Administration	144	233 590, 56
Faculty of Arts	110,5	223 786,33
Institute of Education in Rožňava	21,3	43 257,74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>854,8</b>	<b>1 475 968,95</b>

In the academic 2008/2009, each month the average number of 680 students were receiving social-welfare grants, representing 10.4% of the number of students in full-time study. Social-welfare scholarships to students were fully covered by the amount of subsidy from the Ministry of Education in accordance with Law Act N,no. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and amending some of the laws as amended. Incentive scholarships under the UPJŠ scholarship policy split into two components. The basic component was represented by the performance scholarship for intermittent study achievements, the second part consisted in Rector's awards awarded on the basis of proposals from the Faculties for long-term excellent results in the study, as well as for a wide range of activities in which students represented UPJŠ successfully. The overview of the drawings shows the table below.

*Withdrawal of incentive grants (rounded up to whole numbers)*

UPJŠ	Performance scholarship		Rector's awards	
	Number of beneficiaries	Paid up (in EUR)	Number of beneficiaries	Paid up (in EUR)
Faculty of Medicine	135	40 532,26	14	835,00
Faculty of Science	130	24 297,95	152	39 734,56
Faculty of Law	92	21 474,61	7	6 300,00
Faculty of Public Administration	45	13 817,00	3	1 750,00
Faculty of Arts	80	14 704,90	1	1 500,00
Institute of Education in Rožňava	22	8 594	2	1 550,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>123 420,72</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>51 669,56</b>

## Student Accommodation

In the academic year 2008/2009, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University had 1560 accommodation places available for student accommodation in its own accommodation premises and and a further 650 places in two accommodation facilities with external contractors. The accommodation facilities were added to previous premises at 76 Popradská Street, which the University acquired in the lease from the Košice Self-governing Regional Authority. Allocation of beds in our own and contracted accommodation facilities was governed by Housing and Accommodation Policy of UPJŠ on the basis of explicitly formulated crystal-clear common criteria. Criteria for the accommodation were clearly and unambiguously expressed in the Housing and Accommodation Policy Code of UPJŠ. While interest in the housing of the students in the academic year exceeded the capacity of the University and the University will continue to increase the number of accommodation places, the situation compared to a number of other Slovak universities may turn up quite positive: for 1560 places in university accommodation a total of 2,114 applicants applied, which means that housing has been allocated to almost 74% of the applicants.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE

The strategic intent and the goal of UPJŠ at the international level is to continue in deepening the relations with academic institutions in Europe and the world with emphasis on further developing cooperation with countries in all continents. The ambition of the University is in strengthening the international dimension in all its activities so as to gradually establish a corresponding and responsible place among the major European universities in the joint European research and educational area with a higher participation of professionals and research teams in the University's research programmes and networks and integrated European research centres and by becoming more involved in joint projects of higher education, etc. The University perceives the international dimension as an important impetus for exploring and comparing national cultures, customs and traditions in order to a more natural understanding of other national identities. Partnership relations with universities and research centres in Europe on the institutional basis will remain the natural basis for international relations at UPJŠ. In addition to membership in the European Universities Association (EUA), Pavol Jozef Šafárik UPJŠ in Košice is a member of other international academic associations (IT Valley, etc.). The University is a seat for quite a number of international institutions - the Austrian Library, the European Documentation Centre, the Institute of European Law, and the Testing Centre of the British Council. Compared to the year 2008, the total number of partner universities with which UPJŠ cooperates expanded from 113 to 119. New partner universities once again have acceded from the Member States of the European Union.

### Lifelong Learning Programme / Erasmus

Exchange or mobility of students, teachers and researchers is closely linked to the deepening and developing the international dimension of the University. Interest of student in passing part of their studies under the Erasmus Programme abroad has increased slightly (from 90 to 104); participation of PhD. students is promising. The number of teachers sent abroad decreased slightly compared to the previous year (50 teachers travelled under mobility schemes). Administrative staff of the University participated in the mobility (7 in number). In the course of the year 2009, the number of incoming students increased (in cumulative terms from 36 to 38).

Faculty	Students sent
Faculty of Medicine	41
Faculty of Science	26
Faculty of Law	17
Faculty of Public Administration	11
Faculty of Arts	9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>104</b>

Country	Students received
Bulgaria	1
Greece	1
Lithuania	2
Poland	15
Germany	1
Romania	1
Spain	7
Italy	2
Turkey	8
<b>Total:</b>	<b>38</b>

## PROMOTION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Pavol Jozef Šafárik UPJŠ in Košice developed its marketing communications in the year 2009 through advertising (advertising in print media, radio and television, issuance of leaflets on the study, posters, billboards, banners, editing, graphic design and complement to the university website design [www.upjs.sk](http://www.upjs.sk)). The University published in the year 2009 four issues of the University magazine *Universitas Šafarikiana* (a quarterly). On 6th November 2009, UPJŠ organized the Open Day held for the purpose of providing information to all interested parties in studying at the Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Public Administration, and the Faculty of Arts. The University welcomed in its premises almost 1 000 students of secondary schools and grammar schools. The Rector of Pavol Jozef Šafárik UPJŠ in Košice, Prof. MUDr. Ladislav Mirossay, DrSc., signed on 18th September 2009 in Bologna the document *Magna Carta Universitatum*. By signing this, he joined the rest of the Rectors of European universities who believe that peoples and governments are to be more than ever aware of the role that universities will be called upon to play in the changing and increasingly internationalizing society. The Košice City Award granted to Prof. MUDr. Ivan Schréter, PhD. and the City of Košice Mayor Award to the team of the Clinic of Pneumology and -Physiology of the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine and Louis Pasteur Teaching Hospital in Košice. Pavol Paška, Chairperson of the National Council of the Slovak Republic awarded on 24th June 2009 in the historic building of the National Council of the Slovak Republic the National Council of the Slovak Republic Chairman Awards for developing cultural and humanitarian education. Prof. PhDr. Ján Sabol, DrSc. from the Faculty of Arts at Pavol Jozef Šafárik UPJŠ in Košice was awarded for his outstanding contribution in the field of linguistics. The Košice Self-governing Region Council granted on 28th October 2009 the "*Award of the Košice Self-governing Region Authority*" to Pavol Jozef Šafárik UPJŠ in Košice at the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its establishment, the quality of scientific research, and the quality of the three-level university education on the basis of the latest scientific knowledge in a broad international context and in line with European trends in this area. The award was taken over by the Rector, Prof. MUDr. Ladislav Mirossay, DrSc. On the 5th through 8th November 2009, representatives of the universities represented the UPJŠ activity of Centres of Excellence in the exhibition held within the Week of Science and Technology in Slovakia in the premises of Incheba Expo Bratislava: Network of Departments of Excellence for Oncology (SEPO); Centre of Excellence for the Research Into Atherosclerosis and Its Complications - Heart and Cerebral Infarction (CEVA); Centre for Advanced Physical Studies of the Materials Under Extreme Conditions (Extrem); Centre of Excellence of IT Sciences and Knowledge Systems (CaKS); Centre of Excellence in Advanced Materials with Nano- and Submicrone Structure; Space Research Centre: Space Weather Effects. The 13th year of the annual fair AKADÉMIA was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Education on 6th through 8th October 2009 in the premises of Arena of the National Tennis Centre in Bratislava. The Minister of Education, Ján Mikolaj, welcomed at the opening ceremony all exhibitors, representatives of universities, colleges, businesses, and institutions. Over 15 000 satisfied visitors, mostly students of their leaving grades and secondary school education advisers, confirmed the nomenclature of exhibition stands, expanded to offer comprehensive and continuous information on the conditions of study, educational opportunities and the use of acquired education in practice. The exhibition presented over 250 institutions from all regions, including institutions from abroad. Presentation of the exhibition stand of this University at the largest student education fair ranked once again among the most attractive ones. On 25th through 27th November 2009, UPJŠ representatives participated in the 3rd Education, Careers and Innovation Fair, PRO EDUCO 2009 in the exhibition hall of the House of Technology in Košice. The venture was attended by nearly 5,000 visitors from the ranks of elementary school pupils, secondary school students, university students, and the public. The stand of this University provided the interested ones with detailed information not just on learning, but also on housing conditions, student life, and possibilities of finding adequate jobs, etc.

### Activities at the 50th Anniversary of UPJŠ

On 21st September 2009, this University celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding. On this occasion, it organized several events.

- Laying the foundation stone for the new campus of UPJŠ at Moyzesova street in Košice and the opening of the reconstructed lecture hall at Šrobárova street in Košice in the presence of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Education, J. Mikolaj;
- Parade of academic officials of foreign and Slovak universities in robes, including the President of the Košice Self-governing region, JUDr. Zdenko Trebuľa and the Mayor of Košice, Ing. František Knapík, going from the seat of the Faculty of Law through the main street of Košice;
- Formal UPJŠ academic gathering in the premises of the House of Arts in Košice and the Scientific Seminar, in which the newly published bilingual Jubilee UPJŠ publication was introduced under the title *PATH OF KNOWLEDGE* and simultaneously the third volume of the newly issued publication *Writings of P. J. Šafárik* was introduced;
- Exhibition of the UPJŠ University Library in the premises of the entry hall of the UPJŠ Rectorate at Šrobárova street No. 2. The exhibition entitled "*Tribute to Science and Education*" lasted from 21st September 2009 to 31st December 2009;
- UNIFEST – a cultural-entertainment event and the Representative High Ball of UPJŠ.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of UPJŠ founding, Commemorative Medals were awarded, Gold Medals, and the Rector's Awards for significant contribution to scientific knowledge in the year 2009. Awards were given to persons and institutions that contributed to the the development of education and science at the University, as well as for spreading the University reputation in the Slovak Republic and abroad:

## **Innovation and Implementation of New Information and Communication Technology (ICT)**

The main university network node at the CIAK is represented by SANET Cisco router 6509 - after delivering 10 Gb network repeaters from the company Cisco in Rožňava - Rimavská Sobota, and Lučenec were connected to the node to 10 Gbp backbone network SANET. 10Gb network switch Dell was added within the project SANET in schools to Gb optical connection to secondary schools in Košice. In the field of communications infrastructure it was necessary to address the connection of the Student Hostel at 76 Popradská street in Košice to the University network. We managed to do this through the SANET project toward the end of the year 2009, connecting to the su-node of the UPJŠ Faculty of Public Administration. By the implementation of fiber optic cable from the campus of UPJŠ Rectorate (R-UPJŠ) through UPJŠ Student Hostels and Canteens at Medická street up to the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine at Trieda SNP, redundancy of three nodes of the University network was created, CIAK and UPJŠ FS, UPJŠ FM and R-UPJŠ, which can be regarded as an increase in information technology security at UPJŠ.

## **Wireless Network**

The Wireless Network at UPJŠ was implemented from a technical perspective as a network under 802.11b/g/a standards. It is compatible with the project of international network of academic non-wired network "eduroam", which allows network access to users from other universities involved in this network by using access data existing in their home university. It also enables users at UPJŠ to connect to the network during their stay at other institutions involved in the "eduroam" project.

## **SOFIA Economic Information System**

Economic Information are processed through the Sofia Information System. It provides financial accounting, payables and receivables, communication with banks, keeping the cash register, records of business trips, budget management, managerial accounting - "controlling", accounting and asset management, inventory management, procurement of goods and services, business activities of the University, personnel management - personnel administration, time management, accounting the payroll, and organizational management. CIACT serves as project manager to coordinate the implementation of individual modules, provides for numerical data processing, access rights, provides the activities of University-wide nature (closing, upgrades, etc.), support for end users and provides the necessary information on the employees by the newly implemented m information sub-system of the University. Access rights are assigned according to the requirements of individual guarants or the faculties' bursars.

## **AIO - Automatic Identification of Persons**

In the year 2009, 2518 personal identification cards (PIC) were issued, of which 83 to employees, 2,055 ISIC cards, 27 ITIC cards and 353 cards to part-time students. 5275 extensions were made, out of this number 4622 ISIC, 77 ITIC and 421 those for for part-time students. We produced 275 duplicate copies, out of these 242 ISIC. Services were expanded to the PIC users of other self-service copiers FaxCopy, AIS administration to students of all faculties, catering possibilities for UPJŠ students can at Studentr Canteens at the Technical University of Košice, free sale of food in the Student Canteen at Medická street paid by the PIC card, thermo binding, extending of traffic functionality in collaboration with the Municipal Transportation Authority in Košice by another 5-year period beyond the planned life of PIC. We arranged issuance and rollover of PIC in the places of teaching in Rožňava and Rimavská Sobota without the students having to visit Košice. The AIO administration issued more than 350 electronic signatures as an accredited registration authority. The ticket system to the UPJŠ Botanical Gardens was launched.

