

Report on Activities

2002-year activities:

- foundation of the Slovak PhD students' Association (registration at the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic in November 2002)
- creation of the web page of Slovak PhD students Association (Slovak and English version)
- communication with Slovak PhD students of different Institutions
- communication with authorities: first vice-president of the Slovak Academy of Science (SAS), director of the Department of Slovak Universities of the Ministry of Education, directors of different Departments of SAS and Universities
- sending an incentive to the General prosecutor's office of the Slovak Republic concerning the discordance of the Public notice of the Slovak Ministry of Education concerning the stipends for PhD students with other laws of the Slovak Republic
- sending of several complaints to the Traffic Company of the Capital City of Bratislava for not rendering a students' fare to PhD students
- presentations in media (newspapers, periodical of SAS)
- inquiry which respondents are young Slovak scientist abroad. The aim of the inquiry is to find out their greatest scientific awards and achievements, their motivation to return to Slovakia or to stay in the foreign country (35 responses until now)
- attendance at the conference "Scientific Research Careers in Europe" organized by Belgian association for promoting science "Focus Research", attendance at the adopting of 20 recommendations how to improve the conditions of PhD students in Europe
- analyses of conditions of Slovak PhD students for Science Next-wave, for the publication of the Institute for Public Affairs "Slovakia 2002. State of the Society"
- providing information for PhD students regarding their rights, duties, study and research and conditions

Activities already realized in 2003:

- submitting of comments and suggestions to the Amendment to the Universities' Act regarding PhD students (requested by the Slovak Ministry of Education)
- participation at the EURODOC annual conference in Utrecht, 20- 23th February 2003. Slovak PhD Students' Association became a member of EURODOC

Activities planned in 2003:

- Communication with Slovak Ministry of Education regarding our comments and suggestions to the Amendment to the Universities' Act regarding PhD students (March 2003)
- Participance at brainstorming meeting in Brussels organized by Directorate General

Science regarding young scientists in Europe (March 2003)

- concentration on solving the greatest problems of Slovak PhDs: low stipends, problems with accommodations, with status and clear rights and duties – communication with authorities and presentations in media
- analyses of conditions of Slovak PhD students for the publication of the Institute for Public Affairs “Slovakia 2003. State of the Society” (September 2003)
- attendance at the conference of European Ministers of Education in Berlin (September 2003)
- providing information for PhD students regarding their rights, duties, study and research and conditions
- cooperation with EURODOC and other foreign organizations and institutions
- spreading the inquiry to young Slovak scientist in Slovakia and abroad
- Further engagement of new colleagues