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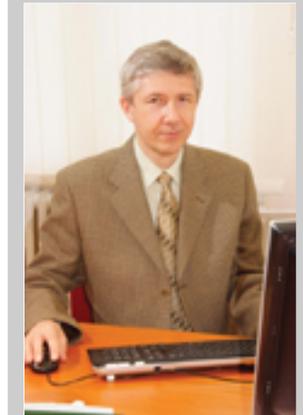
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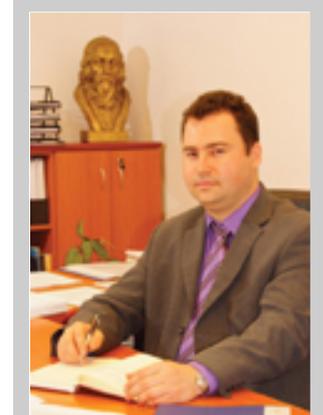
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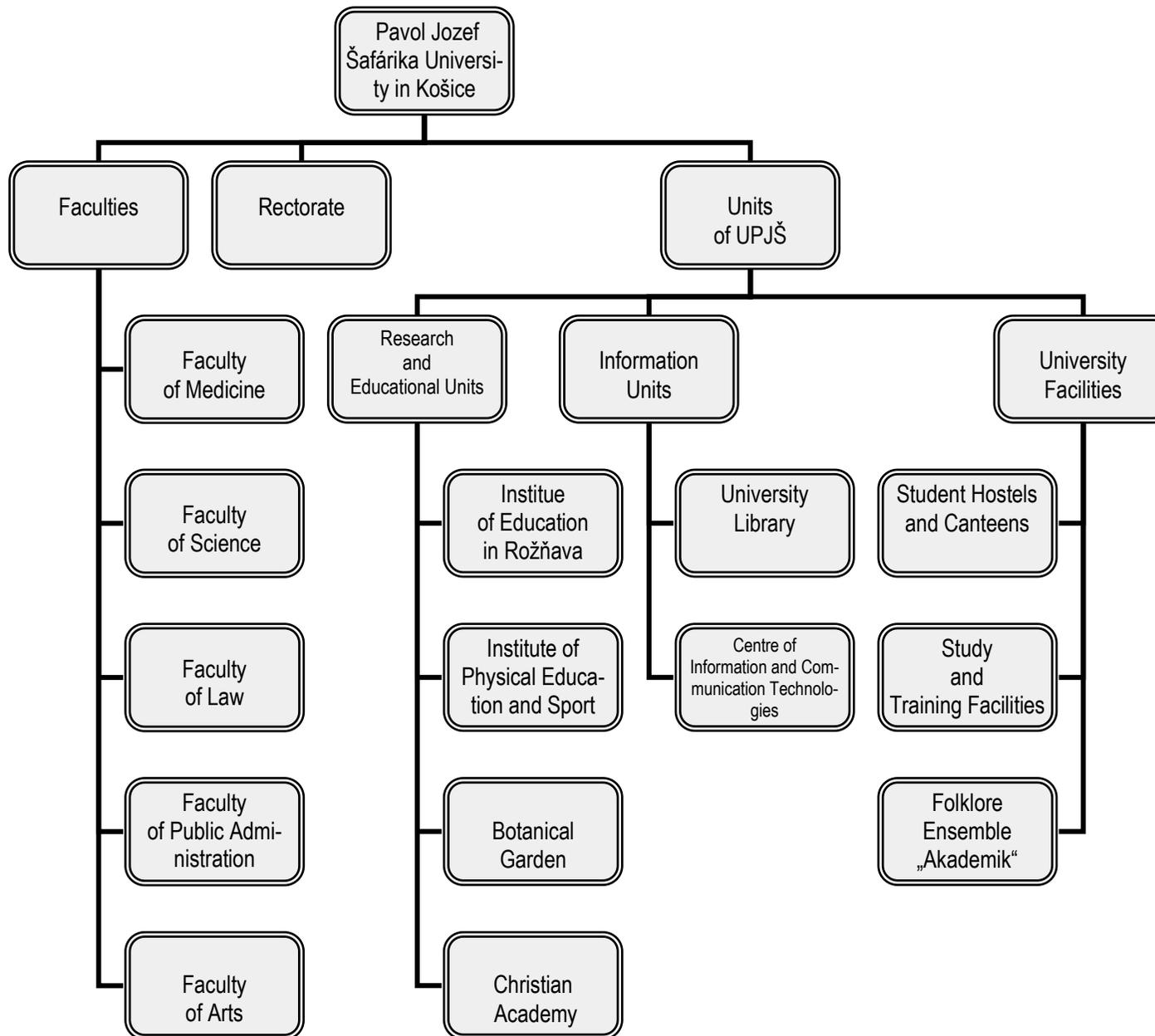


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ORGANISATION CHART OF PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE



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 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 competence of investigators. Achievements in the field of scientific research support our ambition to obtain the accreditation status of a university school in the ongoing process of comprehensive accreditation of universities.

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 University 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"). At the end of 2008 the projects implemented under the third call of the grant system were completed, whereas in the month of September the fourth call of the grant system was declared with the research commencing in January 2009. For the purposes of the 4th call, funds have been allocated in the amount of EUR 29,874.53 (SKK 900,000.00).

One of the main support tools aimed at supporting integrated approaches of the University, based on excellent personalities and research teams, is the University Centres of Excellence (CEX). In the year 2008, there were at the University of 3 Centres of Excellence, the Centre of Excellence for Individualisation of Anti-cancer Therapy, the Centre of Physics of Very Low Temperatures, and the Centre for Research Into Social Aspects of Health - KISH (Košice Institute of Social Health).

In the year 2008, University research groups, in several cases as part of research consortium, applied for obtaining 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. Overall, there were 6 applications filed (University as the applicant), which were successful and, therefore, 4 projects will be funded. For the other two projects claimed by other successful applicants, the University participates as partner. It is envisaged that these projects thanks to further funding of these centres of excellence from structural funds will help solve the shortfall in university science departments in the field of scientific infrastructure and will be a significant impetus for further development of scientific research and development at UPJŠ.

Qualification Structure of UPJŠ

	Professors	Assistant Professors	Senior assistants, assistants a lectors	Researchers
Faculty of Medicine	46,7	28,7	180,9	26
Faculty of Science	28	36	77,6	46
Faculty of Law	7,4	13,1	27,5	2
Faculty of Public Administration	2	3	25	0
Faculty of Arts	13,9	10	49,7	13
University units (total)	1	3,2	13,1	0
UPJŠ (total)	99	94	373,8	87

The data give average calculated numbers of staff.

Research Projects

In the year 2008 the University dealt with 308 projects, of which 44 projects with a supervisor from another institution. Of that number, 159 were VEGA projects, 19 KEGA projects, 2 projects of the state programme, 47 APVV projects, 11 development projects (including IT projects), of which 1 project for building a research infrastructure, 15 VVGS projects, 15 MVTS projects, 2 projects under the 6th DP, 1 project of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism and the 31 other projects.

Through these projects the University staff received a total of SKK 92.3 million (3.06 mil. €). Compared to the year 2007, this amount represents an increase of SKK 17.6 million (584 mil. €). This increase was achieved by means of increasing the funding of domestic projects. From foreign sources, SKK 6 870 thousand have been obtained (228 mil. €). The average amount of financial resources obtained from grants per one creative staff member of the University amounts to over SKK 140 thousand (4 677 €). Almost 52% of grant funds (SKK 47.6 million, 1.58 million. €) of the total amount were received by the Faculty of Science.

The year 2008 meant continued performance of central projects of the Ministry of Education of the year 2007, which provided access to databases for the year 2008, namely, the UPJŠ University Library was the central project researcher ensuring access to the collection of ProQuest 5000 International databases and participated in solving other 6 projects, among which were the projects ensuring the access to such electronic databases as Scopus, ScienceDirect, and Web of Knowledge. Other significant projects include Implementation of the New Generation of Intelligent Digital Technology in Education and Organization of Research Activities conducted by the Laboratory for Technology Transfer in cooperation with the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California, USA; last year they completed the development of 3D versions of video applications ViEVO. To deal with scientific research projects in 2008, the university staff raised through competitive funding SKK 85.4 million (figure of 31/10/2008).

The focus of university research also indicates the fact that the university staff regularly publish the results of their research work in the form of monographs, double blind peer reviewed registered renowned publications and presentations at conferences. In the year 2008, employees of the University published 230 research papers in specialised renowned journals. That above number represents almost 14% of all top-quality papers published by public universities in the Slovak Republic, while the share of the University in the number of students (8 137) in public higher education represents 4.2%. The University staff received 3247 citations and responses for their published works, out of which 2,367 have been registered in the WoS and Scopus databases.

Employees Publications

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	TOTAL
Faculty of Medicine	10	23	105	948	1086
Faculty of Science	3	32	202	455	692
Faculty of Law	4	12	0	169	185
Faculty of Public Administration	5	9	1	96	111
Faculty of Arts	7	21	25	174	227
University units (total)	0	2	2	20	24
UPJŠ (total)	29	99	335	1862	2325

As on 31/10/2008 (submitted to the ME SR)

EDUCATION OF PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE

Numbers of full-time and part-time students at the first and second levels
in the academic year 2007/2008 at individual UPJŠ faculties:

UPJŠ	Full-time study	Part-time study	Study of international students (full-time form)	TOTAL
Faculty of Medicine	2 164	60	163	2 387
Faculty of Science	1 296	36	4	1 336
Faculty of Law	1 147	267	1	1 415
Faculty of Public Administration	739	245	1	985
Faculty of Arts	784	0	0	784
Institute of Education in Rožňava	138	0	0	138
TOTAL	6 268	608	169	7 045

Numbers of full-time and part-time students at the third level
in the academic year 2007/2008 at individual UPJŠ faculties:

UPJŠ	Full-time study	Part-time study	Study abroad (full-time form)	Study of international students (full-time form)	Total
Faculty of Medicine	55	207	5	5	272
Faculty of Science	115	28	2	1	146
Faculty of Law	21	65	0	0	86
Faculty of Arts	16	0	0	0	16
TOTAL	207	300	7	6	520

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 months of June and September 2008. 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).

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

UPJŠ	Number of Programmes	Number of applications	Number of students enrolled in the 1st year in September 2008
Faculty of Medicine	6	1619	433
Faculty of Science	33	1764	485
Faculty of Law	1	1397	321
Faculty of Public Administration	1	558	230
Faculty of Arts	24	1973	602
Institute of Education in Rožňava	1	164	96
TOTAL	66	7 475	2167

Numbers of applied and enrolled students for study programmes
at the third level (PhD studies)

UPJŠ	Number of allocations from the ME SR	Number of students at admittance tests of full-time a part-time study	Number of admitted full-time and part-time students
Faculty of Medicine	23	25/18	18/16
Faculty of Science	27	36/4	26/4
Faculty of Law	6	19/17	6/25
Faculty of Arts	5	5/18	5/15
Total	61	85/57	55/60
		142	115

Graduates and their careers

Numbers of graduates and degrees awarded at all levels of education at UPJŠ faculties
(academic year of 2007/2008)

UPJŠ	Bachelor study	Magister study	Doctoral study (MUDr.)	PhD study	Doctoral study
Faculty of Medicine	170	183	160	23	9
Faculty of Science	161	150	-	17	154
Faculty of Law	0	166	-	4	189
Faculty of Public Administration	144	143	-	-	30
Faculty of Arts	51	0	-	0	0
TOTAL	526	642	160	44	382
	1 372				

Almost 91% of graduates from Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice found employment within eleven months after the completion of studies. The success rate of graduates having become employed in the completed branch of study amounting to almost 82% pinpoints a relatively very high rate of finding a job, which permits adequate exploitation of their university education. The graduates from the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Law rank highest in the above percentage representation.