## **AIS2 - Academic Information System**

AIS2 is currently the most common information system for the management study at Slovak universities. It is implemented at 15 universities and faculties of various types in Slovakia. The new version of this comprehensive information system is designed specifically to manage all three levels of higher education and the support of management of science and research at universities and is a follower of the AIS system, which UPJŠ began to develop in the year 1997. AIS2 supports the university character of study, the management of access rights is based on roles and functions, therefore it is not necessary to distinguish the user interface for teachers, students, and other university staff. In addition to integrated subsystems (admission procedures, degree programmes, schedule, course registration, accommodation, system administration, user management, human resources, administrative system, reports and systems) it also includes electronic application and electronic return receipt with the support for electronic signatures, the interface for the Central Register of Students (CRS), the interface for university terminals, the interface for communication with the Treasury and the Slovak Post Office and web services for integration with other components of the University Information System.

An important role in the field of information systems was also met by the Library Information System.

## FUNDING AND PROPERTY OF PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY

The main source of funding for the University as public university are subsidies from the state budget for its primary activities, namely for the provision of higher education and on creative exploration and research activities. The breakdown of binding parameters for the year 2009 was designated by the Ministry of Education in a supplementary contract amended during the course of the year by subsequent appendices. The draft grant allocation to individual components of the University was approved by the UPJŠ Academic Senate at its meeting on 26/03/2009. In accordance with Law Act No.131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education, this University employs other resources acquired through its own activities. Subsidy from the state budget granted to the University by the Ministry of Education remains in the year 2009 a crucial source of coverage of expenditure on educational process, scientific and research activities, as well as social welfare support for students. Review of the current and capital subsidies in the key indicators is contained in the following table:

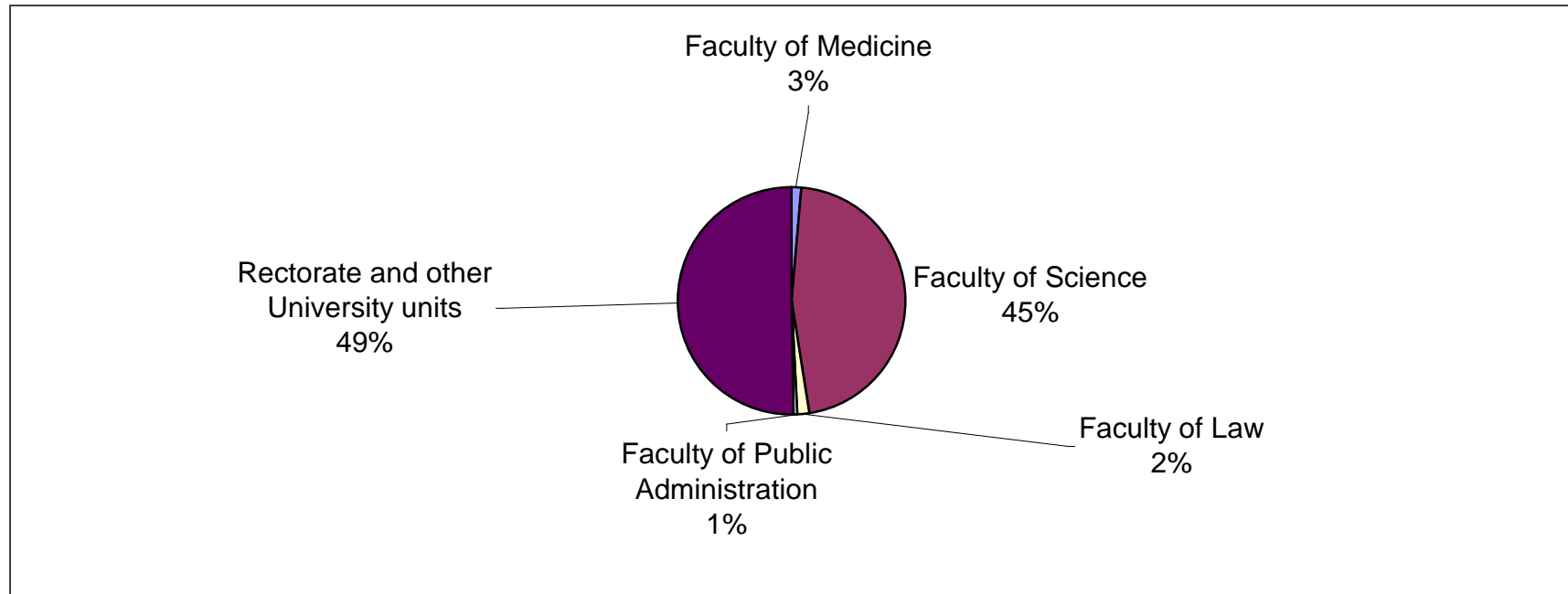
Indicator		State subsidy (in EUR)
Current expenditure		<b>24 937 770</b>
included:	Salaries	11 281 625
	Insurance	3 975 614
	Goods	4 939 997
	transfers	4 740 534
Capital expenditure		<b>3 189 023</b>
included:	Buildings	2 876 499
	Other (projects, research)	312 524

Entrepreneurial activities of the University in volume of € 1,170,163.00 had a significant share in financing this University from its own resources, while income from renting the property of the University accounted for the volume of € 131,117.00. Revenues from business activities in the year 2009 had a decreasing tendency compared to the year 2008 (down by 13%). Achievements in the business by the University of components are as follows:

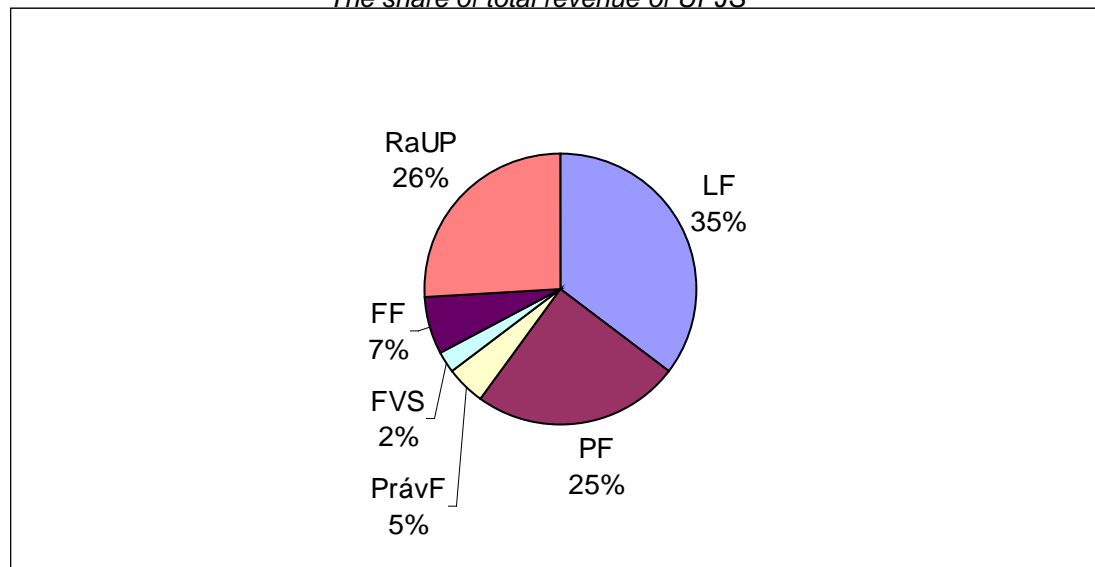
Business activities (BA)	Revenues (in EUR)	% of revenues in BA PČ
Faculty of Medicine (LF)	38 018	3
Faculty of Science (PF)	524 203	45
Faculty of Law (PrávF)	19 937	2
Faculty of Public Administration (FVS)	15 037	1
Faculty of Arts (FF)	0	0
Rectorate and other University units (RUU)	572 968	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 170 163</b>	<b>100</b>



Overview of the proportion of income components of the University  
in the total revenue of UPJŠ is shown in the following table and the diagram



The share of total revenue of UPJŠ



Key:

- LF Faculty of Medicine
- PF Faculty of Science
- PrávF Faculty of Law
- FVS Faculty of Public Admin.
- FF Faculty of Arts
- RaUP Rectorate and other University units

UPJŠ completed its financial year 2009 with profits from the total activities amounting to € 1,105,381.00. The main activity was profitable in the volume of € 1,042,922.00 and the business performance was profitable in the amount of € 62,459.00. Various components of the University participated in the favorable economic results as follows:

*Results of economic management of UPJŠ as on 31st December 2009*

	Economic outcome of the year 2009		
	Main activity	Business	Total in EUR
<b>Faculty of Medicine</b>	51 544	13 641	<b>65 185</b>
<b>Faculty of Science</b>	201 927	9 669	<b>211 596</b>
<b>Faculty of Law</b>	199 737	1 740	<b>201 476</b>
<b>Faculty of Public Administration</b>	30 851	2 515	<b>33 366</b>
<b>Faculty of Arts</b>	107 464	0	<b>107 464</b>
<b>Rectorate and other University units</b>	451 399	34 895	<b>486 294</b>
<b>UPJŠ</b>	<b>1 042 922</b>	<b>62 459</b>	<b>1 105 381</b>

Pavol Jozef Šafárik UPJŠ in Košice has had a long tradition, therefore a large part of its premises is located in the preserved area of Košice. Historically protected buildings, which are owned by UPJŠ, represent an extremely high financial burden to ensure the maintenance, repair and reconstruction in comparison with the ahistorical buildings. As on 31st December 2009, the real estate of UPJŠ consisted of 39 buildings and 125 parcels. Buildings and associated land are located on the following streets in Košice: Šrobárova No. 2, Moyzesova No. 9, 11, 16 and 50, Kuzmányho No. 12, Kostlivého No. 1, Jesenná No. 5, Park Angelinum No. 9, Garbiarska No. 14, Kováčska No. 26 and 30, the area of the Botanic Gardens, and the building of the abolished Publishing building are located on Mánesova street No. 23, a complex of dormitories on the streets Medická No. 4a and No. 6 and Popradská No. 66. In addition to real-estate in Košice, UPJŠ owns special-purpose and educational facilities in Danišovce, at Opátka and the shipyard at the Zemplínska Šírava. According to entries in individual Deeds of Title, UPJŠ in Košice owns the following property: the area the Severné mesto (North City), Terasa, Letná street and Stredné mesto (Central City), Východ (East), Klokočov, Danišovce and Opátka.

As on 31/12/ 2009, the total value of assets owned by UPJŠ makes € 50,524,474.20. In the year 2009, reconstruction of sanitary facilities and office premises was carried out in the building of the Faculty of Arts at Petzvalova street, renovation of electrical installations in the D-block and the entrance part to the Student Hostel and Canteen at Medická street, preparation of the design of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of the UPJŠ site I and site II at Šrobárova 2 and Moyzesova 9, Košice – 1st Stage - 1.4 Facility A1 - Library and preparation of design documentation to implement the reconstruction of electrical installations of the D-block and of the entrance part to the Student Hostel and Canteen at Medická street. By the purchase contract, UPJŠ acquired the building of the 2nd Clinic of Obstetric and Gynaecology and the bottle storage building and land at Moyzesova street 9 in Košice. Long term redundant and useless University property was removed in the year 2009 by liquidation committees on the basis of motions for the disposal of a total of € 851 thousand.

Under the provisions of Section 29 and Section 30 Law Act No. 431/2002 Coll. on Accounting as amended and under the Rector's Order No. 4/2009 on setting a timetable of inventory taking of assets and liabilities of 3rd March 2009, proceeding No. 775/2009, inventory of managed assets and liabilities was carried out at the UPJŠ Faculties, UPJŠ Rector's Office, research and educational units of UPJŠ, information units of UPJŠ and special-purpose facilities of UPJŠ as of 31st March 2009, 30th June 2009, 30th September 2009, and 31st December 2009.

UPJŠ has its property insured in the insurance company Allianz - Slovenská poisťovňa, a. s., branch Košice, based on insurance policies (property insurance - comprehensive insurance of all disaster risk and water, property insurance for the case of alienation, insurance of money - cash in UPJŠ tills, insurance for general liability, insurance of tangible property, insurance of machinery and electronic equipment (flow cytometer), of legal entities and enterprising physical persons, compulsory third party insurance liability for damage caused by motor vehicle operation, insurance against damage, destruction or theft of a motor vehicle, and accident insurance of persons being transported in the vehicle. Insurance total: €18,012.41.

