

Science / Higher Education in Croatia

Present Overview

- Historical background and basic fundamental facts
- Essential weaknesses of the proposed law
- Summary of the current situation

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Historical background and basic fundamental facts

- Student population ~ 60.000
- University professors ~ 1.000
- Researchers ~ 8.000
- Science funding ~ 0.47% GNP

Quality issue:

USA-Croatia science cooperation (book)

10 years → 300 joint projects,

700 Croatian participants

Croatian scientists publish in top world journals: Nature, Cell, Phys.Rev.Lett., ...

University versus Institute R. Bošković

Essential weaknesses of the proposed law

- Overregulation threatens University Autonomy
- Unethical aspects
- Methodology of law construction: poor
- Transitional regulation endangers University
Introduction of the police language

Summary of the current situation

- New legislation shows no superiority over the old one [National Councils example]
- Hard numbers measuring Sectors well-being: poor
- Ministry forcefully advances with new Law despite demonstrated weaknesses
- University forces work on alternatives

Conclusion

- Revolutionary versus Evolutionary
- Need for a concensus
- University, Institutes and Ministry must accept responsibility for synergy
- Hope that third of millennium long tradition will not be interrupted