Numbers of study programmes implemented in the academic year 2007/2008

UPJŠ	Programmes of the 1st level	Programmes of the 1st and 2nd levels	Programmes of the 1st level	Programmes of the 1st and 2nd levels	TOTAL
Faculty of Medicine	5	2	4	17	28
Faculty of Science	33	-	41	14	88
Faculty of Law	1	-	1	5	7
Faculty of Public Administration	1	-	1	-	2
Faculty of Arts	22	-	18	3	43
Institute of Education in Rožňava	1	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	63	2	65	39	169

Social welfare support system

The system of social welfare support for students can be fairly well characterized by three fundamental areas, specifically by social grants, i.e. financial support of those students, whose social welfare conditions require these at most; incentive grants, i.e. financial support to those students who have demonstrated excellent achievements in their studies and other desirable behaviour in favour of the school and the support for board and lodging of students.

Social-welfare scholarships disbursed in the academic year 2007/2008 (rounded up to whole numbers)

UPJŠ	Average number of aided students for a month	Disbursed sum (in SKK)
Faculty of Medicine	290	16 318 500
Faculty of Science	246	10 722 800
Faculty of Law	101	4 428 200
Faculty of Public Administration	173	7 578 200
Faculty of Arts	95	4 641 200
Institute of Education in Rožňava	11	630 400
TOTAL	916	44 319 300

Drawing motivation scholarship (rounded up to whole numbers)

UPJŠ	ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS		EXTRAORDINARY SCHOLARSHIPS	
	Average number of aided students per semester	Sum disbursed (in SKK)	Number of aided students in 2007/8	Sum disbursed (in SKK)
Faculty of Medicine	117	3 468 000	31	283 000
Faculty of Science	152	2 280 000	126*	297 500**
Faculty of Law	140	1 900 000	4	38 000
Faculty of Public Administration	78	1 170 000	6	58 000
Faculty of Arts	57	770 000	1	10 000
Institute of Education in Rožňava	12	113 000	2	20 000

* Faculty of Science (FS) from the purpose subsidy of the ME SR: 18 students

** SKK 174,000.00 (FS granted to other students scholarship from the Faculty funds)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE

The strategic intent and 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 intention of the University is strengthening 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 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 University in Košice is a member of other international academic associations (ACRU) and 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.

Partnerships with universities and research centres mainly in Europe form the natural basis for international relations at UPJŠ on the institutional basis within the LLP / Erasmus programme. Existing contacts have been expanded by the Department of State and Law of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Martin Luther University in Halle-Wittenberg, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Petersburg State University and Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Madrid.

Compared to the year 2007, the total number of partner universities with which UPJŠ cooperates expanded from 93 to 113. New partner universities once again have acceded from the Member States of the European Union: 5 from Poland (Krakow Pedagogical Academy, John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin, Warmin-Mazuria University, Kazimierz Pułaski Polytechnic University in Radom, Olsztyn University, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun), 4 in Italy (University of Catania, Foggia, Naples and Siena) and 4 in Spain (Basque University of Bilbao, University Lluïa Ramon in Barcelona, Universidad León and Universidad Zaragoza), 3 in Turkey (Mehmet Akif Ersoy University in Burdur, Sakarya University and Cumhuriyet University in Sivas), 2 from Austria (Karl-Franzens-Universität in Graz and the Technical University of Graz) and 1 in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (St. Mary's University College in Belfast) and 1 from Bulgaria (Medical University of Sofia) and Lithuania (Medical University in Kaunas).

Exchange or mobility of students, teachers and researchers is closely linked to the deepening and developing the international dimension of the University. The number of teachers on mobilities increased compared to the year 2007 from 60 to 67. Interest of student in passing part of their studies under the Erasmus programme abroad has remained at about the same level (90 and 89 respectively); participation of PhD. students is promising. For the first time ever, administrative staff of the University participated in the mobility (3 in number). In the course of the year 2008, the number of incoming students increased especially in the light of new partner universities from Poland, Lithuania, Spain, and Turkey (in cumulative terms from 28 to 36).

International Institutional Cooperation

P. J. Šafárik University in Košice entered in the year 2006 the process of international institutional evaluation in the international evaluation programme of the Association of European Universities (EUA) by launching the process self-evaluation and preparing related reports as a basis for the international evaluation team. In April 2007, members of the international evaluation team came to UPJŠ for a preparatory visit and subsequently, in October 2007, the international evaluation team came to visit UPJŠ. In conclusion of the main visit, the international evaluation team presented their oral version of the evaluation report. In February 2008, the EUA Association delivered the final version of the evaluation report to UPJŠ.

International institutional evaluation enabled this University to gain a more objective view of the structures and internal processes, the degree of implementation of elements of the culture of quality and monitoring these. Comparison with long experience acquired in the European area of higher education is of invaluable importance for this institution for determining the strategic objectives in the near and distant future.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES AT PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE

The project of the development of the Academic Information System (AIS) is one of the key projects addressed at UPJŠ. This was in 2008 running at 16 faculties in the Slovak Republic and in the course of the year 2008 15 faculties moved to an upgraded version of the AIS, which reflects the latest trends in ICT. Development of AIS has been funded primarily on the basis of bilateral agreements between UPJŠ and other universities. In the year 2008 UPJŠ also contributed to developing IT solutions to the central project "Implementation of Electronic Signature" and addressed the IT development project "Extension of AIS for Students with Disabilities." The aim of these projects is to implement into the AIS new security features and adapt these to the needs of persons with handicaps.

The main university network node to ClaKT is formed by SANET Cisco router 6509 - after the delivery of 10 Gb network repeaters from the company Cisco in Rožňava, Rimavská Sobota, and Lučenec, the node connection has been made to 10 Gb backbone network SANET. In the field of communications infrastructure it was necessary to address the connection to the Student Hostel campus at Popradská street in Košice to the University network. This was enabled by the WiFi technology at Louis Pasteur Teaching Hospital at SNP avenue and logical sub-routing of the network. The implementation of an optical cable from the UPJŠ Rectorate (R-UPJŠ) through ŠDaJ (Student Hostels and Canteens) at Medická street to the Faculty of Medicine at SNP avenue has established redundancy of three nodes and the University network ClaKT and the Faculty of Science, Faculty of Medicine, and the Rectorate of UPJŠ, which may be considered an increase in information-technology safety at UPJŠ.

Currently, the software unit at the university - Call Manager - registers 954 participants of the voice service based on SIP protocol, which connects participants from the University departments in Slovakia and abroad. UPJŠ thus ranks among the universities with the most advanced VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) network in Slovakia, including the implementation of ENUM - the ability to map E.164 numbers into the DNS domain names to the convergence of voice networks and dynamic routing of calls.

The UPJŠ wireless network has been technically implemented as a network according to 802.11b/g/a standards. It is compatible with the international network of academic wireless networks project "eduroam", which allows network access to users from other universities that are involved in this network, using access data existing at their mother universities. It also lets users of UPJŠ connect to the network during their stay at other institutions involved in the project "eduroam".

Economic information is processed through the Sofia information system. In the year 2008 the Organization Management module was launched, which alongside with the Staff Administration module, is the cornerstone of HR (Human Resources) module. Implementation of the SAP R / 3 FI information system, segment - TV Travel Management (Travel allowance - the management of business trips) was completed. In the HR Human Resources module administration of employees coming to and leaving the workplace has been decentralized to the level of core units.

In the year 2008, the total of 2490 personal identification cards (PIK) were issued, out of that 97 employees, 2,049 ISIC cards, 26 ITIC licenses, and 318 part-time student licenses. 5275 prolongations were made, out of that 4807 ISIC, 124 ITIC, and 344 part-time students. 214 duplicates were made, out of that 180 ISIC. Services were expanded for the users of PIK charging credit for self-copiers FaxCopy located in the University Library, shredding, laminating, ridge binding, and entrance through the ramp to the UPJŠ Rectorate. The turnstile entry system to the UPJŠ Botanical Garden was set into operation.

In the year 2008 the operation of the UPJŠ web sites was completed through the company Singularity. Creating new web sites at the same time brought along a graphical upgrade to suit the new UPJŠ design manual. Technical implementation of web sites was also amended.

DEVELOPMENT OF PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE

In the field of construction, investment, and premises, emphasis was laid on the character of buildings and the long-term university prospect to make as complete as possible University campus. In recent past, the University acquired premises adjacent to the area at Šrobárova street after former Regional Children's Hospital. Strategically, the year 2008 meant an in-depth preparation for the reconstruction of this area, which will soon be room for the Faculty of Arts, eventually also for the Faculty of Public Administration, University Library Centre, students and staff canteen and some other premises. Subsidy for capital expenditures from the Ministry of Education in the year 2008 was spent for improving the energy status of the University buildings currently in use and area planning - demolition of defective buildings and civils in the new facilities. Introduction of thermo regulators into the heating systems will bring savings in expenditure for the heat. Completion of such construction is planned in mid-2009.

From the University's own resources, priority was on emergency cases and reconstruction of interiors in accordance with the adopted strategy of placing the University departments and the UPJŠ long-term prospect. Reconstruction project designs of the entire buildings at Kostlivého street were prepared, of the M5 and M6 lecturing theatres, and non-stop classrooms at Jesenná street. Funding has been approved for the first projects of the Structural Funds (SF) of the EU – Universities Infrastructure Modernization. We have prepared preliminary designs for the reconstruction of other buildings not only in the new facility, but also in other buildings of our faculties. In collaboration with the Botanical Garden, the project of orchards adjustments in the area at Šrobárova street has been prepared (implementation in the spring of 2009). The Košice Self-government Regional Administration Authority leased to the University the building of the student hostel at Popradská street 76, where we created 209 beds primarily offered to international students. In the student hostel at Medická street, we replaced old windows in the third block now, and the project documentation for the reconstruction of sanitary facilities has been prepared.

Project Administration

The UPJŠ Project Administration Unit (PAU) aim is to prepare the formal projects that have a university-wide dimension, coordinate and manage the process of filing individual faculties projects, with particular focus on the formal correctness of the data, economic advantage, check the implementation of projects. Another particular challenge is the requirement of informing the academic community on the calls published, as well as providing expert design advice to potential project participants. Other aims include organising various workshops and seminars in which create ideas and explain the options of filing the projects under the respective calls. PAU is targeted mainly on the EU Structural Funds, which are directly intended for UPJŠ, mainly under the Research and Development operational programme and that of Education.

Call No. 1:

5.1 Building the infrastructure of universities and upgrading their internal equipment to improve the conditions of the educational process was focused on upgrading the infrastructure of universities. The UPJŠ PAU completely processed the whole project documentation and submitted the project application bearing the title: *Upgrading of ICT at UPJŠ in Košice and the Reconstruction of the University Library, Auditoriums and Classrooms* within the set deadline to the Ministry of Education Agency for the Structural Funds. The application met the formal criteria and was admitted for expert assessment, which was then evaluated and approved. The amount of contribution rendered is € 3,933,771.7 (SKK 118,508,806.2). The Contract for the provision of Non-repayable Financial Contribution was signed on 10/ 12/2008, starting with the date of implementation on 1st February 2009. The overall time elapsed between the call publication to the signing of the contract lasted for nearly 10 months. The UPJŠ PAU is co-liable for its proper implementation, for the withdrawal the biggest possible volume of the total approved funding amount, as well as for the elimination of ineligible expenditure during the process of project implementation.

Call No. 2:

2.1 Support of the Networks of Centres of Excellence for Research and Development as Pillars of Regional Development and Promotion of Sub regional Cooperation focused on creating Centres of Excellence (CEX), research and development. Precise criteria were set for the declaration of excellence. In cooperation with the Centre for Lifelong Learning, the UPJŠ PAU cooperated in this Call directly with leading scientific personalities at UPJŠ. Our task was to explain and give accurate information to our colleagues, which were essential to the success of application. We participated in the formal check of the submitted projects, in which UPJŠ was the applicant. Projects that have been checked by the UPJŠ PAU, then met the formal criteria for the submitted projects supervised by the EU Structural Funds Agency (ASFEU). We also provided intensive communication with the Agency employees and the research institutes within the UPJŠ faculties.