## HUMAN RESOURCES OF PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE

The intention of UPJŠ in the organization and management is in line with the Long-term Prospect of UPJŠ for the years 2004 through 2010 to continue the efficient integration of academic, economic-administrative and other related activities at the University. The purpose of the development of the organizational structure of the University is to ensure stability in the Slovak and European academic environment. Attention is drawn to the creation of an effective organizational structure with a view to the success of the University in the next comprehensive accreditation.

The basic precondition for the successful fulfilment of the above areas requires creating the conditions for personal development of employees, as well as the appropriate social-welfare conditions for both staff and students. It is necessary to observe the internal wage regulation in such a way that evaluating the quality of the work of the staff is reflected in the variable component of salaries. For young employees, within the framework of lifelong learning, it is necessary to provide courses of foreign languages and communication, application of information systems, teaching skills, and psychological training.

The aim also includes formation of the conditions for personal growth of young scientists, so that the criteria for the acquisition of scientific-pedagogical degrees do not demotivate them, thereby making the profession of university teacher and researcher more attractive. The University management will make an ongoing personnel audit to assess effectiveness of the activities performed at Faculties and University units.

*Average proportional numbers of employees in the year 2009*

Workplace	Main activity									PČ	Total
	ME SR subsidy								Non-subsidy main per- formance		
	Teaching staff					Other non- research employees	Science and research employees	Total			
	Prof.	Assoc. Prof.	SA	A, L	Total						
LF	46.3	30.5	149.7	31.4	257.9	150.9	36.3	445.1	15.7		460.8
PF	28.6	41.3	55.4	15.6	140.9	98.8	55.1	294.8	6.2	12.6	313.6
PrávF	7.7	12.0	28.8	0.2	48.7	25.4	2.0	76.1	2.0		78.1
FVS	2.0	3.0	25.3	0.3	30.6	15.7		46.3	2.9	0.7	49.9
FF	15.9	12.3	39.9	16.7	84.8	16.9	15.8	117.5	1.3		118.8
Rekt. prac.	1.0	3.7	4.5	6.2	15.4	162.5		177.9	8.2	4.7	190.8
ŠD						51.7		51.7	4.3	2.9	58.9
ŠJ									6.3	11.3	17.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>303.6</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>578.3</b>	<b>521.9</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>1 209.4</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>1 288.5</b>

Key:

OA	specialised employees
A	assistants
L	lectors
PČ	entrepreneuring
LF	Faculty of Medicine
PF	Faculty of Science
PrávF	Faculty of Law
FVS	Faculty of Public Admin.
FF	Faculty of Arts
ŠD	Student Hostels
ŠJ	Student Canteens



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If we think over the past year in terms of our Alma Mater, then what arises in our minds are mainly recollections of the periodic accreditation of the Faculty of Medicine. High quality of the accreditation documents prepared has been reflected in the best-ever assessment of our Faculty, which in all the activities assessed received the highest evaluation of the grade "A". This evaluation allows us to focus in the coming years on keeping, enhancing the high quality of research activities, and improving the teaching conditions and attributes of the environment in which our Faculty is active. The year 2009 was marked and characterized by ongoing activities aimed at obtaining a building of theoretical institutes of the Faculty of Medicine into the ownership of UPJŠ. After successful accreditation of the Faculty activities in accredited non-medical health care programmes (NMHCP) of the 1st and 2nd level in nursing, public health and physiotherapy and the United 1st and 2nd level medical degree programmes in general medicine and dentistry. Graduates from general medicine are awarded the MUDr. degree (the adequately internationally used abbreviation M.D.) and the graduates from dental medicine are awarded the degree of MDDr. (the adequately internationally used abbreviation D.M.D.). In non-medical programmes, after completing the first level of higher education, graduates are awarded the degree of Bc. and MSc. after completion of the 2nd level of education. In the year 2009, we continued in changing the structure of students under Faculty commitment to academic community at the start of our term in office. We continued to reduce the number of students NMHCP and increasing the number of international students. As on 31st October 2009, the non-medical programmes of the 1st and 2nd levels were attended by 398 degree students, which compared to the same period in the year 2008 is 187 less. The number of international students as of the same date increased to 293 and the total number of students dropped to 2359. The Faculty also provides the 3rd level of higher education, i.e. post-graduate PhD. studies in 10 accredited study courses, in which in the year 2009 there were 58 students in the internal full-time and in the external part-time form there studied 125 students. We constantly feel that PhD. studies are less attractive, therefore to increase their attractiveness, the Faculty prepares measures for the year 2010, which should contribute to achieving better results in this segment of higher education.

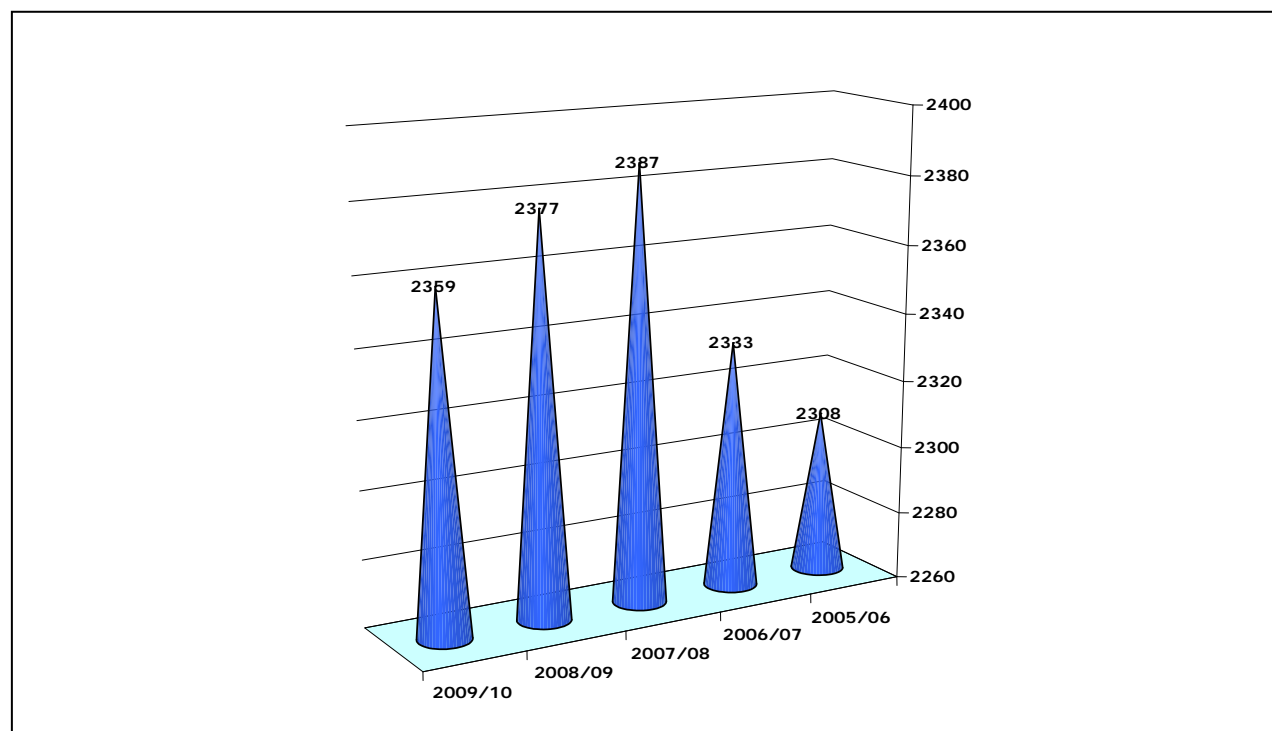
Given the fact that scientific research activity is a priority in terms of the Faculty management, we were delighted by the approval of 2 Centres of Excellence at UPJŠ - CEVA and SEPO, in which several institutes and clinics of the Faculty operate. We would welcome, if the University or Faculty, respectively, succeeds in the other 3 applications for the establishment of Centres of Excellence, which were prepared by the employees of this Faculty in the year 2009 and were submitted to the Ministry of Education Agency for the EU Structural Funds. Our Faculty continued in the year 2009 in providing specialist education in 25 accredited branches of study. 219 physicians were enrolled in specialized training at the end of the year. We regret to note that despite the fact that specialist physicians are being prepared for the sector of public health services, in the year 2009 we received no funds from that sphere. The Faculty management made every effort at using the funds collected from students - self-payers for increasing the motivation of its staff, especially the creative staff, to enhance their performance in research activities. In addition, these funds are used to support various needs of workplaces or reconstruction of the premises used by the Faculty or in which the Faculty exerts its activities. In the year 2009, we supported some of the Faculty units by these funds – the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, the Department of Anatomy, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Biology.

2 359 students study at the Faculty of Medicine, Pavol Jozef Šafárik UPJŠ in Košice, as on 31st October of the current year. 1665 applicants showed interest in the study at the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine in the academic year 2009/2010, from among whom 429 enrolled. In the year 2009, 429 students completed their study at UPJŠ FM by passing the state examination. Incentive - special scholarships at UPJŠ FM were awarded to 29 students in the year 2009 under the criteria set by the UPJŠ Rector and the Dean of the Faculty. Scholarship for achievements in the study under the UPJŠ Scholarship Order was granted to 228 students in November 2009, totaling to € 78, 950.00. Under current rules, the social welfare scholarships were paid in the year 2009 to students in the total amount of € 454,289.79.

*Numbers of students by the year of study and study programme:*

Study branch	1st year FT/PT	2nd year FT/PT	3rd year FT/PT	4th year	5th year	6th year
<b>Medical study programmes</b>						
General Medicine	232	236	276	209	207	163
Dental Medicine	62	69	85	49	50	31
General Medicine	40	70	36	25	16	18
Dental Medicine	20	21	22	12	5	7
<i>Total:</i>	<i>354</i>	<i>396</i>	<i>419</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>219</i>
<b>Bachelor study programmes</b>						
Nursing (Bc.)	13	21/13	30			
Public Health Care System (Bc.)	45	20/13	17			
Physiotherapy (Bc.)	52	43/9	31			
Laboratory Examination Methods in Health Care (Bc.)	0	0	22			
<i>Total:</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>84/35</i>	<i>100</i>			
<b>Magisterské study programmes</b>						
Nursing (Mgr.)	0/16	0				
Public Health Care System (Mgr.)	0	15/11				
Physiotherapy (Mgr.)	0/15	0/12				
<i>Total:</i>	<i>0/31</i>	<i>15/23</i>				
<b>Total number of students:</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>219</b>

Numbers of students in the study programmes as on 31st October of the current year according to academic branches:



Teaching is going on in the following study programmes at the Faculty of Medicine, Under Law Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and Amending Certain Law Acts (hereinafter HEA):

Degree	Form	Study programme
1st level Bachelor study	Full-time/Part-time	Nursing
	Full-time	Laboratory Examination Methods in Health Care System
	Full-time/Part-time	Physiotherapy
	Full-time/Part-time	Public Health Care System
2nd level Magister study	Part-time	Nursing
	Part-time	Physiotherapy
	Full-time/Part-time	Public Health Care System
Joint 1st and 2nd levels	Full-time	General Medicine
		Dental Medicine

## Research at the Faculty of Medicine

Based on the results of research and the results in the PhD. Study, the Faculty of Medicine was included within the comprehensive accreditation of universities in the highest category A. The Faculty of Medicine attained that evaluation for the first time in the history of accreditation and evaluations of faculties in the Slovak Republic. Over the past two years, the Faculty redrafted in the evaluation of medical and paramedical colleges by the independent ranking and rating agency ARRA from the fifth position to the second place, just 4 percentage points after the long-year leader, Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin, but before the faculties with longer tradition than that of the Faculty of Medicine, UPJŠ in Košice, such as the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Pharmacy, Comenius University in Bratislava. At the same time, the Faculty of Medicine at UPJŠ in Košice was selected by the ARRA agency as an exemplary Faculty with stable growth within the last 3 years. The results of the independent external evaluation reflect the trends and levels of research activities at the Faculty of Medicine in the year 2009.

In the traditional national grant arrangements of VEGA, KEGA, and APVV, there is a clear trend of their relative retreat into the background in terms of volume of funding for research at the Faculty compared with other sources. Nevertheless, in absolute terms there was an increase in the grant support raised by the Faculty employees from € 1.13 million in the year 2008 to € 1.63 million in the year 2009, representing an increase by 44 percent.

