**RESEARCH DIVISION'S ANNUAL REPORT**

OCTOBER 1, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

From October through March of AY 2013–2014, the University’s research policy and strategy were revised by the Research Division in cooperation with EHU’s Research Council. Based on self-analysis of the University’s research activities during the years 2007–2013, as well as on a review of compliance with recommendations regarding research from the University’s 2009 accreditation and the regulations of the Republic of Lithuania, areas for further institutionalization of research activities at EHU were identified:

1. Strengthening collaboration with European partner structures (in Lithuania and the rest of the European Union) in creating the European Research Area
2. Transformation of EHU’s research funding policy, strengthening institutional support for project activities that move the University away from supporting only individual research activities towards a more collaborative model of research activities (also including an increase in student engagement in research) with wider participation of international partners

The need for institutional support for collaborative research and project activities is stipulated by the objective developmental tendencies of current processes in conducting research. As the first stage of an attempt to create a collaborative research model at the University, the Research Division proposed in 2014 to create a more favorable institutional environment that is supportive of collective project initiatives and widely engages international partners. In compliance with the University’s research policy, “Regulations on Financial Support of EHU Faculty for PhD Defense” and “Regulations on the Competition of Research Projects Conceptions for EHU faculty” were created to strengthen institutional support for a research culture.

In October of 2013, the University’s research performance was evaluated by the European University Association’s Institutional Evaluation Program. The EUA IEP team recommended focusing research management on the following three strategic issues:

1. Restructuring of nine research centers in line with EHU’s three research priorities in order to maximize the potential for interdisciplinary research and new doctoral programs
2. Targeting support and introducing incentives for young researchers and PhD supervisors
3. Establishing a research infrastructure capable of applying to the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research funding scheme

In winter 2013–2014, a new system of individual research reports was implemented (the system was approved by the Senate in 2013), and the results of EHU faculty members’ individual research activities were collected and compiled. These will help guide research within academic departments and the University as a whole.

The following research-related activities took place in AY 2013–2014:

* An international conference, “Evaluating Practical Knowledge in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Research Strategies in the Modern University”*,* was organized; issues of research management in the humanities and problems of collaborative research were emphasized (70 participants, 44 papers)
* An international workshop, “Research Policy Management and Strategies for International Cooperation”*,* took place in Vilnius, organized by EHU’s Research Division (with the participation of Moldova State University representatives) and supported by the International Association of Universities
* An international conference, “Existential Interpretation of Being Human in Philosophy and Psychology: Validity and Topicality”, was organized by EHU’s Topos research center, Vilnius University, and the Kierkegaard Research Center (Copenhagen) (55 participants, 27 papers)
* The third *“Artes Liberales”*: a three-week educational exhibition called “Art & Tech-Knowledgies: Spaces of Mediation” was organized in Minsk and focused on the “triple alliance” of art, science, and technology in the space of digital culture (ca. 1,000 participants, 45 events of various kinds: exhibitions, master-classes, public lectures, book presentations, audiovisual projects, film screenings, creative workshops, etc.)
* An international seminar on human rights and international relations hosted by EHU and the [Nordic Summer University](http://www.nsuweb.net/first/html/) which became an *ad hoc* session for discussions on the next three years of institutional cooperation in this field (45 participants, 22 papers)
* [Center for Advanced Studies and Education](http://www.ehu.lt/en/research/center-for-advanced-studies-and-education) (CASE) international research conference “Exploring Borderland (2003–2013)” (56 participants, 46 papers)
* International research conference “Transnational Business and Human Rights in the Context of the United States, European Union, and International law” (30 participants, 10 papers)
* Monthly research seminar series “Colloquium Vilnense” and “Religion and Citizenship” organized by EHU’s German Studies Center and Departments of History and Media in cooperation with Vilnius University and the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum (350 participants, 20 papers)
* International Workshop on “Online Teaching and Learning in Higher Education” organized by EHU Research Division together with EHU’s Center for Low Residence and Distance Learning and representatives of Scientific Cooperation between Eastern Europe and Switzerland (SCOPES) in order to develop a new research educational project in the field of distance learning

During the reporting period, a new academic and research project, the Transformation Studies Initiative, was developed to promote research and studies in transformation from a regional and comparative perspective.

In AY 2013–2014, 58 faculty members published 263 publications, including 85 articles, 22 monographs and theoretical works, three textbooks, and 153 other publications (reviews, research papers, analytical papers). Twenty-seven publications were accepted by publishing houses to be printed during the next year. The University’s PhD students published eight articles and submitted ten for publication. During the reporting period, 156 research and creative events were organized by EHU faculty, research centers, academic departments, units, and the Research Division. More data is provided in [Table 3](#_Research) in the List of Tables.

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## Research

**Table 3.1. Research-Related Events**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Type of event | Location of event | Total |
| Belarus | Czech Republic | Germany | Lithuania | Russia | UK | USA |
| Conference |  |  | 1 | 3 |  |  |  | 4 |
| Exhibition | 3 | 1 |  | 4 |  | 1 |  | 9 |
| Master Class |  |  |  | 2 | 1 |  |  | 3 |
| Workshop | 1 |  |  | 5 |  |  |  | 6 |
| Presentation | 2 |  |  | 12 |  |  |  | 14 |
| Public Lecture/ Debate | 7 |  | 1 | 20 |  |  | 2 | 30 |
| Round Table |  |  |  | 2 | 1 |  |  | 3 |
| School / Academy |  |  |  | 8 |  |  |  | 8 |
| Seminar | 12 |  |  | 56 | 1 |  |  | 69 |
| Training |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 2 |
| Other |  |  |  | 8 |  |  |  | 8 |
| **Total** | **25** | **1** | **2** | **122** | **3** | **1** | **2** | **156** |

**Table 3.2. Research Publications by Type**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | Total | EHU core faculty | EHU PhD students |
| Scientifically-Recognized Foreign Journals | 26 | 26 |  |
| Other Foreign Publications | 81 | 78 | 3 |
| Editions in Belarus | 123 | 123 |  |
| Editions in Lithuania | 12 | 12 |  |
| EHU Press | 29 | 24 | 5 |
| **Total** | **271** | **263** | **8** |

**Table 3.3. Research Publications by Language**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | Total | Core Faculty | PhD Students |
| Russian | 156 | 150 | 6 |
| Belarusian | 35 | 35 |  |
| English | 48 | 46 | 2 |
| Other | 32 | 32 |  |
| **Total** | **271** | **263** | **8** |

**Table 3.4. Research Publications by Type**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | Total | Core Faculty | PhD students |
| Monographs, Studies, Theoretical Work | 22 | 22 |  |
| Research Articles | 93 | 85 | 8 |
| Other | 153 | 153 |  |
| Educational Texts | 3 | 3 |  |
| **Total** | **271** | **263** | **8** |

**Note.** “Other” includes academic reviews in scientific, cultural, and professional periodicals; publications of sources; scientifically commented translations; scientific dictionaries; reference books; encyclopedias; and bibliographies. Also, publications related to the popularization of science; publications in the field of history of science and science policy; specialized information; expertise; and evaluations and comments (historical, philological, art, sociological) related to different regulations or their drafts.

**Table 3.5. Publications of EHU Press by Type**

**Note.** Includes publications of both EHU authors and external authors

**Table 3.6. Publications of EHU Press by Language**

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