Call No. 3:

5.1 Building the Infrastructure of Universities and Upgrading Their Internal Equipment to Improve the Conditions of the Educational Process was again focused on upgrading the universities infrastructure. The strategic intention of the UPJŠ management is the reconstruction of the former Regional Children's Hospital and its conversion into a compact area of the university. This plan was subject to ideological framework for the project entitled *Building the OPEN DOOR University by Introducing Modern ICT and the Reconstruction of Building of the Faculty of Arts in the area of the University*. The UPJŠ PAU completely re-drafted the entire design documentation and sent the application in due time to the Ministry of Education Agency for the Structural Funds. The application met the formal criteria and forwarded to the expert assessment, which was then evaluated and approved in March 2009. The amount of the NFC = € 5,065,365.00 (SKK 152,599,186.00).

UPJŠ acquired in the year 2008 the NFC in the form of structural funds amounting to € 7,569,024.7 (SKK 228,024,438.1), which is the highest volume of funds collected outside of state subsidies in the 50 year long history of UPJŠ. These resources will enable a huge infrastructure development of not only quality education but also research and development by creating centres of excellence. These projects constitute a real potential for obtaining additional funds in the year 2009 in a comparable amount.

Survey of applications filed and their success rate

Mode of evaluation	Number of projects
Projects filed (applicant: UPJŠ)	6*
Projects approved as to form (applicant: UPJŠ)	5
Number of projects after expert evaluation (applicant: UPJŠ)	5
Number of projects approved for funding in form of non-returnable financial contribution (applicant: UPJŠ)	4
Projects filed (partner: UPJŠ)	4
Projects approved as to form (partner: UPJŠ)	4
Number of projects after expert evaluation (partner: UPJŠ)	4
Number of projects approved for funding in form of non-returnable financial contribution (partner: UPJŠ)	2

- One projects failed at formal inspection at UPJŠ PA Department

After the expert assessment, the following centres of excellence (the applicant: UPJŠ) were approved:

- 1 CAKS - Centre of Excellence in Information Science and Knowledge Systems (UPJŠ FS). NFC amount = € 1,151,453.8.
- 2 SEPO - Network of Excellence Departments Units of Oncology (UPJŠ FS and FM) (NFC amount = € 1,310,285.6.
- 3 CEVA - Centre of Excellence for the Research Into Atherosclerosis and its Complications – Heart and Brain Infarction (UPJŠ FM). NFC amount = € 863,884.9
4. EXTREM - Centre of Advanced Studies of Physical Materials in Extreme Conditions (UPJŠ FS). NFC amount = € 1,327,689.

The total amount of NFC granted for UPJŠ CEXs is € 4,653,313.8.

After the professional assessments, the following Centres of Excellence have been approved (which act as UPJŠ partners):

1. Centre of Excellence in Advanced Materials of Nano-submicrone Structure (UPJŠ FS). NFC amount = € 1,327,740.2
2. Centre of Space Research: Effects of Space Weather (UPJŠ FS). NFC amount = € 1,327,743.5.

FUNDING AND PROPERTY OF PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE

The main source of funding for the 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 2008 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 17/04/2008.

In accordance with Law Act No.131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education, our University, being a public higher education establishment, managed its funds on the basis of multi-source financing, and therefore it raised part of the necessary funds by its own activities, by gifts, business not threatening the quality, the scope and availability of activities fulfilling its mission, and so forth.

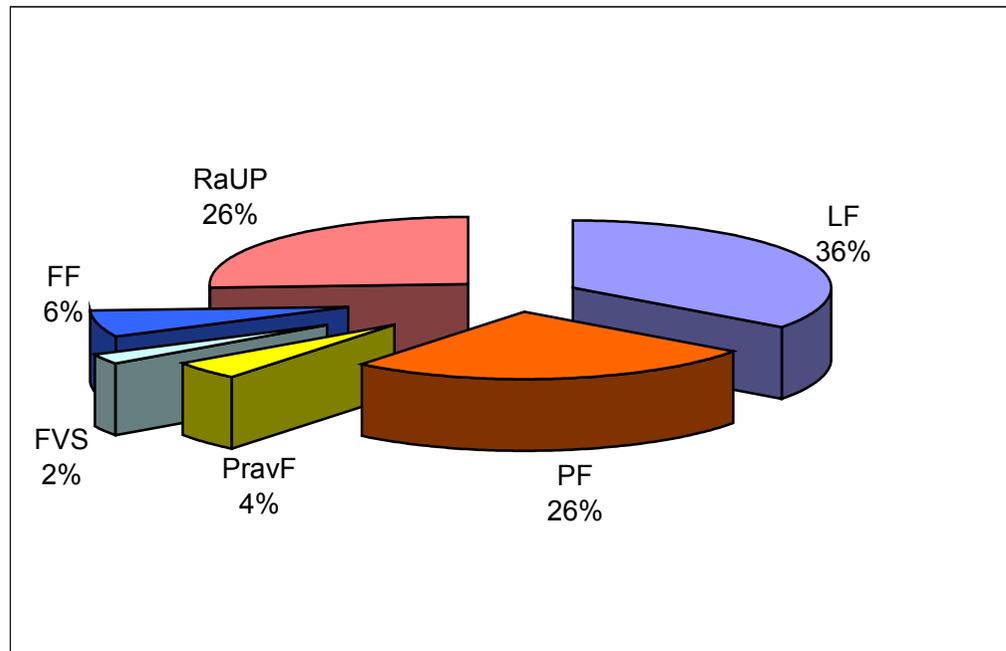
The subsidy from the state budget provided to UPJŠ by the Ministry of Education remained a crucial source of covering the expenses in the process of teaching, scientific and research activities, as well as social support for students also in the year 2008. An overview of the current and capital subsidies in key indicators is included the following table:

Indicator		State subsidy (in SKK)
Current expenditure		662 400
Included:	Salaries	293 651
	Insurance	104 126
	Goods	128 730
	Transfers	135 893
Capital expenditure		34 936
Included:	Buildings	12 950
	Other (projects, re-search)	21 986

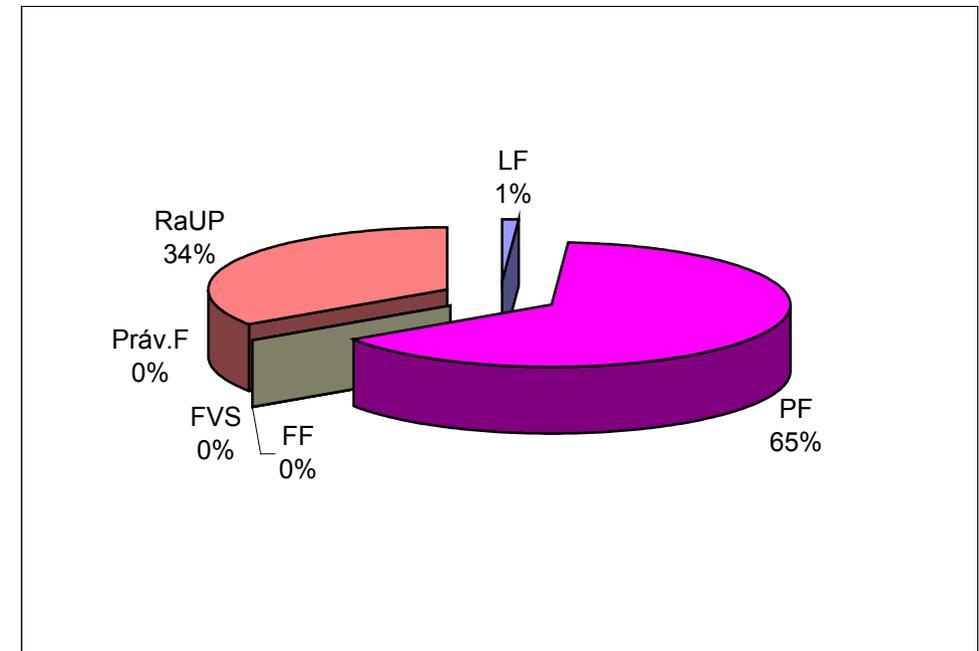
Under the grants from the state budget, the University acquired in the year 2008 part of its sources through the competitive resources of domestic grants, grants from other chapters of the ministries and still another part from international grants. The University raised other own sources of funding from entrepreneurial activities, renting, from tuition fees and fees associated with the studies, from gifts, income from further education, from the sale of unnecessary and surplus property and other activities.

Entrepreneurial activities (EA) have a significant share in financing of the University from its own resources in the volume exceeding SKK 39 million, while income from the rental of the University property consisted of SKK 2,207 thousand. Income from entrepreneurial activities showed in the year 2008 a downward trend. The decrease in the year 2007 was 35%.

Share in total yields of UPJŠ



Share in entrepreneuring according to faculties



The value of assets owned by the University makes the total of SKK 1, 411,610,607.92. On 31/12/2008, the immovable assets of UPJŠ consisted of 42 buildings and 127 land lots. Buildings and associated land lots are located on the following streets in Košice: Šrobárova No. 2, Moyzesova Nos. 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 Botanical Garden area and the building of the cancelled publishing house are located on the Mánesova street No. 23, a complex of student hostels on the streets Medická No. and No. 6 and Popradská No.66.

In addition to property in Košice, UPJŠ also owns special-purpose educational facilities in Danišovce, at Opátka and on the Zemplínska Šírava. In the year 2008, reconstruction was carried out of the premises and roof of the Rectorate building and of the Faculty of Medicine at Šrobárova street, construction adjustments in the canteen situated in the building of the Faculty of Arts at Petzvalova street, providing the Internet network in Block "C" of Students Hostels and Canteens at Medická street, adaptations in the kitchen and dining area in the Student Hostels and Canteens at Medická street, preparation of the design documentation for the reconstruction of electric installations in the kitchen and utility section in the Student Hostels and Canteens at Medická street, preparation of the design documentation for the object Demolition and Civil Engineering Works in the UPJŠ campus I and II, at Šrobárova 2 and Moyzesova 9, Košice – 1st stage, engineering of the construction Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of the UPJŠ campus I and II at Šrobárova 2 and Moyzesova 9, Košice – 1st stage, preparation of the design documentation for the issuance of building permits for the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of the UPJŠ campus I. and II at Šrobárova 2 and Moyzesova 9, Košice – 1st stage and design documentation for the issuance of the building notice and processing the inner equipment for the internal reconstruction and rehabilitation of the UPJŠ campus I and II at Šrobárova 2 and Moyzesova 9, Košice – 1st stage. UPJŠ acquired the land lots at Popradská street 66, Park Angelinum street 9 in Košice by making a purchase contract.

Long term redundant and useless assets of the University were decommissioned and disposed of by decommissioning boards and liquidated by liquidation commissions in the year 2008 on a proposal to decommission these assets in the total amount of SKK 28,376 thousand.

On the basis of the Rector's Decision No. 25/2008 on the determination of unnecessary assets owned by Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice buildings were scrapped and demolished because of the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the UPJŠ campus I and II at Šrobárova street No. 2, Moyzesova street No. 9 in Košice in the value of SKK 14,367 thousand.

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 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 being in the variable component of salaries. For young employees, in the framework of lifelong learning, it is necessary to provide courses of foreign languages and communication, applications of information systems, teaching skills and psychological training.

The aim is also to create 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 the effectiveness of activities performed at faculties and University units.