The year 2009 may also be considered successful in terms of obtaining non-repayable financial support from the scheme managed by the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, where the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine has seen a high success rate of its three projects agreed upon, in total guaranteeing external sources of research funding in the amount of € 23.00 thousand.

UPJŠ employees prepared or participated during the year 2009 as partners in the preparation and submission of 49 applications for funding from various grant schemes, including applications for non-repayable financial contribution from various operational programmes.

According to the 2009 data submitted to the Ministry of Education for the purposes of calculating the state subsidies, the Faculty of Medicine staff released 1118 publications in the year 2009, which represent 50.38% of all publications at UPJŠ in Košice. That figure means we succeeded in halting the declining percentage of the employees of the Faculty of Medicine in the overall production of publications by the UPJŠ in Košice staff. Out of the total number of publications, 142 publications were published in double-blind peer-reviewed first class journals, including 73 original scientific papers. The Faculty staff published 205 original scientific papers in standard journals and 77 scientific papers in reviewed conference proceedings and monographs. 8 monographs were published. The scientific papers by the staff of the Faculty were cited 843 times in the year 2009, of which 600 citations in the Citation Indexes Web of Science and Scopus.

Continuation of the trend commenced in the year 2008, as well as upgrading its infrastructure, may be considered the major qualitative change in strengthening the performance of research at the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine Košice. The focus of raising funds for the financing of science was transferred to the European Union Structural Funds, of financial mechanisms for some of the European Economic Area countries and other foreign sources, including funding mechanisms themselves from the 7th Framework Programme of the European Commission. During the year 2009, under the second call focused on creating centres of excellence for research and development, both projects from the past period stood the test, i.e. the Network of Centres of Excellence for Oncology /SEPO) and the Centre of Excellence for Research Into Atherosclerosis and Its Complications - Heart and Brain Infarctation (CEVA).

The UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine, upgrading the existing centres of excellence, achieved an increase of funds totaling to € 1.52 million (SKK 45.7 million), which in terms of their spending will occur in the future. The success of applying for new grants from the EU structural funds cannot be assessed fully, because the evaluation of projects submitted in the year 2009 is not yet complete, but the intensity of project preparation increased significantly in both absolute terms and on the relative scale inside UPJŠ in Košice itself, where most of the applications are submitted from the departments of the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine. In the year 2009, we continued in withdrawing the funds from the project entitled "Research on the Effect of Glucocorticoids in Some Pediatric Diseases with the Aim of Improving Children's Health, using the resources of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism, which was in the year 2009 financed from external sources in the total of € 142.44 thousand. (SKK 4.3 mil.).

## International Relations of the Faculty of Medicine

In the field of international projects, the EU project - MEHO - Migrant and Ethnic Health Observatory continued in the past year, whose coordinator is MUDr. Kvetoslava Rímarová, PhD. from the Institute of Public Health UPJŠ FM. Another ongoing project is an international information project MEFANET (MEDical FACulties NETwork) – cooperation among medical faculties in the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic in the field of e-learning student education, its co-ordinator being Ing. Jaroslav Majerník, PhD. from Institute of Medical Informatics. Mgr. Andrea Gecková-Madarašová, PhD. from KISH (Košice Institute for Society and Health) is a coordinator and principal researcher in charge of 5 international projects, at the Institute of Public Health, UPJŠ FM.

Scientific research results of individual departments were presented abroad through foreign trips, which amounted to 245 in the year 2009, of which 51 missions, 28 study visits and from the total number of trips abroad, 157 of them were with active participation. The Faculty organized 12 international conferences, symposia, and workshops at the UPJŠ FM. In the year 2009, the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine organized for the first time the international student scientific conference under the name of 1st International Student Medical Congress Košice (ISMCK'2009).

Pleasing are the activities of international students. Under the LLP / ERASMUS programme, 36 students of general medicine, 4 students and 1 nursing student were studying abroad in the academic year 2008/2009. 14 students from universities in Poland, Italy, Spain, Lithuania and Turkey studied at this Faculty of Medicine. 8 teachers participated in mobility and the Faculty received 1 teacher from Bulgaria, 2 from the Czech Republic and 1 administrative worker from Poland.

International conferences abroad were attended by 15 students, 58 students completed monthly study visits to foreign clinics during their summer holiday field training and the Faculty of Medicine received for field training 50 students for one month. On the basis of the inter-university agreement, 17 French students of their second year of study came from the University of Lille (France) last year to complete their field training at various clinics of the Teaching Hospital in the subject of Nursing.

## Public Relations of the Faculty of Medicine

The Faculty of Medicine uses various tools for the promotion and advertising abroad. Activities are designed to promote the study for both national and international students. In the year 2009, the Faculty developed its marketing communication by means of information brochures and leaflets on the study in the Slovak language and the English language, information on DVDs, regularly updating the web site of the Faculty. The Faculty staff were active in presenting learning opportunities in a number of events in foreign countries - Norway, Spain, Portugal, Pakistan. On 6th November 2009, the Open Day was held at the premises of the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine. After the opening ceremony, the interested persons visited the selected institutes and laboratories of the Faculty.

UPJŠ FM students and the Association of Medical Students of the City of Košice organized on 23rd through 25th June 2009 the 1st International Student Medical Congress Košice (ISMCK 09). The conference was attended by students from 20 countries. Professional and scientific programme was divided into 10 sections. Students visited the sights of the city of Košice, the area of High Tatras, Spiš, and the Tokay wine cellars.

The Faculty of Medicine is actively involved in preparing the celebration of the 85th anniversary of L. Pasteur Teaching Hospital in Košice. Many teachers of our Faculty participate in discussion programmes on television, radio, and in print media. They not only promoted learning opportunities for the Faculty, but also the results of their own scientific research and clinical work.





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In the year 2009, the main mission of the Faculty of Science, UPJŠ in Košice, provided quality university education in Science, Mathematics and Information Science and Teacher Training in the respective academic subjects, which is based on excellence in interdisciplinary scientific research. Even in the second term in office (2007 - 2011), the present Faculty management focuses on the implementation of the mission of the Faculty of Science, as defined in its long-term goals. In addition to these basic tasks, our priority is keeping the international scope of the Faculty and maintaining a healthy relationship between teaching and scientific research in the job description for University teachers. We are sincerely glad that the Faculty continues to maintain a leading position in Slovakia in the number of scientific output, the success of grant projects, and research grant support for other activities related to the teaching process, computerization of universities and by building the scientific research base. With hindsight, I can see the year 2009 that was marked in particular by the following significant facts:

- Together with the University and affiliated Faculties managements, we completed a comprehensive process of accreditation of our Alma Mater. Even now, the thoughts often go back to the positive impression and the experience of the visit of the Accreditation Board working group. Even here I would like to thank the members of the University management, ladies in the University Library, members of the Faculty management, all guarants of study programmes, teachers and students, and the Dean's Office staff for the cooperation and supportive quality work during the implementation of accreditation.
- The year 2009 shall be significant for our history due to the fact that we started a process of revitalization of our scientific infrastructure from the Structural Funds. The basic priority of the Faculty management was the commencement of the implementation of the projects of centres of excellence for withdrawing from the Structural Funds from the Operational Programme Science and Research, coordination of this process, and specific help to all participating teams.
- Thanks to cooperation with the University management, we have made significant progress in improving the material conditions for the implementation of teaching. Thanks to the project of developing the infrastructure of UPJŠ we managed to reconstruct the M5 lecturing hall into a modern aula, auditoriums and laboratories are gradually being equipped with modern laboratory and ICT equipment.
- Thanks to the experience of the Centre of Lifelong Education in lifelong learning, we have managed to create consortia of universities on two national projects in the OP Education. These projects have the potential to greatly contribute to enhancing the awareness of UPJŠ in the Slovak educational milieu.

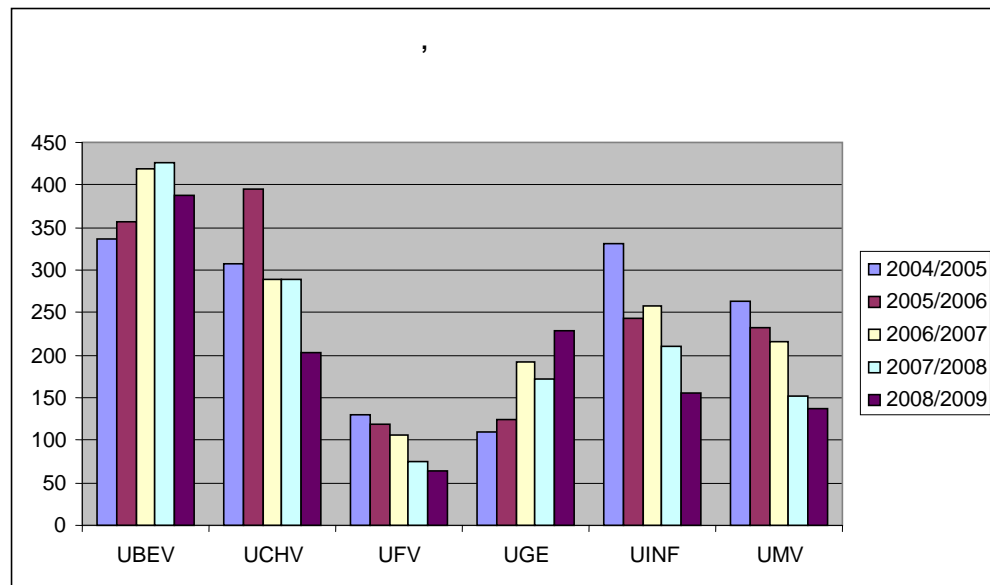
## Education of Faculty of Science

The year 2009 was one of evaluation of Slovak universities in the process of comprehensive accreditation. The endeavour of the Faculty management was that even after the surrender of the accreditation file the quality of the process of and conditions for teaching for undergraduate and graduate level continues in increasing its quality. Ensuring continuity of guarantees for study programmes, increasing the qualification of teachers and improving material conditions for learning have been and continue to be part of a strategy to prepare future graduates. Incentive scholarships for outstanding students and schol fees above the average length of study are tools that can significantly affect the attitudes of students to their study duties.

The current conditions for the admission of applicants are sufficiently rigorous to students studying at the Faculty with substantial interest in science, mathematics and information science. It is not an easy task to motivate excellent students from grammar schools to choose and study at UPJŠ FS in Košice, especially in teacher study programmes. New forms of communication with the target group of potential candidates are to help influence their decision. We welcome in this respect the initiative of our students, which will undoubtedly bear fruit. In the field of organization of studies, the time has come to review the implementation of state examinations following the first years of experience in strictly separate Bachelor's and Master's degree study programmes. The objective of the Faculty management is that all measures relating to education, for which it decides together with managements of institutes, lead to effective work of teachers and students alike and serve to strengthen the reputation of UPJS FS and increase the interest in studying at the Faculty. Qualification structure of teachers at the Faculty excellent. The Faculty employs in main employment 22 professors, 7 extraordinary professors, 44 associate professors, 55 senior assistants, 10 assistants, and 4 lectors.

In the academic year 2009/2010, altogether 1 289 full-time students study at the 1st and 2nd levels at the UPJŠ FS. The 3rd level was attended by 123 PhD. students in full-time (97) and part-time (26) forms of study. Teaching of the biggest number of students is provided by the Department of Biological and Ecological Sciences and the Institute of Chemical Sciences (Chart 1). Gratifying is the interest in the study of geography, particularly interdisciplinary study programmes with Geography.

**Chart No. 1**  
*Number of students according to teaching by various institutions*



- UBEV Department of Biological and Ecological Sciences
- UCHV Institute of Chemical Sciences
- UFV Institute of Physical Sciences
- UGE Institute Geography
- UINF Institute of Physical Sciences
- UMV Institute of Mathematical Sciences

The Faculty continues to maintain its leading position in the Slovak Republic in the number of research outputs, in the success of grant projects and grant support for other activities related to the educational process, computerization of universities and building its material base. Its results in this area promoted the Faculty to internationally known scientific research institution with a branched network of international contacts.

