

Statement of the director of the Institute of History CAS on the final report of the Commission No. 11

The Institute of History CAS carefully and thoroughly studied the Final Report on evaluation of the Institute of History CAS. It has no objections against the commission's opinion, neither does it request reassessment of the text. It discusses the stated recommendations and takes some steps for their implementation in certain aspects. In most cases, these recommendations were handled in the last two years and opened during the commission's meeting on 19 October 2015 as well.

In particular, they concern the following topics:

The relative uncoverage of some research topics coincides with the financial and space limits, which do not allow significant increase of scholars and subsequent extension of the scope of research themes or duplicating similar topics solved in other Institutes of CAS. Conversely, cooperation with them is the essential part of the AV 21 Strategy where the Institute strongly participates.

In the area of obtaining greater European projects, the Institute is intensively involved in preparation of applications with institutions in the Czech Republic and abroad.

In the publication area, the evaluated outputs were rated world-leading and internationally excellent in 70.8%. The Institute will continue to put the emphasis on publishing abroad.

Regarding employment of more PhD students, the Institute is limited especially by the space in the workplaces and inability to provide direct training to the PhD students in the Institute (see the valid version of university law). However, the Institute involves the PhD students in various grant projects as well as scientific and organizational activities, e.g. during preparation of conferences, participation in lectures at the Institute, etc.

In 2014-2015, the age structure of the Institute strongly changed in favour of younger and middle-aged generation. This trend will continue in the following years, but with emphasis on indispensable continuity of research in the individual teams.

Concerning the overall concept of the research in the Institute of History CAS the evaluation committee recommended to carry on it.

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