Average calculated numbers of employees in the year 2008											
Workplace	Chief employment								PČ	Total	
	ME SR subsidy					Other non-research employees	Researchers	Total			Non-subsidy main performance
	Teachers										
Prof.	Doc.	OA	A, L	Total							
LF	46,7	28,7	148,8	32,1	256,3	125,4	24,3	406,0	50,1		456,1
PF	28,0	36,1	55,3	22,2	141,6	86,0	57,9	285,5	8,3	18,4	312,2
PrávF	7,4	13,1	23,1	4,4	48,0	19,7	1,6	69,3	7,9		77,2
FVS	2,0	3,0	22,7	3,3	31,0	19,1		50,1	1,0		51,1
FF	13,9	10,0	34,7	15,0	73,6	10,6	9,2	93,4	10,3		103,7
Rect. Units	1,0	3,2	9,0	4,1	17,3	160,4		177,7	9,9	6,5	194,1
ŠD						50,5		52,0	2,8		54,8
ŠJ									3,0	12,0	15,0
Total	99,0	94,1	293,6	81,1	567,8	471,7	93,0	134,0	93,3	36,9	1 264,2

Key:

OA	specialised employees
A	assistants
L	lector
HČ	main employment
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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The year 2008 was marked by the 60th anniversary of the Faculty of Medicine, preparing documents for periodic accreditation process, but also by the updating of the long-term prospect of the Faculty until the year 2013. Altogether 2641 students studied at the three levels of university education at the Faculty of Medicine in the year 2008, including internal and part-time PhD students. The Faculty also continued in the provision of specialized training in 23 accredited study branches.

On 17th December 2008, the Journal of the European Union published a notice of the European Commission No. 2008/C 322/03, in which Pavol Jozef Šafárik University, Faculty of Medicine was registered among the so-called authorities granting diplomas and qualifications under the system of automatic recognition of qualifications. In practice, this means that specialized diplomas issued by this University are valid in all Member States of the European Union.

I am pleased note that in the auditoriums, practical training premises, at theoretical workplaces and clinics of the Faculty, medicine is studied by 254 international students, which represents the highest number of them in the history of the Faculty. Scientific research activities represent an extremely important part of the Faculty life. Its status is reflected by the increasing share of state subsidies on the basis of performance in this area for units of universities. The Faculty management is aware of this fact, and in the year 2008 the major scientific objectives were presented to the Academic Council, which it wants to implement in the future in science and research, for example. establishment of central laboratories of the Faculty and their financial support, relief measures taken in the doctoral studies and research activities of students.

Due to the fact that the new strategy of the Faculty management is keeping the faculty stronger in its emphasis on research and development activities and this is directly related to grant activities, The Faculty of Medicine management decided in the year 2008 to establish the Department for Grants and Structural Funds, whose main role is to assist Faculty units to obtain information on grants and participate in their preparation. In the period assessed, the Faculty launched the changes in its qualification structure with input monitoring of pedagogical load at theoretical, preclinical and clinical workplaces.

Education at the Faculty of Medicine

The total of 2377 students studied at the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine as on 31/10/2008 in individual study programmes in both full-time and part-time forms.

Study branch	1st y. D/E	2nd y.	3rd y.	4th y.	5th y.	6th y.
General medicine	280	273	200	206	160	104
Dentistry	79	82	50	50	31	23
Nursing (Bc.)	23/15	29	33	-	-	-
Nursing (Mgr.)	-	156	-	-	-	-
Public Health (Bc.)	21/14	18	15	-	-	-
Public Health (Mgr.)	18/9	6	-	-	-	-
Physiotherapy (Bc.)	41/12	26	40	-	-	-
Physiotherapy (Mgr.)	0/15	12	-	-	-	-
Laboratory Examination Methods in Health Care (Bc.)	22/13	9	10	-	-	-
Laboratory Examination Methods in Health Care (Mgr.)	0/15	-	-	-	-	-
Childbirth Assistance	-	8	5	-	-	-
General medicine (international students)	71	40	26	15	18	8
Stomatology (international students)	22	20	14	6	7	7
Total:	577/93	679	393	277	216	142

In the year 2008, 524 students completed their study by passing the state examination in all the study programmes at the Faculty of Medicine, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. The last time students from the study programme of dentistry graduated, as in the future under the terms of the EU graduates will be awarded their academic degrees in dentistry.

Incentives - special scholarship at the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Faculty of Medicine, were awarded to 29 students in the year 2008 according to the criteria as set out by the UPJŠ Rector and the Dean of the Faculty. Scholarship for excellent achievements in study under the Scholarship Schedule of UPJŠ was granted to 135 students.

Accommodation is provided for students in UPJŠ student hostels and canteens at Medická street in Košice, in the Kosmalt hostel in Košice, in the premises at Považská street in Košice, at Pražská street No. 2 in Košice and in the UPJŠ Student Hostel at Popradská street No. 76 in Košice.

Acquisition of two projects financed from the EU structural funds aimed at creating centres of excellence for research and development - Network of Excellence Departments for Oncology / SEPO / and the Centre of Excellence for Research Into Atherosclerosis and Its Complications - Heart and Brain Infarction (CEVA) are considered the most important result in terms of upgrading the research infrastructure of the Faculty of Medicine, thereby creating the preconditions for a qualitative improvement and quantitative growth of research activities at the Faculty of Medicine. In addition to direct financial benefits of these two projects amounting to SKK 65,499,061.00, the referred to centres of excellence will enable us to compete in raising major financial means in other calls by the Ministry of Education Agency for Structural Funds, which will be a key to enhancing the scientific and research activities of the Faculty of Medicine at a higher level in the years to come.

What we also consider important is an increase in the number of grants received and funds from part-time sources - VEGA, KEGA, APVV, projects funded under MVTS and applied research and the associated increase in the volume of grant funds received by employees of the Faculty from SKK 25 million in the year 2007 to SKK 34 million in the year 2008, to constitute an increase by 36 per cent.

In the field of publishing, after a relatively sharp rise in the previous year due to the introduction of the points system evaluation of research activities of the Faculty staff, we now witness stabilization of publishing activities by the Faculty staff on an above-average level relative to the conditions in the Slovak Republic. It appears that further qualitative improvement and quantitative growth of publishing activities will become possible after the completion of the Central Laboratories of the Faculty of Medicine, which by concentrating the most advanced technologies in the field of molecular medicine will make possible the processing of samples from clinical departments at a level that will ensure acceptance of results by double-blind peer-reviewed registered journals, thus increasing the quotations rate of the papers published by the Faculty staff.

Training of undergraduate students at the Faculty of Medicine for research includes the successful organization of Student Scientific Conference of the medical faculties in the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic on 6-7 November 2008 and the faculty round of research conference of 2 April 2008. Students of the Faculty of Medicine received several awards in the year 2008 at student academic conferences abroad. We consider the development of student research a design solution to unsatisfactory state of the art in the PhD study at the Faculty, because particularly successful in the PhD study are those PhD students, who when undergraduates were engaged in the student research.

We considered significant the award to the student of 6th year of general medicine, Magdaléna Harakaľová, who won the title of "Student Personality of Slovakia in the Academic Year 2007/2008" in the category of Medical Science - Pharmacy for her extraordinary study and research achievements. At the same time, Magdaléna Harakaľová became the absolute winner of the President Ivan Gašparovič Award, which the President gave her during the assessment of the 4th year of the contest Student Personality of Slovakia in the Academic Year 2007/2008.

Publications of the UPJŠ staff in the year 2008:

1034 publications, of which 59 registered by the CC database.

Citations in the year 2008:

888 citations, of which 668 in international and 14 national citation indices Web of Science and the SCOPUS database.

New scientific-educational degrees and scientific degrees in the year 2008:

In the year 2008, the appointment letters were granted to: 3 professors, 3 associate professors, 17 employees successfully completed their post-graduate studies and obtained PhD degrees.

PhD Study:

By virtue of the entry into force of Law Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education, it was necessary to reorganize departments to accredit PhD studies under this law and subsequent regulations. Fields have gradually been identified, in which the Faculty of Medicine could meet the criteria for eligibility to apply and the accreditation files were prepared. By the end of the year 2008, we received accreditation in 17 fields, while under previous regulations in the past we only had 9 of them.

International Relations of the Faculty of Medicine

In the area of international scientific projects, 3 COST type projects have been dealt and one at the EU level. In addition to the above, a whole new international information project MEFANET (Medical Faculty Network) has been started - cooperation at the level of medical faculties in the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic in the field of e-learning of students. Co-operation among universities and other academic institutions was carried out by 18 institutes and clinics of the Faculty of Medicine with universities and research institutions across Europe, USA, and Asia; research results of individual workplaces and were presented abroad by means of 36 business trips, active participation at t 274 scientific conferences. 25 research sojourns were of benefit for the workplaces. At the level of institutes and clinics of the Faculty of Medicine, 29 international leading experts were received.

The Faculty staff organized here 14 international scientific conferences and symposia. International activities of students, alongside with the Socrates / Erasmus programmes, are also rewarding. 23 students attended international conferences, 78 students went to study and research sojourns and 48 international students' clinics went through summer holiday field training at the Faculty clinics. In the area of international research projects, 3 COST type projects and one project at the EU level have been dealt with.

In the 2007/2008 academic year, 162 self-paying students were studying at the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine, this being so in the academic programme of general medicine and dentistry. Students came from different countries: Greece, Israel, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Canada, Austria, Germany, Seychelles, Cyprus, Poland, Germany, Sweden, Oman, Qatar, Pakistan, Jordan, Cameroon, Ukraine, Italy and the USA.

Public Relations of the Faculty of Medicine

✚ Educational activities, e.g.

- a) support of student research interest groups and participation of winners at international conferences,
- b) promoting mobility of students and teachers,
- c) publication of the European Commission Directive No.2008/C 322/03 on the recognition of professional qualifications issued by the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine, which in practice means the opportunity to pass specialized training and attain recognition of specialized diplomas in the Member States of the European Union,
- d) implementation of measures to increase language skills of teachers at the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine

✚ Research activities in terms of Updating the Long-term Prospect of the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine Until the Year 2013, e.g.

- a) orientation and activities in the Faculty chief research directions, represented by oncological diseases, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and disorders of metabolism and regenerative medicine. In this context, support by and financial participation of the Faculty of Medicine workplaces in the projects within the operational programmes financed by the EU structural funds,
- b) training to build the Faculty of Medicine central laboratories (CLs): CL of Morphology, CL of Biology, CL of Proteomics, CL of Biomodulation Medicine, CL of Clinical Cytometry,
- c) implementation of the point-system evaluation of research activities of the Faculty of Medicine staff as a basis for the award of personal benefits.

✚ Development activities, e.g.

- a) support for activities associated with obtaining the building for the Faculty theoretical institutes being its seat into the property of UPJŠ
- b) support for activities related to the completion of a comprehensive educational base, i.e. the University Teaching Hospital, preparation and execution of contracts on the teaching bases with other workplaces,
- c) the activities associated with building a simulation centre of the UPJŠ Faculty of Medicine as a tool for improving the quality of the practical activities of students,
- d) the effort to keep the best students by preparing measures for higher salaries for the beginning assistants as physicians in teaching bases,
- e) support for a solution to the problem of shortage of physicians.

Cooperation at the level of universities and other academic institutions was carried out by 18 institutes and clinics of the Faculty of Medicine with universities and research institutions across Europe, USA and Asia: research results were also presented abroad by going for 36 research trips, active participation at the 274 scientific conferences. The benefits for workplaces came from going to 25 research and study sojourns. 29 leading international experts visited institutes and clinics of the Faculty of Medicine. The Faculty staff organised 14 international scientific conferences and symposia. International activities of students, alongside the Socrates / Erasmus programmes, are encouraging, too. 23 students attended international conferences, 78 students have completed study visits and clinics received 48 international students for their summer holiday field training.