The fundamental priorities of the Faculty management in the year 2009 included the preparation of projects for the withdrawal of structural funds from the Operational Programme of Science and Research, coordination of this process, and specific assistance to research teams in cooperation with the UPJŠ Project Administration Unit and Lifelong Learning Centre in preparing the application forms. In cooperation with partner units at UPJŠ, departments of Slovak universities and the Slovak Academy of Sciences Institutes, the Faculty participated in the formation of 5 centres of excellence:

- CaKS - Centre of Excellence in Information Science and Knowledge-based Systems
- SEPO - Network of workplaces of excellence for oncology departments
- Extrem - Centre for Advanced Physical Studies of Materials Under Extreme Conditions
- nanoCEXmat - Centre of Excellence of Advanced Materials with the Nano and Sub-micron Structure
- CKV - Centre of Space Research: the Impact of Space Weather

By the implementation of these projects, reconstruction work of premises have begun. The tenders for the purchase of infrastructure are being implemented and we have the first deliveries of precious experimental facilities. The first phase of these projects will peak in the year 2010 and the second stage will be open at the same time, which will last till the year 2012. Overall, to support the work places in the premises of the Faculty, €2.8 M in the 1st stage and €3. 178 M in the 2nd stage have been contracted.

In the year 2009, the following new projects in the OP R & D have been submitted:

1. Biomol - Centre of Excellence for Research on Biomolecules, the submitting authority is UPJŠ (ICHS FS), scientific supervisor: Prof. RNDr. Jozef Gonda, DrSc
2. BiophCass - Centre for Biophysical Research (IFS) as a partner institution with the UEP SAS Košice, scientific supervisor: Prof. RNDr. Pavol Miškovský, DrSc.

In the OP Education, the following new projects have been submitted:

1. Modern and Interactive Learning at UPJŠ, scientific supervisor: Associate Professor. RNDr. Dušan Šveda, CSc.
2. Modernization of Programmes for Doctoral Studies in Natural Sciences and Humanities at UPJŠ, "PhD Student", scientific supervisor: Prof. RNDr. Pavol Miškovský, DrSc.

The Faculty management believes that success in the establishment of the excellent workplaces at UPJŠ will have a decisive positive impact on the scientific infrastructure of institutes. Whatever the problems with the accumulation of funds for participation, as well as demanding administrative management of projects, we believe that we will succeed and that Faculty has not failed and established itself in this competition as expected. We are pleased that interest exists in the Centre of Excellence project also from the ICHS and we do hope that it will be successful.

In the year 2009, the Faculty addressed 9 APVV projects, 62 projects VEGA, 5 projects KEGA, 2 MVTS projects, 1 application project, 2 international projects, 39 VVGS, 1 ŠPVV. The total financial allocation for research projects was € 1,790 thousand. (of this 183 thousand as capital resources).

In the year 2009, the staff of the Faculty of Science institutes recorded editorial output of 618 publication units, of that 168 in journals registered in the CC database 1621 citations, of which 1,473 are registered in the SCI.

## International Relations of Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science is actively involved in international research and educational environment. Its rich international cooperation may be demonstrated by 20 international contractual partners of UPJŠ in scientific research, in which this Faculty also actively participates. The Faculty annually organizes several conferences of international significance.

The total number of foreign trips undertaken In the year 2009 was 228, of which 49 foreign missions were undertaken under contractual scientific cooperation with 21 universities. 109 researchers presented their academic achievements at 74 international conferences. In the year 2009, 26 international visitors were received at the Faculty institutes under cooperation agreements and 62 international visitors under international scientific, educational and other projects, international agreements and international ventures organised by the Faculty of Science. Gratifying is the annual increase in international mobility of students.

Students made 97 trips abroad, including 86 PhD students and 11 2nd level students. In addition to that, international competitions and other ventures were attended by 9 students (including PhD students). In the framework of international scientific, educational, and other projects and international agreements students and PhD students made 51 trips abroad, of which within the international educational projects, in particular the LLP / Erasmus programme, 35 student mobilities took place (26 trips abroad and 9 admissions).

## Public Relations of the Faculty of Science

The Lifelong Learning Centre (LLC) is a professional tool for the Faculty to implement the public service. Through CCV, the Faculty CCV significantly established itself in the calls by the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The first ESF projects have been addressed since 2004. Currently, CCV directly implements or provides support in implementing a number of demand-based and national projects.

Within the OP Education in the year 2009, CCV attention focused on the implementation of two national projects: "Further Training for Teachers at Primary and Secondary Schools in the Subject of Information Science" and " Modernisation of Education at Primary and Secondary Schools. CCV is also involved in demand-oriented projects in commercial operation.

In the OP R & D in the year 2009, CCV attention focused on the implementation of contracted projects of the Centres of Excellence (5), which provided support for project managers, but mostly secured financial management of these projects - preparation of tenders, preparation of applications for payment. CCV assisted in preparing the next of projects in various calls - the second wave of Centres of Excellence (5) Education Infrastructure (1), Support to Applied Research, Development and Transfer of Technology (2), Hungary-Slovakia CBC Programme (1).

In the year 2009, other projects were implemented by CCV: "Training in the Sphere of Unified State Accounting and Reporting System and the Treasury Intended for General Public Administration Employees" and the "IT-Valley Project". In the year 2009, we continued in training activities for T-Systems Slovakia in a similar form as in previous years: Summer University, IT Farm, and Evening University.

Since 2004, CCV Faculty through the ECDL test centre and thanks to the staffing establishment and strengthening of the workplace another specialized PC classroom was built. The ECDL Office contacted the CCV to implement ECDL pilot testing, pilot evaluation and the subsequent processing of comments for localisation of the MQTB V50 version of the ECDL for Slovakia for the software group Microsoft Windows XP, and MS Office 2003 SK.

The Faculty through these educational activities of CCV has established itself as a renowned institution in the field of implementation of commercial education. Staffing of the workplace workers has been from the beginning made on the basis of funding from project funds, whether on the main or business CCV.



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Assessment at the end of each year means to compare the pros and cons of the evaluation period. Balancing the results of the year 2009 is, from my perspective, different, especially since this year after the accreditation process the Accreditation Commission issued decisions that fundamentally affect the operation of any university and its components. Accreditation, figuratively speaking, set up a mirror to the Faculty as a whole and the individual university staff acting in it. The results speak a clear language as to whether the development of the Faculty went the right way or the potential of the Faculty in the past years was not used enough.

I am delighted to state that accreditation results ranked Faculty at the top of the of Law Schools in Slovakia and also contributed to the positive assessment of our whole University. This success may be by right enjoyed by the whole team. At the same time it should be noted that good results also bind us. Immediately after receiving the official results of the accreditation, the Faculty management began to implement steps that will enable to provide higher education at the 3rd level in the branch of Criminal Law. It appears that the further development of the Faculty should be initiated towards the Ministry of Education and the Accreditation Commission to make changes in regulations and assessment procedures. Inter-generational exchange among teachers, which is invariably coming, requires that the conditions for further professional development are created for prospective young teachers.

In the year 2009, the Faculty was awarding Bachelor's degrees for the first time. Switching to two-level education required several major changes in the organization of studies. In order to improve the quality of education, the Faculty paid much attention to keeping curricula updated for all levels of education. Support was also directed to clinical education, which appears to be a very effective tool for linking theory with practice and is therefore much wanted by the students. Students are embracing the habits and knowledge much easier and faster to integrate these into their careers after graduation. The year 2009 was also successful in terms of further expansion of doctoral studies. Interest in studying in the full-time form exceeds the Faculty possibilities. The high number of candidates gives good preconditions to further improving the selection of students. I cannot but note here that in the year 2009 as many as 14 of our students took their PhD. diplomas from the hands of the Rector.

The life of the Faculty includes a significant role of cooperation with such institutions as the Constitutional Court, Institute of State and Law of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, the Regional Court and the Regional Prosecutor's Office and extensive contacts with other law faculties. Experts from those institutions are of benefit to both Faculty in the educational process and in scientific activities. The evaluated year brought mixed results in the inclusion of teachers in grant activities. Thanks to this, the volume of funds that were transferred to the researchers from the respective agencies significantly increased. Compared with the year 2008, this represented an increase of more than 70%. I am particularly pleased by the fact that it is the young teachers who take the initiative in their hands. In assessing the activities of the Faculty, one cannot but mention cooperation with the local branch of the European Student Organization ELSA. The Faculty management broadly supports the work of the branch Office in the premises of the Faculty. Of particular benefit are the scientific ventures with international participation organized by members of the ELSA with experts from the ranks of teachers.

In the year 2009, education was taking place both in full-time and part-time forms of study. In the 1st through the 4th year, the Bachelor's degree programme was held, in the 5th year the Magister degree programme under Section 53.paragraph 3 Law Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education as amended. For the first time in the history of the Faculty, the 1st level of university education was completed by 251 graduates (including 24 in the external form) who were awarded the Bachelor degree (Bc.). At the same time, students of the 5th year were the last group of the Faculty who completed education in the joint Magister programme of study.

The Faculty continued in good tradition of the written form of the admittance examinations. It is gratifying that the interest in study, despite fierce competition, both within the SR and the CR, has not decreased. 989 applicants filed their applications for the full-time form of study. 249 students enrolled. In the part-time form of study, 411 students enrolled, 8 of them having been admitted. 68 students enrolled in the 1st year. Part-time study for those newly admitted students is charged.

The Faculty management pays constant attention to improving the educational process. Study programmes for different levels of education are updated in the Academic Board of the Faculty to bring the content as close as possible to the dynamic changes in the economic and social life. Further, the clinical training was extended, in which there exists increased interest on the part of students. The Faculty in this regard has taken steps to institutionalize this type of training and also created a special unit of legal clinics within its organizational structure.

In the year under review, as a result of the introduction of single-subject courses, the number of examination operations increased, and the Bachelor's work agenda brought along a significant change in the timing of study.

In the year 2009, the total 247 graduates were awarded the diploma and the degree of Mgr., 34 of them in the part-time form of study. The degree of "Bc." was awarded to 251 graduates, 24 of them having studied in the part-time form.

The year 2009 brought a further increase in the number of doctoral students and was also successful in terms of the number of graduates who completed their studies and obtained the PhD degree. 25 students studied in the full-time study (as on 31st October) and in the part-time form of study, the number of students was 56 (as on 31st October). 14 PhD. students completed their studies in the evaluated year by defending their dissertations, which meant a lead over other Faculties.

In the doctoral procedures, the Faculty awarded in the year 2009 the total of 223 academic degrees of "JUDr." for the successful implementation of the doctoral examination.

Promotions of the eminent publisher LINDE have traditionally contributed to ensuring the study sources, which take place at the Faculty and are intended for both students and the general professional public. The library collection increased in the amount accounted for more than € 27 thousand, while in the previous year it amounted to € 11 thousand. Funds received under the grant activities (more than 50%) significantly contributed to achieving this.

As per the situation on 31st December 2009, there were 54 full-time university teachers, 7 of them in the Office of Professor, 2 extraordinary Professors, 13 Associate Professors, 20 in the capacity of senior assistants holding the degree of CSc. or PhD., 12 senior assistants without academic qualifications. It appears critical for the future development of the Faculty that both the Faculty management and the young teachers see to their professional growth (last year 8 of them obtained the PhD. degree)

A problem lasted that the interest in assessing the quality of education that is provided in the Law on Higher Education was minimal. It reiterated the situation when the inquiry involved a very small number of students, which meant little meaningful response of the answers in questionnaires. Most information continued to be gathered at the meetings with representatives of the classes and study groups. The Faculty management then responded to the problems outlined by adopting various measures.

The Institute of European Law is part of the Faculty, which is considered specific in the higher education system in Slovakia. The Institute members are also successful in the field of research, especially the young teachers.

## Research at the Faculty of Law

The Faculty management devotes sustained attention to the evaluation of research activities. The performance of the tasks in the qualification process is regularly assessed. Engaging teachers in grant activities not only delivers results that make the Faculty become more visible, but also pose a sizeable contribution to fund its operating needs. Quality of outcomes achieved in this area was confirmed to the Faculty by the Accreditation Committee, which acknowledged to it the highest A-rating from among the faculties of law in Slovakia. In the year 2009, the Faculty addressed a total of 10 grant projects VEGA (including 3 new projects starting in the year 2009, 3 ongoing projects and 4 ending projects), 1 project in the internal grant system for scientific research at UPJŠ, 3 APVV projects (1 ongoing and 2 with the beginning in the year 2009). 42 teachers and 6 internal PhD students were involved in the projects. One teacher in the Faculty was included in the grant project KEGA at another workplace. The overall financial allocation to tackle the projects was € 124,817.00 (of which € 9,946.00 in capital funds). Compared to the year 2008, this was an increase of up to 73%. In the publishing area, 9 proceedings volumes were issued (of which 7 funded from grant funds) and 4 monographs. Availability of study sources is improving thanks to electronization. For the first time, the university teaching text in electronic form became available on the website. In the year 2009, the Attestation Commission of UPJŠ in Košice approved the proposal to retain the scientific qualification level of IIa to one of the scientific research members of the Faculty. That employee was awarded the research-teaching degree of Associate Professor in the year 2009. Results of research at the Faculty and also the results in raising the next generation of scientists is a good prerequisite for a positive future development of the Faculty.

