

FOREIGN INSTITUTIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EMANUEL UNIVERSITY OF ORADEA

Report of foreign expert, Prof. Dr. Peter Kuchar

Between October 22nd - October 23rd, 2009 I have participated to the Institutional External Evaluation of Emanuel University of Oradea as foreign expert.

I have particularly examined the research and publication activities and the relations with institutions of higher educations in the country and abroad.

Emanuel University of Oradea was accredited in 2002 and its organizational structure comprises the Faculty of Theology, Faculty of Management and a Distance Learning department. Emanuel University of Oradea has currently 453 students, 339 of which enrolled to bachelor courses and 114 to master courses.

Emanuel University of Oradea is the only accredited Baptist University in the country and in Europe.

Research activity is reflected through a significant number of publications totaling 26 books published at the Center for Research and Promotion of Gospel Values and Emanuel University of Oradea Publishing House, belonging to the university teaching staff, as well to collaborators from abroad. There are a total of 30 books published by the Publishing House of Emanuel University and through collaborations with other publishers in the country. Since 2002 to date 106 articles were published by colleagues from the Faculty of Theology who participated in 21 international conferences in the country and abroad. Also, 17 articles were published by colleagues from the Faculty of Management, who participated in 14 national and international conferences. Equally, teachers of Emanuel University have published 4 books at prestigious international publishers (Ashgate of England, Walter de Gruyter of Germany, Peter Lang of U.K. and Palgrave Macmillan of U.S.).

Teaching and research activities are conducted in a modern building completed in 2002, with a total useful floor area of 2682 square meters, of which 5 classrooms totaling 148.98 square meters in building I and 9 classrooms in building II totaling 335 sqm, Small Chapel of 72 sqm, Chapel Great of 1298 square meters, and other facilities for independent study, video room, etc.

The Library of Emanuel University has its own storage of more than 56,000 books, 2,900 videos and 19 reading rooms. There is a very modern organization, assisted by a computer system and a Softlink Liberty automation system.

Students have free and direct access to the shelves between 8.15 and 19.30 hours. Computer Lab has a capacity of 15 students and is equipped with modern technical computing. It is also available and running a wireless data transmission system.

Emanuel University of Oradea granted 6 excellence awards for extraordinary activities to gentlemen Prof. Dr. Paul Black, Prof. Dr. Nicolae Bica, Assoc. Dr. Ioan G. Pop, Assoc. Dr. Marius D. Cruceru, Assoc. Prof. Dr. C. Simuț, Assoc. Dr. Sebastian Văduva.

Emanuel University of Oradea has signed 5 strategic partnerships with the University of Akron U.S., Brain College U.S., Indiana Wesleyan University U.S., Regent Law School U.S. and Christian East Mission Switzerland.

Emanuel University of Oradea has a collaboration agreement in research concluded between the Faculty of Theology and the Faculty of Reformed Theology of Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, an affiliation agreement of the Faculty of Theology of Emanuel University to the Ecumene Doctoral School of the Faculty of Reformed Theology and Roman Catholic Theology Faculty of the Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, to achieve co-tutelle PhD work and cooperate on the project "Semiophysics, an integrating trans-disciplinary approach of knowledge in the information society", together with the Department of History and Methodology of Science of the Faculty of European Studies, Babes-Bolyai University and the Department of Theology, Music and Social Work of the Faculty of Theology, Emanuel University.

Prof. Dr. Paul Negruț, Rector of Emanuel University, is currently external evaluator at the doctoral level in the Irish Baptist College, one of the constituent colleges of Queen's University of Belfast.

Emanuel University has 4 research projects under contract concluded with the Faculty of Reformed Theology of Babes-Bolyai University (2), with Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City USA and the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Glasgow , United Kingdom, completed by the publication of four books on international and national publishers recognized by CNCSIS.

Emanuel University has 4 students who performed summer practice in international mobility programs, as follows: 1 at Harvard University, USA, 1 at Lloyds of London, London Financial District, and 2 in Germany.

On 22.10.2009, between 16-19 hours, I attended to the meeting with alumni and employers of Emanuel University of Oradea, who unanimously had a very good opinion - both graduates about the training they received, as well as employers about graduates working for them.

In conclusion, I wish to appreciate with special consideration the ethical and professional level of both teachers and administrative staff, but also students and graduates of this young university.

I recommend the increasing of cooperation activity with Ecumene Doctoral School of the Faculty of Reformed Theology and the Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology of the Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, with Irish Baptist College of Queen's University of

Belfast and with other prestigious universities from the country and abroad in order to offer to very good graduates the possibility of doctoral work and, finally, to recruit prospective teachers from the own lines of this University.

I am confident that Emanuel University of Oradea will continue on the path of positive development and I wish to the entire college success.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sgârdea Florinel Marian', written in a cursive style.