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45 years elapsed in the year 2008, during which time the main mission of the UPJŠ Faculty of Science in Košice has been to provide high-quality education in science, mathematics and information science and teacher training in the relevant academic subjects, which is based on the high-quality interdisciplinary research. In addition to these basic tasks, our priority is maintaining the international scope of the Faculty and the preservation of a sane proportion between teaching and scientific research in university teachers' job description. We are sincerely glad that the Faculty continues to maintain a leading position in the Slovak Republic in the number of research outputs, the success of grant research projects and grant support for other activities related to the educational process, computerization of universities and building the scientific research base.

I am sincerely glad that the Faculty research teams have met their aspirations and engaged in project preparation. The leading personalities of the Faculty have never hesitated to sacrifice their time of summer holidays for preparing these. The end of the year 2008 was marked by the valuation of their efforts. The fact that the Faculty in cooperation with partner institutions will participate in the formation of 5 centres of excellence can also be judged as hope for the future. We also very much appreciate the efforts of the project ^{TC}BIOMED authors, which has the ambition to be a priority infrastructure project of the regions of Prešov and Košice. We believe that the project will reach its implementation also thanks to the support from local authorities of both of the Higher Territorial Units management.

In the field of education, I would like to highlight the implementation of the AIS2 for management of studies and administrative management of the Faculty. We have managed the switch-over to the new version of the AIS, moreover, the AIS significantly strengthened its position at Slovak universities. Thanks to its parameters and reliability in the routine service it has convinced the University of Economics in Bratislava management and Comenius University in Bratislava to accede to the existing consortium of AIS users. This is a major commitment for the entire implementation and development team not to maintain the trust of its users. We have made use of the ESF grant schemes and the evaluation of the process of teaching by students for improving the quality of the educational process. We have devoted attention to the analysis of experience with interdisciplinary academic programmes. We value highly the contribution inter-faculty interdisciplinary programmes of study for a university dimension of education. Thanks to good cooperation with the Faculty of Arts management we manage to organize this type of studies without any major complications.

In the year 2008, the Faculty Centre for Lifelong Learning offered to the general public a wide range of valuable educational programmes. We intend to continue in those programmes by our engagement in the national programmes of the Operation Programme of Education in improving the computer literacy of teachers at secondary and primary schools.

In the academic year 2008/09, 1,296 full-time students were studying at the 1st and 2nd levels at the Faculty of Science. At the 3rd level, there were 123 PhD students in full-time (97) and part-time (26) forms. Teaching of the biggest number of students is provided by the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences and by the Institute of Chemical Sciences. Gratifying is the interest in the study of geography, especially the transdisciplinary study programmes with geography.

The Faculty management is keen to promote student and teacher mobility under the Erasmus programme. It is gratifying to observe increasing interest from the part of incoming students. While in the winter semester 2006/2007 3 international students (Spain) studied the Information Science here, during the summer semester we had 10 incoming students (Spain – Information Science, Bulgaria - Biology, Turkey - Chemistry). The summer of 2008 was the first time that we received for study sojourns international students under the IAESTE programme at the Institute of Physical Sciences and the Institute of Information Science.

In the field of study management, with the support of information and communication Technologies, the transition to the new version of the academic information system was enabled, in which full study agenda is processed. A new form of supplements to the diplomas in Slovak and English was added. The support of the personal attendance of teaching in the MOODLE environment for full-time study subjects is becoming ever more popular among teachers and students alike.

At present, there exists electronic support for 145 subjects, of which 70 are in the English language. The main advantages of electronic support include easy access of students to study materials and relevant web resources transparently organized by semester weeks and topics, the possibility of submitting the prepared assignments from home via the Internet by inserting them directly in the server, feasibility of continuous assessment over the Internet, a possibility of consultation with teachers via the Internet.

In shaping the graduate profile, the Faculty, together with potential customers for the graduates, such as T-Systems Slovakia, Siemens, Ness-KDC, pFlow, VSL Software, Imuna a.s. in Šarišské Michaľany, USS a.s. These companies are also engaged in teaching students in the study programme Information Science programme, in employing of whom these companies are interested. We appreciate this cooperation, because it helps to improving the placement of our graduates in the labour market. The above companies provide the teaching of 11 subjects at this faculty.

In the year 2008, measures were taken to improve material and technical conditions for teaching at the Faculty. From non-subsidy resources, the Faculty management invested in equipment of auditoriums in the buildings situated in the Botanical Garden, at Jesenná street and Moyzesova street 11. The most valuable investment was in the reconstruction of biochemical laboratory. The ESF projects helped improving the material conditions of teaching. From their funds, multimedia, computer and projector technology was purchased for the respective institutes. Improving the quality of degree theses in experimental study branches is also provided through the research projects, which have a significant impact on improving the environment and equipment of research workplaces of the Faculty. The academic year 2007/2008 was the first time when laboratory teaching was encouraged in the form of specific subsidy. These funds have also contributed to improving the material provision of experimental exercises, field exercises and excursions at the first two levels of study.

Currently, the Faculty has 15 accredited programmes of study and the PhD degree programme of Molecular Cytology finds itself in the accreditation process. On the basis of contract with UPJŠ, PhD studies are carried out through this Faculty by 4 part-time educational institutions (Departments of the Slovak Academy of Sciences) in 7 study programmes.

The following were at the Faculty as on 31/10/2008:

- 97 full-time PhD students, including 95 for the programmes of study (including 1 government-scholarship beneficiary) and 2 in the sciences;
- 26 part-time PhD students, of whom 22 studied in study programmes and 4 in the sciences;
- 23 PhD students from part-time educational institutions, including 20 full-time PhD students and 3 part-time PhD students.

The analysis of the annual evaluation of full-time PhD students shows that PhD students in the academic year 2007/2008 were co-authors of 74 double-blind peer-reviewed registered publications, 20 scientific articles in non-highly specialised journals, 73 papers in peer-reviewed volumes and 154 abstracts from conference proceedings, which in absolute terms represents a substantial increase in publication output compared to previous years.

Research at the Faculty of Science

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 2008 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 the first stage, under the leadership of Prof. Miškovský, a draft ^{TC}BIOMED project emerged, which has the ambition of becoming a priority infrastructure project of both Košice and Prešov regions. The entities cooperating in the project with the value of SKK 2.1 billion include: UPJŠ, TU KE, UVL, PU, SAS Neurobiological Institute, SAS Department of Physiology of Livestock Animals, SAS Institute of Parasitology, SAS Institute of Experimental Physics, Imuna. We believe that the project will reach its implementation also due to the support from self-government bodies.

In the second stage, in cooperation with partner centres of UPJŠ, universities and workplaces of Slovak universities and the SAS institutes, the Faculty participated in the preparation of 6 centres of excellence. At the end of 2008, the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic published the results of the evaluation process which show that the Faculty research teams will participate in the formation of 5 centres of excellence:

1. CaKS - Centre of Excellence in Information Science and Knowledge-based Systems (UPJŠ, UMB, ŽU) - € 0.55 M
2. SEPO - Network of workplaces of excellence for oncology departments (FS + FM) - € 0.85M
3. Extrem - Centre for Advanced Physical Studies of Materials Under Extreme Conditions (UPJŠ, IEP SAS) € 1.0 M
4. Centre of Excellence of Advanced Materials with the Nano and Sub-micron Structure (IMR SAS, SAS IEP, UGT SAS, UPJŠ) - € 0.27 M
5. Centre of Space Research: the Impact of Space Weather (SAS AU, IEP SAV, UPJŠ) - € 0.05 M.

The overall contractual sum of money intended for the support of the departments in the Faculty will amount to € 2.8 M. The Faculty management believes that the success in setting up the UPJŠ centres of excellence shall exert a positive impact on the scientific infrastructure of the institutions. Regardless of the problems with the accumulation of funds for participation, as well as the challenging administrative management of projects, we believe that the Faculty we will be successful in this contest, as expected. Our endeavour will be that in the next call also the UCHVA is successful. In the year 2008, 31 APVV projects were dealt with, 66 VEGA projects, 7 KEGA projects, 13 MVTS projects + 1 CERN project, 1 application project, 2 international projects, 37 VVGS and 2 ŠPVV projects. The total financial allocation for research projects was SKK 47,466,000.00 (of which SKK 12,550,000.00 as capital funds).

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 27 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 2008 was 184, of which 48 foreign missions were undertaken under contractual scientific cooperation with 22 universities. 121 researchers presented their academic achievements at 73 international conferences. In 2008, 89 international visitors were received at the Faculty institutes under cooperation agreements and 85 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 114 trips abroad, including 87 PhD students and 17 2nd level students. In addition to that, international competitions and other ventures were attended by 56 students (including PhD students). In the framework of international educational projects, in particular the LLP / Erasmus programme, 45 student mobilities took place (36 trips abroad and 9 admissions).

The Lifelong Learning Centre (LLC) is a professional tool for the Faculty to implement the public service. The LLC performance in recent years has focused on the implementation of tasks in the following areas:

- implementation of commercial educational activities,
- implementation of educational activities within the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic calls for the disbursement of funds the European Social Fund
- promoting and implementation of training courses for staff and students
- support and implementation of training courses in further education of and elementary and secondary school teachers
- support for e-learning at the Faculty.

In 2008, the following projects were implemented through LLC:

1. Training in the sphere of Uniform State Accounting and Reporting system and the System of Treasury, intended for the public administration bodies employees (<http://pokladnica.ccv.upjs.sk/>)

During the period from 09/01/2008 to 16/12/2008, altogether **2,573 accountants** were trained, of these at USS trainings 279 accountants, KB 1764, KUZ 361 accountants, Z 71 and K 98 participants. Trainings took place in 5 cities under the auspices of five training centres, Slovak universities – EU Bratislava, UKF Nitra, UMB Banská Bystrica, University of Žilina and UPJŠ Košice

2. ITMS Project (<http://itms.ccv.upjs.sk/>)

From January 2008 trainings have continued for RO/SORO for the Structural Funds Information System (ITMS) under the auspices of the company Siemens and the Ministry of Civil Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. Trainings for RO, SORO, PO and CKO during the onset of ITMSII for programme period of 2007-2013 took place in the months of January to March 2008 under the contract between UPJŠ and the Ministry of Civil Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. During the above period of time, the total number of 779 employees of individual RO, SORO, PO and CKO was trained. In the period from 04/06/2008 to 18/12/2008, trainings continued under the auspices of the company Siemens in this period altogether 413 employees of RO, SORO, PO and CKO were trained.

3. IT-Valley Project

In the year 2008, educational activities continued for T-Systems Slovakia in a form similar to that in previous years:

- Summer UniversITy – 100 participants
- IT farm – 260 participants
- Evening UniversITy – 54 participants

4. Projects financed by the Structural Funds (<http://ccv.science.upjs.sk/esf.php>)

Lifelong Learning Centre participated in the preparation of the following national projects:

- Further training of teachers in primary schools and secondary schools in the subject of Information Science (SIE)
- Streamlining the educational process in primary and secondary schools (ÚIPŠ)

Other relevant activities:

- Consulting – rendering assistance to primary and secondary schools in the writing projects
- Assistance in the preparation of Centres of Excellence projects
- Assistance in the preparation of 5.1 project - Infrastructure of Education
- Support of issuing MIF - Mathematics, Information Science, Physics – a didactic magazine for teachers of mathematics, information science, physics, in particular its electronic version: <http://mif.ccv.upjs.sk>



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The Faculty of Law celebrated in September 2008 its 35 years of existence. It was an opportunity to remember the critical milestones of the Faculty and also to highlight the successes that have ranked it among the top educational institutions in the field of law not only in Slovakia, but also in the former Czechoslovakia. The year 2008 belongs to those which meant a further positive shift in its development. Education of high quality graduates - lawyers, ready to orientate themselves even in the European law system and the quality of scientific research and publications - was the principal task of the Faculty in the past year. The Faculty of Law at UPJŠ in Košice has maintained one of the leading positions in the accreditation of PhD studies and awarding the rights of assistant professorship and professorship proceedings among the faculties of law in Slovakia, whether public or private.