## International Relations of the Faculty of Law

The Lifelong Learning Programme ERASMUS has been successfully incorporated into the life of the Faculty. Mobilities of students and teachers are made on the basis of bilateral agreements concluded with the following educational institutions abroad: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece), University of Sophia Antipolis in Nice (France), Rzeszow University of Rzeszow (Poland), Wrocław University of Wrocław (Poland), Jagiellonian University in Krakow (Poland), Catholic University of Pope John Paul II in Lublin (Poland), University of Silesia in Katowice (Poland), University of Padua (Italy), University of Foggia (Italy), European University of Rome (Italy), University of Erzurum (Turkey), University of Valladolid (Spain), Paris-Lodron-University of Salzburg (Austria), University "Ovidius" Constanta (Romania), University of Miskolc (Hungary), Palacký University, Metropolitan University in Prague and Charles University (the Czech Republic). Within the Erasmus student mobility, 3 Polish students and 2 students from Turkey were studying at the Faculty in the academic year 2008/2009. 17 of our students studied abroad, which ranked this Faculty at the forefront of UPJŠ. 2 senior assistants accepted the offer to participate in the teaching mobility. Reciprocally, the Faculty received for a study-lecturing sojourn 1 teacher from Poland and 3 teachers from Hungary. After the successful tender, three students received placement in legal offices in Prague under the graduate student placement scheme in enterprises. Activities continued to promote professional development of young teachers and in-house PhD students, namely: international scientific conference "Olomouc Debates of Young Lawyers 2009" organized in October 2009 at Palacký University, the 14th Annual Autumn School of Law on the "Promotion of Human Rights - the European Experience", organized by the Institute of State and Law in cooperation with SAS; participation in the study or research sojourns abroad. The fact-finding visit to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg has also become a tradition, which in the summer of 2009 was attended by 13 selected students. The Faculty further developed cooperation with 12 partner institutions in 6 European countries, with which it has signed cooperation agreements. Other activities are being developed within the non-contractual framework of international cooperation at the level of individual faculties and departments, in particular, cooperation with law faculties at Masaryk University in Brno and Palacký University in Olomouc.

## Public Relations of the Faculty of Law

In terms of successfully promoting the Faculty, the year 2009 may be assessed positively, with no need for specific activities to promote the interest and provide enough information on the Faculty. This reflects the fact that the Faculty name resonates with the public. The Open Day, which is organized as a University venture, once again met with great interest on the part of secondary school students.

The Faculty of Law is an educational institution that prepares graduates finding jobs in practically in all spheres of social and economic life. High number of applications for the part-time study at this University, even though this is a study for payment, confirms the need for professionals with the knowledge of law.

The Faculty has traditionally been involved in training the candidates from the ranks of people in their post-productive age. The University of the Third Age provides teaching by the Faculty teachers in form of lectures in selected fields of law.



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In the year 2009, the Faculty of Public Administration lived up to its Long-term Goals Project in all areas of its activities, although not with the same intensity and positive results. Progress is felt particularly in the areas of education, where the Faculty has prepared (and is preparing) new study programmes (see below), which should help to increase motivation to study and would extend the operation of the Faculty of Public Administration at the imaginary - not only Slovak, but also European - public administration market.

Obtaining the project from the European Structural Funds under the title "Modern Public Administration - Creation and Innovation in Curricula of the UPJŠ Faculty of Public Administration (MOVES) should be considered a significant and in its own way a breaking step in the life of the Faculty. The project is part of the Operational Programme 2610003 Education, in the priority axis System Reform in Education and Training in the Measure 1.2 Universities and Research and Development as Engines Driving the Knowledge Society with the total amount of € 595 thousand.

In the year 2009, the Faculty saw a new division (a new structure) of its departments, which more clearly expresses the teaching (education) focus of the Faculty and is more indicative of its research orientation. The following departments have been in operation at the Faculty of Public Administration as of the 1st September 2009:

Department of Public Policy and Theory of Public Administration

Department of Social Studies

Department of Public Disciplines

Department of Economy and Public Administration Management.

The above structure of the departments makes the Faculty of Public Administration as a whole a better identifiable higher education institution to the external environment in terms of motivation to study, but also in terms of scientific and research potential offered by the Faculty to practice. Simply, the Faculty appears more compact and uniform on the outside. But the important thing is that the new departmental structure has produced positive results in the real practice of the process of education, in improving the qualification structure and consequently will lead to improved results in scientific research of the Faculty.



## Education of Faculty of Public Administration

The total of 1024 students enrolled in the study of the study programme of Public Administration (758 full-time and 266 part-time study) at the Faculty of Public Administration in the academic year 2009/2010. Despite the interest in studying, the Faculty has not increased the numbers of students admitted primarily because of the already excessive burden of teaching chores, with the number of teachers (30-32) having remained unchanged in the past two years. The Faculty provides teaching almost exclusively by its internal teachers (in order to save funds), it reaches out for part-time teachers in situations of objective character (e.g. study of an internal teacher abroad, maternity leave, illness, etc.). In the year 2009, 125 graduates from the FPA were awarded the academic degree of Mgr. The total number of graduates from the Faculty has thus risen to 683. In the year 2009, 178 students graduated from the Faculty Bachelor study programme of Public Administration. 30 graduates were awarded the academic degree of PhDr. in that year; until now 133 candidates were awarded the academic degree of PhDr. In the year 2009, the Faculty and its departments stabilized the study programme of Public Administration in terms of inclusion, mutual coherence and connectivity among compulsory subjects at both levels of the study. That study programme should lead to further improving the education of future graduates, whereas a certain type of specialization of the Faculty, responding to the needs of practice, should be pursued by innovating the existing and opening up new elective subjects and optional subjects. In the above period, the Faculty paid substantial attention to writing and publishing school texts in particular those of the mandatory subjects. We have managed to reach a stage where the substantial majority of compulsory subjects is guaranteed by the core curriculum sources, whose authors are internal Faculty teachers. Mandatory readings for the remaining teaching subjects are available in the book market. In the reviewed period, the Faculty managed to combine teaching with the practice of public administration. This is facilitated mainly by the three-week field training, which the students go through after their first year of Magister studies. Most students pass this training in local governments and local councils of municipalities and higher territorial units. The content of field trainings and its implementation are coordinated by the Faculty in cooperation with participating entities in which the training takes place. Degree theses of students (Bachelor, Magister), which relate to addressing specific problems of villages, towns, cities, and regions in the Slovak Republic are also a link to the practice of public administration. Reviewers of these works often come from among representatives of the individual components of public administration.

The Faculty prepared in the second half of 2009 a new curriculum for Bachelor degree studies (however, we are planning to extend it to Magister study) "The European Public Administration", which should extend the offer the range of the Faculty not only to graduates from secondary schools in the Slovak Republic, but should also become of interest to international students. The above study programme was approved by the Faculty Academic Board in November 2009, the accreditation file for its submission to the Accreditation Commission is being finalized these days (late January).

## Research at the Faculty of Public Administration

The development of scientific research activities at the Faculty of Public Administration has a continuous character. Since the founding of the Faculty, with a few exceptions, the number of funded research projects has been increasing almost every year, but this does not always mean an increase in the volume of funds collected. This holds true especially for the year 2009, when the Faculty won new grant projects within the VEGA grant agency, however their funding has not been decided up to now. The good results in the area also indicate that teachers' involvement in grant projects exceeded 90% in the year 2009. Most of the projects are dealt with at the Faculty in the VEGA Grant Agency, which is a guarantee of quality of scientific work, on the other hand, projects designed within the framework of the Agency are characterised by relatively modest financial resources, which in terms of FPA is certainly not good enough in respect of what the financial situation requires. The Faculty still fails to engage in research projects with a better financial backing, although it is obvious that this requirement is one of the key tasks of the Faculty in the nearest years. Undoubtedly, the way to accomplishing the above goal leads through improving the qualification structure of teachers. 2 grant projects were successfully completed in the year 2009, 8 projects are ongoing, however 4 of them still remain without financial backing. Eleven teachers are involved in ongoing projects at other sites (Faculty of Law UPJŠ in Košice – 4 teachers, University of Economy and Public Administration Management in Bratislava – 5 teachers and the Slovak Academy of Sciences – 1 teacher. In the future, it is important to address the grant-funded projects more content-focussed on the current issues of the ongoing reform of public administration and there will also be a need for greater engagement in international projects (currently in this context, it is particularly relevant to engage in a scientific cooperation within the V4). The results of their scientific research projects under the grant (but not limited to it) are published by the Faculty teachers in the monographic works, in scientific journals, scientific proceedings, actively participating in scientific ventures in the Slovak Republic and abroad.

Faculty Publications output of teachers in the year 2009 includes 125 Faculty publishing outputs and the Faculty also registers for the above period more than 100 citations for publications of their teachers. Taking into account that the Faculty has no category of researchers or full-time PhD. students, publication of outputs and responses have to be considered very good because this is the work of a small number of internal teachers who are busy up in the educational process and most of them must exert efforts to improve their qualification. In the year 2009, the Faculty also detailed its priority scientific and educational programme entitled "Theory and Practice of Local Self-government in a Democratic State." Its content is linked with the engagement in 5 grant projects while the Faculty is implementing the project of "Training of Elected Municipal Officials".

## International Relations of the Faculty of Public Administration

FPA has been a member of the International Forum of Public Administration and Management (IFPAM) since 2003 which puts together 13 countries of Europe, represented by universities and faculties of public administration. The Forum deals with issues of public administration from the political-sociological and legal-economic viewpoints, discusses the common and different elements of public administration in various countries. The Faculty of Public Administration is also a member of international organizations in the field of public administration, namely the NISPAcee (Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration - Central and Eastern Europe) and EPAN (European Public Administration Network). In the NISPAcee, the Faculty members act as experts (KSV), and are regularly invited to ventures associated with the preparation of projects and also participate actively in the annual conferences organized by this organization. The Faculty cooperates with international partners and is directed mainly to the exchange of experience in education as well as reciprocal participation of teachers in scientific ventures organized by the above-mentioned university establishments, exchange and publishing of research papers in journals and proceedings of faculties, and so on. Cooperation with the Faculty of Public Administration in Budapest has also the nature of exchange of teachers under their active role in the teaching process and, at the same time, preconditions have been created for addressing the research projects. Is moving in a similar way in cooperation with PAGSI in Saratov (this, however, is considerably limited by the financial burden given the geographical distance between the partners).

Within the Erasmus programme, the Faculty extends cooperation each year in this field with other countries on the basis of bilateral agreements. Compared with 2006, the mobility increased 4-fold of the original 2 to the current 9. In the year 2009, the Faculty collaborated with the following universities: Panteion University of Athens (Greece), University of Bayreuth (Germany), Nationala Scoala de Studii Politice - Bucharest (Romania), University of Carla III. Madrid (Spain), University of León (Spain), Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), Uniwersytet Warmińsko-Mazurski w Olsztynie, Public Administration (Poland), Silesian University, Faculty of Public Policies in Opava (the Czech Republic, Charles University, Faculty of Law in Prague (the Czech Republic). In the year 2009 9 students (Greece – 2, Germany – 3, Hungary – 2, Spain - 2) and 2 teachers (the Czech Republic – 2) were sent by the Faculty to study abroad in accordance with the above agreements. In turn, 3 students (1 from Greece, 1 from Poland and 1 from Spain) completed a semester of study at this Faculty. International students who studied at the FPA may choose from among 15 courses taught in English.

A new dimension in education toward foreign countries have brought FVS contacts with the Faculty of Public Policies, Silesian University in Opava Faculty of Economics and Akademia Ekonomiczna in Katowice. These 3 faculties under the approval of their universities have begun intensive preparations for the content and organization of the joint programme and Magister degree programme has continued of "Public Policy and Public Administration in Central Europe" (joint degree) of graduate political science, sociology, economic focus and study public administration and public policy. This is an interesting study programme and its content is attractive, but in terms of training and the future operation and very difficult and complex, requiring much effort and interaction and understanding from all stakeholders. At that time, the content is a suave and organizational structure of the curriculum, including the participation of all partners in its implementation. The issues of financial security services are being addressed in the implementation of the curriculum, which in turn will have to undergo a successful accreditation in all three countries - the Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia.