Particular attention was paid at the Faculty to the study programme, which determines the Faculty profile at all the levels of higher education. Updating of the programme and specifically reflecting the needs of practice has become an everyday matter for managerial work. Students have gained more opportunities to engage in the activities of the legal clinics at the Faculty. Alongside with the clinic of business law, tax law, civil law, labour law and street law, the Faculty created the preconditions for the emergence of other clinics, specifically those of criminal law, asylum policy, and consumer protection. Since these are about solving the challenges of real life, the interest of students has been growing. At the same time, offers from practice are coming to employ these students during their field trainings and placements, which in turn facilitate the students to obtain a job after leaving school. With continued good results in the past year, PhD studies were carried on in both full-time and part-time forms. It is pleasing to note that the interest in this study is growing and the number of applicants for the full-time PhD studies already has already exceeded the capacity of the faculty. In selected cases, the Faculty makes it possible to study for those who commenced their study at other faculties. In the previous year, we continued in the implementation of measures which aim at further improving the qualification structure of teachers. The Faculty management was successful in getting more teachers involved in grant projects and improving their publication activities. That year also brought a historic turning point in the first project under the APVV scheme.

In the international cooperation, good relations with partner faculties abroad continued. Cooperation with European institutions enjoys a special place, particularly with respect to the long-year successful existence of the Institute of European Law at the Faculty. Good cooperation has been developed with the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic, the judicial institutions in Košice and the Regional Prosecutor's Office. All of these institutions assist the Faculty in organizing practical exercises and in organizing various ventures, often with international participation. Cooperation with the National Centre for Human Rights cannot be omitted either.

Education at the Faculty of Law

In the year 2008, education was taking place in both full-time and part-time forms, in both credit-system and non-credit system forms of study. In the credit-system, a five-year Minister's degree programme was provided in the 4th and 5 years, a four-year bachelor's degree programme was provided in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years of study. The students in the part-time form of study were offered tuition free of charge. In the admission process, the Faculty, despite competitive pressures, when some of the faculties decided on the acceptance of students only on the basis of achievements at secondary schools, applied a well-tryed written form of the entrance examination. 989 candidates applied for the study in the full-time form, of which 307 were accepted. 249 students enrolled. 408 registered students applied for the part-time form, of whom 81 were admitted, 72 enrolled in the first year. One may say that not even growing competition or simplified admission procedures managed to sidetrack the candidates for study.

In order to improve the educational process, implementation of several changes continued, such as changes in the study programme, greater variability in the supply of study subjects and the above-mentioned expansion of the activities of legal clinics. Positive changes have occurred in particular in the classrooms equipment and facilities by purchasing 3 new data projectors. Availability of specialised book resources not only for students, but also for a wide professional public, has traditionally been improved by promotions in the faculty premises of a significant publisher LINDE, a.s. based in Prague. Under the auspices the University Library, The 4th annual sales exhibition of foreign literature was organized in the Faculty in cooperation with the Malé Centrum bookshop centre of Bratislava. The saving measures taken have affected in particular the purchase of periodicals, but the Faculty has made gains in its library stock worth a total of EUR 341,000.00. After complications following the cancellation of the University Publishing House, 4 editions of university textbooks (including three re-editions) and 6 conference proceedings volumes were accomplished during the course of the year. In addition to these conference proceedings volumes,, other 4 have been published on the Faculty website in electronic form. Education continued in specialized computer classrooms, which operate with good access to the ASPI, JURIX, and EPI programmes as an indispensable part of the work in the field of law.

Academic mobility has noted a slight increase in the past year, when in particular the students from universities in Poland and also from other UPJŠ faculties showed the interest in the study. Linguistically proficient students availed themselves of the opportunity to study under the LLP / Erasmus project in the number of 8 of them. The student placement in business companies became a new feature in the year 2008, enjoyed at UPJŠ particularly by law students, who worked in legal offices in Prague. The Institute of the European Law enjoys special position in the Faculty, which is specific within the higher education institutions in Slovakia. In addition to the educational process, engagement in research work here is also intense. What is pleasing and exemplary at the same time is that the initiative is taken in particular by young teachers. In the year 2008, the total of 182 graduates received the degree of Magister of Law, "Mgr.", with 168 full-time study graduates and 14 part-time study graduates. Two graduates from the full-time study completed their studies with honours.

Research at the Faculty of Law

Education of the new emerging generation at the 3rd level of university education received sustained attention from the Faculty management. Increase in the number of PhD students on the one hand is good news for the Faculty, on the other hand, it intensifies pressure on the part of supervisors. In some cases, the numbers of PhD students already exceed the limits for a supervisor.

Currently, the Faculty has the right acknowledged to offer PhD studies, perform doctoral examinations, and the right to award scientific-academic degree of "PhD" in the following accredited fields of study: Theory and History of State and Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Commercial and Financial Law, and Civil Law. In the year 2008, PhD studies continued in the sciences branches accredited under previous legislation, the year of completion being 2010: Constitutional Law and Administrative Law.

In the year 2008, 7 graduates successfully completed their PhD studies, out of whom 3 full-time PhD students (2 in the field of Criminal Law, and 1 in the field of Commercial and Financial Law) and 4 part-time PhD students (1 in the field of Criminal Law and 3 in the field of Commercial and Financial Law).

As on 31/12/2008, the total of 11 VEGA grant projects were addressed (3 of them were new projects starting in the year 2008 resolution and 7 ongoing), 2 VVGS projects and 1 APVV project (commencement in the year 2008). A total of 39 teachers and 15 full-time PhD students were involved in these projects.

The Faculty management evaluate scientific and research activities at their meetings on a regular basis. Personal activities and benefits both from the teachers as well as full-time PhD students are regularly evaluated. In doctoral procedures in the year 2008, doctoral examinations were passed by 250 graduates, including 147 women. The graduation ceremony for the Doctors of Law was held in April 2008 (altogether 83 Doctors of Law) and in November 2008 (altogether 109 Doctors of Law).

International Relations of the Faculty of Law

Activities within the EU educational programme – the Erasmus Lifelong Learning Programme - continued in the year 2008. Students and teachers mobilities are made under bilateral agreements concluded with the following educational institutions in other countries: Aristotle University of Thessalonica (Greece), Sophia Antipolis University of Nice (France), Rzeszow University of Rzeszów (Poland), Wroclaw University of Wroclaw (Poland), Jagiellonian University in Krakow (Poland), John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin (Poland), Warminsko-Mazurskie University in Olsztyn (Poland), University of Padua (Italy), University of Foggia (Italy), European University in Rome (Italy), University Erzincan (Turkey), University of Valladolid (Spain), Paris-Lodron-University of Salzburg (Austria), Palacký University (the Czech Republic).

In the framework of ERASMUS student mobility, 4 Polish students studied at the Faculty and 8 students went to study abroad in the academic year 2007/2008. In the teachers' mobility, 1 lecturer and 1 full-time PhD student went lecturing abroad. Reciprocally, the Faculty received for research-lecturing sojourn 2 teachers from Poland. Activities promoting continued professional development of young teachers and in-house PhD students continued. By way of example the following may be given:

- 1) Workshop of sports law with a discussion forum on current issues of sports law in the Czech Republic and the EU organized by the Institute of State and Law of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in March 2008
- 2) International Scientific Conference "Olomouc Debates of Young Lawyers 2008" organized at Palacký University in September 2008
- 3) 13th Autumn School of Law on the topic "Legal Entity in Europe" organized regularly by the Institute of State and Law of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in November 2008.

In October 2008, 10 students participated in a study visit to the Court of Justice in Luxembourg. The Faculty has further developed cooperation with 12 partner institutions in 6 European countries with which it has cooperation agreement signed. Traditionally, the activities at Rzeszow Faculty of Law, at the University of Lodz, Jagiellonian University, the Charles University, the University of Miskolc, the Petersburg State University, the Saint-Petersburg Institute of Education, and the Institute of State and Law, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, may be described as the best. Non-contractual international cooperation has been developed at the faculties and departments in particular in relation to Masaryk University in Brno, the University of West Bohemia, and Palacký University in Olomouc.

The year 2008 saw abundance of international scientific ventures. A total of 8 of them took place in the framework of grant schemes and two in cooperation with the European Association of Students of Law, Slovakia, the local group of Košice. In September, in honour of the 35th anniversary of the Faculty, a solemn session of the Academic Board was held, attended by distinguished guests from abroad. In the framework of inter-governmental treaties, the Faculty received for a 3-month scholarship a lecturer of the Faculty of Law of Uzhgorod National University. The Faculty received 6 international visitors from 5 countries last year. 45 employees went into 10 countries of Europe last year.

Public Relations of the Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law is an educational institution whose graduates are employed in virtually all areas of social and economic life. Full integration of Slovakia into the European environment implies a need for timely responses to the rapidly changing environment. In doing so, it is not merely improving the preparation of new lawyers which appears important, but also participation in raising legal awareness of general public. Involvement of the Faculty in the Third Age University has traditionally played a significant role in that.

Due to persistent interest in the study of law and goodwill that the Faculty has developed during its 35 years of existence, university activities were sufficient for its promotion. The "Open-door Day" incited an unexpectedly great interest on the part of students, when candidates for the study could attend real classes.

Favourable conditions for education at all levels also contribute to the effective promotion of the Faculty. This is confirmed by the numbers of PhD students, and also applications for the doctoral procedure coming from entire Slovakia.

The following was done in the past year by the Faculty in order to achieve quality in fulfilling its basic mission:

- updating the study programme and the content of individual study subjects
- completion of practical exercises in close cooperation with the Constitutional Court, regional courts and district offices of prosecution allowed the students improve the conditions for the operation of legal clinics
- participation of renowned practitioners in the state examinations boards
- involving significant representatives of the Slovak Republic in the EU bodies in the lecturing process, so as to explain to students in greater detail the activity of these bodies in real life
- involvement of teachers in grant projects has created favourable conditions for organizing scientific ventures with international participation.

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In the year 2008, the Faculty of Public Administration recalled the 10th anniversary of its foundation. As the first faculty of its kind in Slovakia, it came up in the previous period a piece of honest and valuable work. Its special merit is in shaping a coherent programme of higher learning in the field of public administration in the Slovak Republic. It has created and is developing a compact scientific programme focused on issues of public administration, with particular regard to the territorial self-government, established contacts with 15 universities and faculties of similar focus abroad, it is gradually improving its positions and gaining goodwill as a recognized institution in the notional market of Slovak public administration. The best asset of its operation so far, however, are trained and well-prepared graduates, whose positive assessment by their employers gives sense and renders perspective to the work of teachers and staff.

Life and reality at the Faculty of Public Administration, however, are also characterized by other, less pleasant facts. In terms of the number of the professors and associate professors unbalanced (not good) qualification structure of the teaching team, which is changing for the better, but not in a rate as required by the needs and interests of the Faculty. The third level of education is missing at the Faculty (PhD) with another negative finding being that is that the Faculty does not have a single full-time researcher. All of these three circumstances adversely affect the performance of the Faculty, which under the existing method of calculating subsidies and their allocation causes to the Faculty recurring annual trimming at the edge in ensuring its operation and functioning.

Today it is unnecessary to deal with such ideas as who and to what extent caused these problems or who is to be blamed for them. The Faculty must simply cope with some them alone, with some others in conjunction with the University, which it is a part of. Finally, the Faculty of Public Administration not only deserves recognition for developing the study programmes of public administration, but during its existence it attained all three levels of the study programme of Psychology and a bachelor's degree programme for the study of Social Welfare Work. All of the above four study programmes are now part of the Faculty of Arts of this University - because they belong there factually and professionally.