## Public Relations of the Faculty of Public Administration

The Faculty continued in the year 2009 in its efforts to actually act as a recognized institution in the Slovak imaginary playing field of public administration. One may say that these efforts yielded specific results, in particular in the areas of cooperation with regional and municipal authorities. The Faculty in the newly created significant scientific-educational project "Theory and Practice of Territorial Self-government in a Democratic Country" prepared a concept of education of elected representatives of local governments. Unfortunately, due to the well-known financial problems of local authorities in the reporting period, the educational activity of the Faculty should be of individual rather than conceptual (continuous) character. The Faculty teachers also participated in the activities of the Regional Educational Centres (institutions to implement the education of municipal self-government staff), where they gave several lectures to the demand. Co-operation continued between the Faculty and ZMOS (Association of Cities and Villages of Slovakia) and the Self-governing Regional Administration Body of Košice particularly in the field of consultancy and educational activities, as well as in the field of scientific research. Selected students of the Faculty actively participated in cooperation with the practice; special mention should be noted of the 4th position of our student (Zuzana Gálíková) in the contest for the Dexia Bank Award, i.e. the nation-wide competition for the best degree thesis pertaining to the issue of villages, cities, and regions of Slovakia. Her degree thesis had a title of "Programme of Economic and Social Development of a Municipality as the Basic Document of the Regional Development Support". Its connection with practice was also conformed by the Faculty round of the theses under the Student Research Activities.

The Faculty has representation in the Commission of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for amendment to the Constitution of the Slovak Republic, in the Council of Government for public administration, in the Ministry of the Interior Commission for Education in Public Administration, it closely cooperates with the Ministry of the Interior Section for Public Administration, Municipality of Košice, as well as with the Košice Self-governing Region of the Banská Bystrica Self-governing Region.

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The UPJŠ Faculty of Arts continued in the year 2009 in successful implementing of its development programmes, which it adopted in its strategic plan in the first year of its existence (2007). In the field of learning it focused on two priorities. The first priority was the development of human, material-technical and spatial conditions for the implementation of study programmes. The personnel quality of individual Faculty departments has improved significantly, functionality of the teaching premises at Petzvalova street in Košice has increased and the reconstruction of premises of the future Faculty continued (the Faculty Dean's Office during the summer months moved into renovated premises in the historic building of UPJŠ at Šrobárova street). The second priority was associated with the further development of educational opportunities at the Faculty.

During the year 2009, in the comprehensive accreditation process the Faculty received a right to the Bachelor's degree study programmes in 45 full-time and part-time forms and Magister degree programmes in 13 full-time and external forms of study. In the proper accreditation process, the Faculty gained 9 new accreditations in the Bachelor level of study and 3 courses in the field of Teaching Academic Subjects. The establishment of the Department of Political Science has started preparations to open a degree programme in Political Science. The Faculty management, in cooperation with heads of the departments substantially improved the promotion of study programmes, in particular through the Open Day of UPJŠ and by various forms of media presentation of the Faculty. The Student Council at the UPJŠ Faculty of Arts was formed in late 2008 and focused its work on the presentation of European youth policy. 2 421 students showed interest in the study at the Faculty in academic year 2009/2010 in the Bachelor study, which was significantly higher than in previous years. The UPJŠ FA in the year 2009 also contributed to the strengthening of the dimension of university study. It provided language teaching for all Faculties at UPJŠ. It cooperated in the coordination of interdisciplinary teaching programmes with the UPJŠ Faculty of Science.

The first priority was represented by a significant increase in the number of publishing units, in which the Faculty succeeded. The Faculty also fulfilled the second priority of the increase in the number of full-time PhD. students in accredited doctoral study programmes. The Faculty won the right in the year 2009 to conduct inaugural and professor inauguration proceedings in Literary Scholarship Disciplines, History of Philosophy, Non-Slavonic Languages and Literatures, Psychology, and Social Psychology and Psychology of Work. Several Faculty departments held high quality international scientific ventures during the course of the past year, which made them visible in both Slovak and international academic environments. In the field of international relations, the second long-term priority of the Faculty was attained, consisting in expanding the international scientific cooperation with academic institutions abroad.

## Education at the Faculty of Arts

The UPJŠ Faculty of Arts in Košice won in the comprehensive accreditation process the right to confer the degree of Bachelor in 45 full-time and part-time study programmes and to award the Magister degree in 13 full-time and part-time study programmes. During the course of the year 2009, the UPJŠ FA received 9 new accreditations in the Bachelor study (History, Latin Language and Literature combined with Ethics, Slovak Language and Literature, Non-Slavonic Languages and Literatures, and History). These interdisciplinary courses have been accredited for both full-time and part-time forms of study. The UPJŠ Faculty of Arts in Košice received during the year 2009 accreditation for 3 courses in the field of Teaching Academic Subjects for subject specialization of Teaching Psychology in combination with the subject of the Latin Language and Literature in combination, the subject of History in combination. In the academic year 2009/2010, which means in the third academic year of the UPJŠ Faculty of Arts in Košice, 1 771 students studied at the Faculty at Bachelor and Magister levels of study. 2,421 students showed interest in the study at the UPJŠ Faculty of Arts in Košice in the academic year 2009/2010 (Table 3), who filed 2,895 applications. The highest interest is in studying in degree programmes of Psychology, Media Studies, and British and American Studies. The interdisciplinary study programmes of History combined with the study branches at the UPJŠ Faculty of Arts in Košice and the UPJŠ Faculty of Science in Košice are being in the process of accreditation. Personnel and organizational preconditions are being prepared for filing the applications for accreditation of the study programme of Political Science.

## Research at the Faculty of Arts

From its constitution on the 1st January 2007, the Faculty of Arts has seen a remarkable series of remarkable activities and results of research activities, in which not only academics and researchers participated, but also PhD. students. Scientific and research activities of the Faculty evolved in accordance with the approved Concept of the Development of UPJŠ FA for the years 2008 - 2011. Among the strengths of this work in the year 2009 the following were included: the KISH Centre of Excellence, linking of science and education at all three levels, major publications and research results of the Faculty as a whole, high success rate of winning grants in Slovakia, a high interest in PhD. study by the Master's study graduates, experienced staff with multilateral international footage, many existing and productive international relations, contracts and contacts, well-disposed atmosphere for the new Faculty and its attractiveness in the scientific and educational community in the international, national, and University contexts.

In the year 2009, the Faculty of Arts tackles together 24 researcher's projects. Among them were 10 VEGA projects, 3 KEGA projects, 6 APVV projects, one LPP project. Besides these projects, bilateral cooperation projects and domestic projects, some other international grants were successfully dealt with at the Faculty of Arts in the number of 14. The total amount of funds raised in the year 2008 for the VEGA project was € 57,281.00, € 9,300.00 for KEGA projects, € 103,983.00 for APVV projects, € 10,600.00 for the Anti-drug Fund, and other € 15,000.00 in other national and international grants.

On 20th October 2009, Šafárik University was granted the right to award the academic degree of "Doctor" (at UPJŠ FA) in the fifth study programme of the study of Slovak History. In the year 2009, 29 full-time doctoral students studied at the Faculty, one from Palestine, and 28 part-time PhD. students, two from Poland, one from the Czech Republic, and one from the United States of America. In accordance with the Statute of the Council of UPJŠ University Centres of Excellence and further to the approval of the Academic Board of UPJŠ in Košice, the UPJŠ Rector created in the year 2006 for a period of 4 years the University Centre of Excellence KISH - Centre for Research Into Social Aspects of Health that in the year 2009 very closely cooperated with the Department of Educational Psychology and Psychology of Health at the FA, with top institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and applied research institutes in this country and abroad, particularly with the University of Groningen. In the year 2009, KISH was successfully fulfilling the objective of becoming an important scientific-research institution in Europe as to its research activities.

In the year 2009, the Faculty acquired the right to conduct inaugural and professor habilitation procedures in the branch of Non-Slavonic Languages and Literatures, History of Philosophy, Literary Scholarship, Social Psychology, and Psychology of Work.

In the year 2009, the Department of Slavonic Studies, Slavic Philologies, and Communication received as a gift 1 150 literary scholarship and fiction books from the private library of the literary scholar PhDr. Vladimír Petřík, CSc. an employee of the Institute of Slovak Literature of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava.

Results of the Faculty research activities in the year 2009 were presented in more than 277 publications; they published 8 monographs (group A1), 25 entries in the group A2, 34 entries in group B, and 21 entries in Group C.

## International Relations of the Faculty of Arts

International cooperation at the Faculty of Arts successfully developed in the fourth year of the Faculty existence. Educators and researchers of the Faculty are involved in international projects in the framework of international organizations. The Department of British and US Studies (DBUSS) is the SKASE management centre (Slovak Association for the Study of English), a member organization of ESSE (European Society for the Study of English). SKASE issues three international on-line journals: SKASE Journal of Theoretical Linguistics (the Journal is included in one of the world's top two databases - EBSCO and in the Linguistic Database of Lund University); SKASE Journal of Translation and Interpretation (the magazine is included in the database of the European Science Foundation: European Reference Index for Humanities (ERIH), and the SKASE Journal of Literary Studies. The Department of British and US Studies is the official Testing Centre for International Cambridge Exams under the auspices of the British Council for the Region of Eastern Slovakia. DBUSS hosted in the year 2009 international lecturers from 12 countries worldwide. In August 2009, DBUSS hosted an international conference Universals and Typology in Word-Formation, which was attended by a complete set of world leading scientists in Word Formation Typology from 27 countries worldwide. DBUSS members have taken 26 trips abroad for conferences and symposia and received 7 international students and 1 PhD. student and on the basis of bilateral agreements of the mobility of teachers, they participated in Erasmus sojourns in France and Spain. The new project entitled "Key Issues of Slovak and Hungarian History (Parallel Studies) is an international project of the Department of History.

Other international training projects have been undertaken at the Department of Philosophy and History of Philosophy (The project entitled "Sources of Jewish Law), at the Department of British and US Studies and at the Institute of Interpretation UPJŠ FA (European Masters in Interpreting - EMT, gestor: European Commission, Brussels, Centre for Slovakia: Comenius University Bratislava, PhD. Štefan Franko, PhD. associate member of the team), City & Guilds (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, based in London) - accredited training and testing centre for the English language at the UPJŠ FA in Košice, scope of the region of Eastern Slovakia, PhD. Štefan Franko, PhD., Director of the Centre).

Cooperation under international contracts with universities and other academic institutions were carried out at the following: Department of British and US Studies and the UPJŠ FA Institute of Interpretation. The cooperation was with the Institute of Translation, Interpretation and International Relations, University of Strasbourg, and is now carried out within the activities of the Association of Slovak universities Offering Teaching of Non-literary Translation and Interpretation (PhDr. Štefan Franko, PhD., President of the Association). The result of cooperation, inter alia, is a 4-semester post-graduate study programme, of non-literary translation and interpretation at the Institute of Interpretation UPJŠ FA (since the inception of the Institute); Department of Educational Psychology and Psychology of Health, which has had a long close cooperation with the University of Groningen, The Netherlands. The content of cooperation is to be recognized in the exchange of information and know-how, preparation of joint publications, projects, as well as educational activities (e.g. the courses: Management of PhD. study, publishing in SCI journals, Measuring the Effectiveness of Health Promotion Strategies, etc.).

Cooperation at the Ministry of Education was developed by Department of Slavonic Studies, Slavic Philologies, and Communication, in particular by Prof. PhDr. Ján Sabol, DrSc., as a member of the Polish-Slovakia Intergovernmental Panel on Cross-border Cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Poland. Department of Applied Ethics co-organized an international conference in Poland. Other activities within the framework of international projects and agreements were developed by PD Dr. habil. Mária Pásonová who since 2001 has actively cooperated with the Institute of Germanic Studies of the University of Regensburg. She organizes ventures on early new German for the students of German every year in preparation for the state examination. From the year 2008, the Faculty has successfully cooperated with Germanic departments of the University of Regensburg. A major benefit of the project lies in the possibility of passing doctoral studies and obtaining the degree of Dr. at the University of Regensburg.

## Public Relations of the Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts in the year 2009 published on its website all relevant information on the activities of the Faculty in the field of legislation, education, science, research, international relations, and development.