In the year 2008, the Faculty updated its Long-term Prospect of Development and adopted the Plan of Qualification Growth of Teachers with a view of the faculty until the year 2013. If we succeed - and there obviously does not exist any other option - in meeting the content and time schedule of the requirements contained in the above documents, each succeeding calendar year in the life of the Faculty of Public Administration should be easier than the year 2008 was.

Education of Faculty of Public Administration

The total of 972 students enrolled in the study of the study programme of Public Administration (732 full-time and 240 part-time study) at the Faculty of Public Administration in the academic year 2008/2009. 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 (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 2008, 145 graduates from the FPA were awarded the academic degree of Mgr. The total number of graduates from the Faculty has thus risen to 559. In the year 2008, 167 students graduated from the Faculty Bachelor study programme of Public Administration. 29 graduates were awarded the academic degree of PhDr. in that year; until now, 103 candidates were awarded the academic degree of PhDr. In 2008, 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 are guaranteed by the core curriculum literature, 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.

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 almost has been increasing every year, but this does not always mean an increase in the volume of funds collected. The good results in the area also indicate that teachers' involvement in grant projects exceeded 90% in the year 2008. 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 in the year 2008 the teachers developed a project for the APVV and another scientific-educational project "The European Parliament," declared by the institution in Brussels bearing the same name. 2 grant projects were successfully completed in the year 2008, 10 projects continue whose leaders and investigators are the Faculty teachers. Three teachers are involved in ongoing projects at other sites (UPJŠ Faculty of Law, UMB Faculty of Law). 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) publish the Faculty teachers in the monographic works, in scientific journals, scientific proceedings, actively participating in scientific ventures in the Slovak Republic and abroad. The Faculty publishes two scientific journals (appearing twice a year) - "Public Administration and Society" and an electronic scientific journal "Social and Political Analysis." In particular the former is becoming renowned due to its academic quality in the theory of public administration, not only the representatives of scientific life and practice of public administration in Slovakia regularly published in it, but authors from abroad are represented in each issue in the fields of public administration. In the year 2008, the Faculty also made precise its priority scientific educational programme entitled "Theory and Practice of Local Government in a Democratic State." Its content links with solutions of 3 grant projects, and the Faculty at the same time developed the project "Education of Elected Officials of Local Self-government", which it started to implement in practice (see below).

In October 2008, the Faculty held a conference with international participation on "Theory and Practice of Public Administration". The Conference devoted to 10th anniversary of the FPA was held under the authority of the Minister of Interior of the Slovak Republic Robert Kaliňák and allowed participation of representatives of Slovak and foreign universities, as well as representatives from the practice of the Slovak public administration. As to its content, this scientific venture linked to the current issues and problems of theory and practice of public administration in a particular concept of individual sections, which included the content matching grant projects involving the FPA teachers today. The outcome of the conference is represented by a reviewed volume of conference proceedings. In November 2008, the Faculty (Department of Economic Sciences) organized a scientific seminar entitled "Identifying the Status and Needs of the Implementation of Knowledge-based Management in Public Administration." The Faculty (Department of Social Sciences) was a co-organiser of the international scientific conference entitled "Psychology of Work and Organizations", which was held in May 2008.

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 11 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. During the year 2008, conditions were created at the same time for the development of relations with the Faculty of Economics and Management of the University of St Petersburg and the Faculty of Public Policies, Silesian University in Opava. In addition, FPA cooperates informally with other universities and faculties of similar orientation in France, Spain, Austria, Serbia, the Czech Republic and Poland.

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 3-fold of the original 2 to the current 6. In the year 2008, 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 León (Spain), Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), the Witelton University Applied Sciences in Legnica (Poland). In accordance with these agreements, the Faculty sent in 2008 to study abroad a total of 14 students (Greece - 4, Germany - 4, Hungary - 2, Romania - 2, Spain - 2) and 2 teachers (Greece - 1, Germany - 1). 5 students studied for one semester at this Faculty (3 from Greece and 2 from Romania). From Adnan Menderes University in Aydin, Turkey, 2 students studied in the year 2008 without a bilateral agreement between the respective faculties. FPA accepted in the year 2008 a total of 7 students who could choose the study from among 15 subjects taught at the Faculty in the English language.

Public Relations of the Faculty of Public Administration

The Faculty continued in the year 2008 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.

This resulted in organising a 3-month course for mayors, which took place at the Academy of Education in Rimavská Sobota in conjunction with the self-administrative region of Banská Bystrica. The course and its content were positive and the Faculty intends to extend of this form of education to other elected officials of local governments (members of parliament, the main controllers) and implement it in selected regions of Slovakia. Moreover, the Faculty members gave about 200 lectures in the educational activities in the field of public administration, the organisers of which were regional training Centres and Academia Istropolitana.

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 5th position of our student (Luboslav Peniaško) 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.

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 Education in 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 2008 in implementing its development programmes, which it adopted in its strategic plan in the first year of its existence. In the field of learning, it set out four priorities, which it has managed to meet successfully. 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 first stage of reconstruction of areas of the future Faculty have launched. The second priority is associated with the further development of educational opportunities at the Faculty. During the year 2008, the new study programme of Latin Language and Literature was prepared and preparations began for the opening of the study programme of History. The third priority was to improve the promotion of study, in particular through the UPJŠ Open Day and by various forms of media presentation of the Faculty. At the end of 2008, the UPJŠ FA Student Council was set up (our fourth priority), and began its operation. Toward the end of the year 2008, the Faculty managed to successfully face the hard work in preparing the documents for the comprehensive accreditation of UPJŠ in Košice. Despite the fact that the Faculty was established in the year 2007, the number of 2248 students expressed their interest in studying here in the academic year 2008/2009. The Faculty opened the first year of Magister degree study in single-major of British and American Studies, Psychology, Social Welfare Work and the first year of the part-time form of study in the academic programmes of Social Welfare Work and Mass Media Studies. UPJŠ FA has significantly contributed to the strengthening the university dimension of study. It provided for language teaching at all faculties of UPJŠ. It has cooperated with the Faculty of Science in coordinating the teaching of interdisciplinary study programmes.

In the field of scientific research, the Faculty met two priorities in the year 2008. First, the significantly increased number of editorial and scientific grants and amount of funds for the VEGA APVV projects and a second, it expanded the number of accredited PhD programmes in the literary science degree programme. This has increased the number of full-time and part-time PhD students. In its brief history, the Faculty won in the year 2008 for the first time the right to carry out habilitation and inauguration proceedings in the branch of Non-Slavonic Languages and Literatures. At the same time, three accreditation dossiers for the inaugural and habilitation procedures were submitted in Literary Scholarship, History, Philosophy and Social Psychology and the Psychology of Work. Several departments of the Faculty organized high-quality international scientific ventures, which made their presence in the Slovak and international academic environments obvious. The Faculty commemorated the forty-year tradition of psychological education in Košice.

In the area of international relations, the long-term priority of the Faculty was pursued consisting of expansion of international scientific cooperation with academic institutions abroad. Graduation ceremonies of the Bachelor study were held for the first time at the newly founded Faculty of Arts in the historical building of the State Theatre in Košice.

Education at the Faculty of Arts

The UPJŠ Faculty of Arts in Košice has 40 accredited degree programmes at Bachelor and Magister levels of higher education. In the academic year 2008/2009, i.e. in the second academic year of the UPJŠ Faculty of Arts in Košice, 1297 students in the Bachelor degree study and in 1st year of Magister degree courses were studying at the Faculty. The Faculty offers students the opportunity to study in the 10 single-major programmes of study in the Bachelor degree. Interdisciplinary study programmes at the Faculty of Arts in combination with study subjects in sciences are carried out in collaboration with the UPJŠ Faculty of Science. The Faculty has 9 single-major programmes of study accredited at the Magister level of study. The study programmes of Teaching Academic Subjects in combination with science fields of study are carried out in collaboration with the UPJŠ Faculty of Science. 2248 students showed interest in the study at the Faculty of Arts in the academic year 2008/2009. The greatest interest was shown by the students in the study of single-major programmes in the Bachelor study programmes of Psychology, British and American Studies, Social-welfare Work, as well as in the interdisciplinary study at the Bachelor level of study in the study programmes of Slovak Language and Literature and Philosophy, Slovak language and Literature and British and American Studies, British and American Studies - German Language and Literature. In the academic year 2008/2009, the Faculty of Arts opened the first year of part-time study in the study programmes of Social-welfare Work, and Mass Media Studies. 56 students enrolled for the part-time form of the Bachelor level of study in study programme of Social-welfare Work, 51 students enrolled for the part-time form of the Magister study, 31 students enrolled for the part-time Bachelor form of study in the study programme of Mass Media Studies. 56 students enrolled for the part-time form of Bachelor degree studies in the study programme of Social-welfare Work, 51 students enrolled for the part-time form of Magister degree studies; 31 students enrolled for the part-time form of Bachelor degree studies in the study programme of Mass Media Studies. The Faculty of Arts carries out the Project of Translation Studies – Non-literary Translation under Section 7 paragraph 3 Law Act No. 386/1997 coll. on Further Education and on the change Law Act No. 387/1996 Coll. on Employment as amended by Law Act No. 70/1997 Coll. The priority objective of adult education is to increase professional competences in specialised translation in the following areas: economics, economy, banking, finance, law, engineering, European institutions and technology. 6 students completed their study in this project in the year 2008. The first priority of the UPJŠ Faculty of Arts in Košice in the field of education was the development of personnel and material-technical and spatial conditions for the implementation of study programmes. Attention was paid to the personnel development policy at the Faculty departments to ensure the implementation of various study programmes, to cultivating and increasing functionality in the Faculty teaching premises at Petzvalova street in Košice and to participation in the financial provision of the University premises in the former Regional University Children's Hospital in Košice. The second priority was further development of educational opportunities at the Faculty of Arts in Košice. During the year 2008, new study programmes were being prepared in the fields of Classical Languages in a modular programme of interdisciplinary studies; in the field of Teaching Academic Subjects in the study programme of Latin Language and Literature in double-major programmes, in the field of History in its single-major study programme and in the modular programme of interdisciplinary study; in the study branch of Teaching Academic Subjects in the academic programme of History in the double-major programme. The third priority was the promotion of learning through the Open Day at UPJŠ and promotion of the study through TV inputs. The total of 208 students at the UPJŠ Faculty of Arts at their Bachelor and Magister degree studies submitted an application for social scholarship in the year 2008, of which 163 students were granted scholarship. 80 students of the Faculty were granted scholarship benefits.

Research at the Faculty of Arts

The strengths of this activity in the year 2008 included: The KISH Centre of Excellence, linking science and education at all three levels, major research achievements and publications of the Faculty as a whole, high grant success rate in the Slovak Republic, increased interest in the PhD studies from the part of graduates from the Master programme, experienced staff with impressive international footing, numerous existing and productive international relations, contracts and contacts, well-disposed atmosphere for the new Faculty and its attractiveness in the scientific and teaching community in the international, national and University contexts. In the year 2008, the Faculty of Arts addressed altogether 31 research projects. From among these, 9 were VEGA projects, 2 KEGA projects, 4 APVV projects, one VVGS project; in addition to the above-mentioned projects, there existed 12 projects of bilateral cooperation and domestic projects. The total volume of collected funds in the year 2008 for VEGA projects was SKK 1,390,000.00, for KEGA projects SKK 118,000.00, for APVV projects altogether SKK 6,600,000.00 and other domestic and foreign grants amounting to the total of SKK 2,761,000.00. In the year 2008, 18 full-time PhD students studied at the Faculty, of which one from Palestine and 32 part-time PhD students, two from the Republic of Poland and one from the United States. In accordance with the UPJŠ Statute of the Council of University Centres of Excellence and subject to the approval of the UPJŠ Academic Board in Košice, the UPJŠ Rector set up in the year 2006 for the period of 4 years the University Centre of Excellence KISH – the Centre for the Research Into Social Aspects of Health, which in the year 2008 worked very closely with the Department of Educational Psychology and Psychology Health at the Faculty of Arts, with top workplaces of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and research centres both at home and abroad, particularly with the University of Groningen. KISH successfully met in the year 2008 the objective of becoming a major scientific and research institution in Europe in the framework of their research activities.