Within the priorities relating to the promotion of study, the Faculty organized its Open Day, in which members of individual departments introduced in a creative way their respective workplaces to those showing interest in the study at the Faculty. Members of the Faculty management promoted the Faculty and its educational activities through television and radio inputs (Slovak Television, Slovak Radio, STV regional newsreel, STV newsreel in German, German-language broadcasting on the Slovak Radio). Some departments promote their work through personal visits of teachers at secondary schools

# UNITS OF PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE

## University Library

The UPJŠ University Library (the "UL"), one of the university units of UPJŠ, is involved in information provision of teaching and research activities of staff and students of UPJŠ, creating the conditions to promote the educational process and a favourable environment for users. It provides in-house and outdoor lending services, reference and consulting services in the reading rooms with 385 seats for study, research services and information services from its own databases and external sources of information, inter-library and international inter-library loan service. It also provides a record of employees UPJŠ publications, as well as reprographic and scanning services in the UL library. In the year 2009, the UL registered the 8,464 users. The library includes The Library of Austria and the European Documentation Centre.

### *Number of publications issued*

Faculty/unit	Publication (pcs)
Faculty of Arts	9
Faculty of Public Administration	13
Faculty of Medicine	18
Faculty of Science	10
Faculty of Law	13
UPJŠ	6
Botanical Garden	3

### *Number of copies sold*

Faculty	Number of copies sold	Price in EUR
Faculty of Arts	11	41,11
Faculty of Public Administration	789	4 916,72
Faculty of Medicine	962	4 930,86
Faculty of Science	1 774	6 859,16
Faculty of Law	1 664	11 931,64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 200</b>	<b>28 679,49</b>

By carrying out its own forms, the UL is involved in the educational process of users. Their aim is to teach users to navigate independently and search relevant information available from the professional internal and external information sources. Educational activities had also their place in the UL operations in the year 2009, such as training courses, information education for students of 1st grades, diploma seminars for students in the 4th – 6th years at the Faculty of Medicine, training in electronic databases in collaboration with suppliers, exhibitions and seminars on how to obtain scholarships in cooperation with the SAIA, a non-profit organization. In collaboration with the Representation of the European Commission, the UL prepared seminars on the European Union, which were implemented in the EDC in Košice, Bratislava, and Banská Bystrica. On the overall, the UL carried out 76 ventures of information education, 3 294 individual training sessions for individual users, mostly from among the students and staff of UPJŠ. In the year 2009, the Library successfully implemented a project to promote learning, Interactivity as a Modern Element in the Learning Process in the UL UPJŠ in Košice, due to which it won devices, such as interactive board, voting machines, visualizer, and interactive wireless iTablet and the LanSchool software.

The UL provides support for R & D at the University provides through the access to electronic information sources - the traditional printed and electronic ones (citation, bibliographic, full-text databases). Within the national project, National Information System Supporting Research and Development in Slovakia - Access to Electronic Information Sources (NISPEZ), UPJŠ has access to 12 databases. Revitalization of the University Library book collection as a major task of acquisition of the study and specialized sources in the form of acquisitions has brought more than 5 thousand book-form units. The UL has its own mission – it is a bibliographic, advisory, and coordinating university unit that guarantees registration of publications and responses to these.

The priorities of the UL in the future will include the development of appropriate premises for the provision of services for users of UPJŠ FA and FM, increased information literacy for students and the preparation of the national project of information education of university students in Slovakia. The results of the nationwide survey Information Literacy of Users of Academic Libraries - IGPAC 2. The UL activities will also aim to build up a broader digital library (e-publication, etc.).

## Student Hostels and Canteens

Student Hostel and Canteen (SHC) of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University managed in the year 2009 three student homes – the Hostel at Medická street 4 and 6, the Hostel at Popradská 66, one at Popradská 76, which provide accommodation for full-time students, international students, PhD. students, visiting teachers, staff, as well as international visitors. There were several positive changes made in the course of the year 2009 and these pertain to all the hostels. The main change in the Hostel at Medická street was the complete replacement of windows for plastic ones and the reconstruction of electric installations in the last block, in the Hostel at Popradská 66 the positive change was in the transition from the spread of internet through the wifi signal to the spread through the structured cabling. The Hostel at Popradská 76 managed to bring the optical connection to the SANET network mainly due to the large support of the CICT staff. In the year 2009, student dormitories and dining halls had 3 student homes under their management with a total capacity of 1,769 beds in the following structure: Medická street 6 with a capacity of 707 beds, Medická street 4 with a capacity of 707 beds, Popradská street with a capacity of 155 beds and Popradská street 76 with a capacity of 200 beds. On the overall, the dormitories of UPJŠ accommodated 1,670 students and graduates, out of this number 588 students of the Faculty of Medicine, 322 students of the Faculty of Science, 348 students of the Faculty of Law, 187 of the Faculty of Public Administration, and 214 students of the Faculty of Arts. In addition, 34 students were accommodated in the ERASMUS programme and 76 international students. During the course of the year, Student Hostels and Canteens render services to the business, especially accommodation during the summer holidays, but also throughout the year. Student Canteens provide, as their business, meals for staff and other individuals and provide various ventures for both staff and the public. The student canteen began in the year 2009 its pilot plant for food dispensing at Medická street by offering a free choice of meals for which they needed to develop a superstructure level of the dietary CardPay. After tuning, there emerged a chance for boarders at the Medická street canteen to compose their meals from among the offer of food, of course with different prices. Another little change was that in price, which had to be adjusted upwards due to the new level of minimum subsistence. Thanks to these changes, the necessary reserves started to be formed for the gradual replacement of obsolete technology equipment in the canteen, as well as the gradual modernization of equipment in each of the dispensers, with the possibility to extend some of their range of services offered.

## Centre of Information and Communication Technologies

The UPJŠ tasks in information and communication technologies were addressed by the Centre of Information and Communication Technologies of UPJŠ (CICT). In the period under review, the Centre provided particularly comprehensive construction, operation and development of the University-wide communication and computer networks and their connections to the metropolitan and international communications network, comprehensive operating and developing the computer systems that provide various innovation agendas to the UPJŠ information system, consulting services and training of individual applications of the information system, operation and development of web presentations and providing UPJŠ with multiple licences for the selected products UPJŠ. Commercial activities are long-term performed on the basis of contracts concluded by UPJŠ with outside organizations. This activity has been increasing. CICT of UPJŠ as a node of SANET (Slovak Academic NETwork) is the spine of SANET II network – it connects network nodes in Košice, Zvolen, and more recently nodes have been added in Trebišov and Michalovce. Within the participation of this institution, the project of SANET school connections is developing the sub-networks in Spišská Nová Ves, Humenné, and Rožňava. This means that in addition to activities associated with the operation of our SAUnet, our node connects to the Internet other organizations outside the University. Thus, connection to SAUnet is made for 22 public entities and public non-profit organizations.

## Botanical Garden

According to the UPJŠ Statute, Botanical Garden is a research and educational unit of UPJŠ specialising in growing and maintaining the selected species of endangered, rare, precious or otherwise significant protected and ornamental plants. Since 2003, it has been a scientific workplace of CITES. Since 2006, it has been a member of the European Consortium of Botanical Gardens EuroGuard. In the year 2007, it became a member of the International Plant Protection Agenda, BGCI. In the year 2009, the Botanical Garden addressed 2 basic research projects with the financial support from Grant Agency of the Ministry of Education. The Botanical Garden continued publishing (the magazine Thaiszia. Journal of Botany as been as of the year 2009 included as a scientific periodical registered in the SCOPUS database). During the period under review, the Botanical Garden offered and provided the public with a chance of visiting the premises and their exposures. Events took place, such as exhibition of orchids, cacti and succulent exhibition, the Open Day, butterflies show, Juniáles (for employees of UPJŠ), citrus exhibition, an exhibition of Halloween pumpkins, Christmas decorations show. The Botanical Garden offers year-round wedding photography and selling orchids. Attendance compared to last year grew by almost 13 thousand visitors. The Botanical Garden of UPJŠ has the concept of development prepared until the year 2015. It has established a project study "Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Modernization of the Botanical Garden of UPJŠ". That document sets out the basic steps that, when gradually implemented, bring the Botanical Garden of UPJŠ among important in-

stitutions not only at home but also abroad. Non-implementation of the above objectives and the lack of funding cause stagnation and gradual degradation of this workplace with a view to its disappearance.

### **Institute of Education in Rožňava**

In the academic year 2006/2007, the Bachelor study programme of Sports and Recreation began in Rožňava as an expression of maximum responsiveness to the requirements of bringing the university education in the Gemer region. This approach naturally envisaged that by placing the teaching there, the quality of education will not suffer and over time the Rožňava unit will be able not only to expand the range of educational opportunities, but also will become economically viable. In the academic year 2011/2012 the guarantee of the study programme Sport and Recreation is coming to its end because of the age of guarantee. Continued guarantees for the next period, despite the efforts of the University management, failed to be arranged. For these reasons, in the academic year 2010/2011 admission procedures for that programme of study will not take place. Implementation of the study programme of Sport and Recreation appeared as a loss not only in the year 2009, but from the very outset of the Institute. The overall situation was dealt with by the UPJŠ Academic Senate at its meeting on 25th June 2009. The adopted resolution conditioned the continuation of the study programme at the Institute of Education in Rožňava by covering the overall deficit by the Municipality of Rožňava for the next three years. The draft agreement, which was served by the Municipality of Rožňava to Pavol Jozef Šafárik University, was not in accordance with this resolution. For these reasons, the University management at its meeting on 28th September 2009 decided to move the seat of the implementation of the study programme of Sport and Recreation from Rožňava to Košice, with effect from 8th February 2010.

### **Institute of Physical Education and Sport**

IPES offers a wide range of sporting activities that take place within the lessons of both mandatory and optional physical education. The students had in that year a choice from among 13 motoric activities: aerobics, basketball, badminton, floorball, football, swimming, body building, indoor soccer, self-defence, table tennis, tennis, volleyball, and health PT. We would like to extend this offer in the near future, but given the small number of teachers and the high number of hours per week, it will only become possible if changes occur in the number of personnel. The Sports Day was an interesting venture organized under the auspices of IPES, with international participation, to mark the 50th UPJŠ anniversary, attended by the teams of 5 universities: Debrecen University, University of Žilina, Prešov University, Technical University of Košice, and the domestic UPJŠ in the total number of 167 participants. With the exception of floorball, in which our students won the second place, the UPJŠ team became a clear winner. Between 21st and 23rd May 2009, the UPJŠ futsal team attended for the third time the International Futsal Tournament of European Universities, IUTT 2009, the organizer was the Technical University of Eindhoven. After the last year's second place and the first place at the previous tournament, our University team showed its qualities once again in the strong competition of 28 university selections from Europe and Israel and led by Mgr. Staško it occupied the highest rung. The sports activities prepared by IPES for students and staff of UPJŠ include the organization of sports summer and winter camps.

With the advent of the new management, conditions were united and created for business in the premises of physical education by engaging the IPES staff. The conditions have been clarified for the use of sports facilities to offer them to students, employees, but also organizations, clubs and the general public. We are pleased with the improving trend, which is shown by the traffic in the gyms.

### **Physical Education Union Slávia UPJŠ**

The Physical Education Union Slávia UPJŠ operates at Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice under a contract. The PEU Slávia UPJŠ task as a whole is to meet the particular interests and hobbies of the university youth, university students, children and citizens of the city, as well as disabled people in the field of sporting and movement activities, create for the conditions for improving their physical and mental fitness, sports performance, and strengthening their health. It recruits its members from the ranks of school and university students and citizens for the above activities. The PEU Slávia keeps track of its members in 7 sections, 3 clubs and in the section of Sports for All in the total number of 390 members. Of the number, 64 are University undergraduates, 113 students are younger than 18 years, and 213 others. In the PEU Slávia, young people under 27 years of age represent 45.38%, which is a nice percentage within the university operated by SAUS. Sections and clubs in the PEU Slávia are divided into competitive and non-competitive ones. The competitive include: baseball, basketball, badminton, karate, chess, tennis, and volleyball. The non-competitive sections include: aerobics, fitness, hiking and water sports section. The progressive element of the PEU Slávia activities include expansion of membership and sports activities in other sports, which could embrace especially university students and other students and young people. This was the case of the basketball section, which was admitted to this PEU in the year 2009. For the Badminton Section, whose members are exclusively students or university graduates, from the non-competitive – recreational - section it became competitive, whose members within their means reach very nice sports results. The philosophy of our PEU will continue to improve the quality and level of performance in all sections and clubs with regard to increasing the



number of young people under 27 years of age as members of those sections and clubs. At the same time, we will admit in our PEU sports entities that are prospective, take up young people by their activities and who want a dignified representation of the PEU UPJŠ in Košice.



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