In the year 2008, the Faculty acquired the right to conduct habilitation and inauguration proceedings in Non-Slavonic Languages and Literatures. In addition, files have been submitted for the accreditation of habilitation and the inaugural proceedings in the study branches of Literary Science, History, Philosophy, Psychology and Social-welfare Work and Psychology.

International Relations of the Faculty of Arts

International cooperation at the Faculty of Arts successfully developed in the second year of the Faculty existence. Educators and researchers of the Faculty are involved in international projects in the framework of international organizations. On the basis of bilateral agreements on the mobility of teachers within the Socrates programme between the University of Regensburg / Germany and UPJŠ since 2007, the exchange of teachers at Germanic workplaces at both of the universities. In the year 2008, the bilateral agreement on the mobility of teachers within the Socrates programme EUMM between Ostrava University / CR and UPJŠ and Germanic departments was signed, as well as the bilateral agreement on mutual cooperation. The following year, the first exchange of teachers at the respective Departments of German Studies was scheduled. The Department of Educational Psychology and Psychology of Health is involved in the Socrates / Erasmus programme. The Bilateral contract for the academic year 2007/2008 has been signed with the University of Groningen.

Bilateral agreements have been signed with the Danish University of Southern Denmark in Esbjerg and with T G Masaryk University in Brno from the academic year 2007/2008 and the year 2013. In the year 2008, 12 exchange mobilities were implemented under this programme, including 8 mobilities of the teaching staff from the Departments of Educational Psychology and Psychology of Health at the University of Groningen and 4 mobilities of students at the University of Esbjerg, Denmark. Other international educational projects include "Sources of Jewish Law, and engagement of one University employee in the European Masters in Interpreting under the auspices of the European Commission.

The Faculty of Arts is appointed the City & Guilds accredited training and testing centre for the English language effective for the region of Eastern Slovakia. Cooperation within the framework of international agreements at universities and other academic institutions were implemented at the FA UPJŠ Department of British and US Studies (DBUSS) and the Institute of Interpretation. The result of this cooperation is a 4-semester postgraduate study of specialised translation at the FA UPJŠ Institute of Interpretation.

Cooperation at the level of the Ministry of Education was developed by the Department of Slavonic Studies, Slavic Philologies and Communication within the Slovak-Polish Intergovernmental Commission for Cross-border Cooperation at the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic and Poland. Other activities in the framework of international projects and contracts were developed between the Department of British and US Studies and Wyższa Szkoła Humanistyczno-Ekonomiczna (WSHE) in Łódź (Poland), a branch in Tarnów (giving lectures on linguistics, history and theory of US literature, Bc. and Mgr degree theses supervision, in preparation for the state finals) and by the Department of German Studies that organizes ventures on Early New German for the students of German studies in preparation for the state examinations.

Currently, negotiations are underway on the extension of the agreement between the University of Regensburg and FF UPJŠ in Košice under the GIP programme (Germanistische Institutspartnerschaft - Partnership of Institutes of German). The agreement includes the short-and long-term mobilities of teachers (lecturing and study visits for teachers, tutors operating at the DBUSS) and students, preparation of the joint international conference (Regensburg, June 2009), as well as the possibility to participate in academic ventures in Germany in the framework of long-term sojourns of our employees. The financial item is considerable for furnishing the Department of German Studies with primary and secondary sources. The possibility of graduation from the PhD study and obtaining the degree of Dr. at the University of Regensburg is an important asset to the project.

Public Relations of the Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts in the year 2008 improved its website that discloses 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. 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 exhibitions (exhibition on Bertha von Suttner by the Department of German) and personal visits of teachers at secondary schools.

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University Library

The University Library provides loans and lending services, advisory and reference services in the reading rooms, the search services and information services, international Interlibrary Loan service, record of publishing activities of the UPJŠ staff, reprographics and scanning services from the library collection. In the year 2008, the University Library registered 7 705 users. The University Library Directorate and central specialist departments are based in the University Library at the Medical Faculty at the Trieda SNP No. 1 in Košice. The Library provides services through the deployed workstations: Philosophical Library (Petzvalova street. No. 4), Medical Library (Tr. SNP No. 1), Library of the Faculty of Public Administration (Popradská street. No. 66), Law Library (Kováčska street No. 26), Library of Science (Medická street No. 6, Park Angelinum No. 9). The Austrian Library is part of the University Library (Moyzesova street No. 50) and the European Documentation Centre (Kováčska street No. 26). The Library seeks not only to make available documents from the library collection or by way of e.g. full-text databases, but also implement other forms of library services to users, which would instruct the users and would instruct them to independently orientate themselves and retrieve relevant information from the available expert internal and external information sources.

Educational activities had their place in the UL operations in the year 2008, such as training courses of information education 1st year students of training for electronic databases in collaboration with suppliers, exhibitions and seminars to obtain scholarships in cooperation with the SAIA, an NGO. Extremely active was cooperation with the Faculty of Medicine, in collaboration with which the Library organised degree theses seminars and workshops for 1st year students. The University Library through its diverse activities supports science and research at the University by way of access to electronic information sources - traditional print and electronic ones (citations, bibliographical, full-text databases). Revitalization of the Library collection as one of the main tasks of the acquisition of specialised sources and the study yielded a gain in the form of more than 5 thousand library items. In the year 2008, UL provided in the form of purchase, grant or participation Access to 12 electronic information sources. The priorities of UL in the next period include the establishment of appropriate premises for the purpose of providing its services to the users from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Medicine, increasing information literacy of students and implementation nation-wide survey *Information Literacy of Users of Academic Libraries - IGPAK 2*, which will result in the preparation of a national information education project for university students in Slovakia. The UL activities will also focus on building a broader digital library.

Student Hostels and Canteens

Student Hostels and Canteens, as a special-purpose University facility provides accommodation and meals for students of full-time study, international students, PhD students, visiting teachers, staff, as well as international visitors. The main change in the year 2008 was signing an agreement with the Košice Superior Territorial Area Administration on the lease of the building at Popradská 76, thus spreading the accommodation capacity by 200 beds. In the year 2008, Student Hostels and Canteens administered 3 student hostels with a total capacity of 1,769 beds in the following structure: Medická 6 (707 beds), Medická 4 (707 beds), Popradská 66 (155 beds) and Popradská 76 (200 beds). Overall, 1,670 students were housed in the Student Hostels and Canteens. Student Hostels and Canteens provided services during the year 2008 even for business, especially offering accommodation during the summer holiday, but also during the year. Student canteens offer catering for employees and other interested persons and provide different types of ventures for both employees and other interested persons. Student Hostels and Canteens in the year 2008 earned revenues from business in the amount of SKK 2,328,000.00. and compared to the cost of SKK1,845,000.00 it earned profit before taxation of SKK 483,000.00. Student Hostels and Canteens in business provided catering for the staff and other interested persons earned yields in the amount of SKK 5,527,000.00 compared to the cost of SKK 5,359,000.00 thus earned a profit before taxation of SKK 168,000, which is, compared to the profit in the year 2007, a substantial increase of SKK 150,000.00.

Based on the total number of applications and the total capacity, it has not been possible to accommodate all requests for accommodation. In the year 2008, 2200 students' grades 2-6 applied for the allocation of accommodation at the hostel and 881 of the first year students applied. Grades 2-6 students and PhD students have been allocated 1,588 beds, the students in the LLP / Erasmus programme were allocated 32 beds and 50 beds to international students. Students of first year at the University were provided accommodation in a number of contractual facilities in the number of 650 beds. Catering of students and employees is provided by the Student Hostels and Canteens staff at Medická

4. . Student cafeteria underwent in the year 2008 several significant changes which have participated in improving its economic profit. Major changes in the catering industry - the reconstruction of meals dispatch counter and the purchase of a new serving line at Medická street and preparation for offering meals without using the ordering system. On the basis of a weak supply from Annete (KREDIT 7) to euro conversion, new nutrition software CardPay was bought, which was successfully tested and put into operation.

Botanical Garden

The UPJŠ Botanical Garden specializes in growing and maintaining the selected species of endangered, rare, precious or otherwise significant protected and ornamental plants. Its performance takes place in the area at Mánesova street 23 in Košice - in the administration building covering 1/3 of the area (offices, changing rooms, Herbarium), in heated greenhouses covering the area of 3 000 square metres and in the outer part of the area about 30 hectares. In the year 2008, the University Botanical Garden (BG) staff provided teaching botanical and ecological disciplines in study programmes at the Institute of Biology and Ecology, Faculty of Science. The BG provided for plant material for exercises, school BIO competitions and a direct assistance to primary schools in setting up their environmental areas.

In the year 2008, 2 research projects in basic research were addressed in the Botanical Garden with the support from Grant Agency of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic. Results of the projects were presented at conferences, seminars, published and have been forwarded to printing. In the publishing activities, further issues of journals *Thaiszia-Journal of Botany* have been published. In the period covered, the Botanical Garden offered to the public the visit of their expositions and ventures: Open Day, Butterflies Show, Gardenia Agrokomplex Nitra, Juniales, the Czech Club, wedding photographs, wedding ceremonies, Halloween, and selling orchids. 32 039 persons visited the BG, the number of them having increased in 16 984 visitors compared to the year 2007.

Institute of Education in Rožňava

The UPJŠ Institute of Education in Rožňava was established with effect from 01/ 09/2006 as a research and educational institution located on Koss Schopper street No. 22 in Rožňava. It provides the 1st level higher education in the Bachelor study programme "Sports and Recreation". In the academic year 2008/09, there study 211 students altogether.

In the year 2008, the Institute conducted various training ventures: a lecture cycle, presentation of cultural-entertainment and sports animation called Academy of University Students, the Gemerexpo venture, a chorographic excursion route Bratislava - Vienna - Budapest, international field training of 15 students in Greece, Croatia and Spain, a swimming course for the 2nd year students in Croatia, participation in the training of animators in Greece in cooperation with the Pro-Staff Agency. The conference was held at the Institute entitled: "Where Does Tourism in the District of Rožňava Lead To?", also in Bratislava - in cooperation with the Association of Sports for All. The Institute organised a conference entitled "Sport for All and Municipalities " and in Rzeszów the Institute of Education participated in organizing the conference entitled: "Wychowanie fizyczne, sport and rekreacja w perspektywie społeczno-kulturowej. The development of the Institute is a matter of perspective, which the UPJŠ management will intensely deal with.

Institute of Physical Education and Sport

Department of Physical Education and Sport has been meeting the students' interest in physical education and sporting activities from the beginning of its existence. Its main task is to work actively to increase physical fitness and condition of the students and compensate for their mental load during the semester and beyond. The Institute has 5 gymnasiums, a body-building gym and 4 tennis courts and offers a wide range of sporting activities, which are carried out at the compulsory and optional physical education classes. The students had in the academic year 2007/2008 an option to choose their programme out of 11 physical activities: aerobics, basketball, badminton, floor ball, swimming, body building, indoor soccer, self defence, table tennis, tennis, and volleyball.

In the academic year 2008/2009, the offer has been extended in football and health physical education. University sports competitions are an integral part of the educational process. The Institute is a unit that provides direction for the University in the field of sport and has no "base" of students of its own, making the conditions for the development of

scientific-research activities difficult. In entrepreneuring, conditions have been created for the possibility of the making use of gym facilities and services for all University employees, as well as for various organizations and clubs engaged in physical education and the public.

