

Questionnaire

Summary of the main activities of a scientific Organisation of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

Period: January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2006

I. Formal information on the assessed Organisation:

1. Legal name and address

Ústav politických vied SAV

„Institute of Political Science of the Slovak Academy of Sciences”

Dúbravská cesta 9, 813 64 Bratislava

2. Executive body of the Organisation and its composition

Directoriat	name	age	years in the position
director	PhDr. Miroslav Pekník, CSc.	56	8
deputy director	Mgr. Norbert Kmeť, CSc.	35	5
scientific secretary	Mgr. Juraj Marušiak, PhD.	36	5

3. Head of the Scientific Board

PhDr. Jozef Jablonický, DrSc.

4. Basic information about the research personnel

- i. Number of employees with a university degree (PhD students excluded) engaged in research and development and their full time equivalent work capacity (FTE) in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and average number during the assessment period

In 2003, at the Institute of Political Science of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (IPS SAS) there were 14 employees with a university degree engaged in research and development, which averaged 11 FTE. In the following year there were 15 employees averaging 12.5 FTE. In 2005, there were 17 employees with a university degree averaging 10.7 FTE. In the last monitored year there were 19 employees averaging 12.5 FTE. Over the four years (2003-2006), the average number has been 16.25, which is equivalent to 11.68 FTE.

ii. Organisation units/departments and their FTE employees with the university degree engaged in research and development

Research staff	2003		2004		2005		2006		average	
	No.	FTE	No.	FTE	No.	FTE	No.	FTE	No.	FTE
organisation in whole	14	11	15	12,5	17	10,7	19	12,5	16,25	11,675
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5. Basic information on the funding

- i. **Total salary budget¹ of the Organisation allocated from the institutional resources of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and average amount for the assessment period**

Salary budget	2003	2004	2005	2006	average
total salary budget (millions of SKK)	3,114	3,453	3,599	3,715	3,470

6. URL of the Organisation's web site

<http://www.upv.sav.sk>

II. General information on the research and development activity of the Organisation:

1. Mission Statement of the Organisation as presented in its Foundation Charter

The Institute of Political Science was established on 1 March 2002 as a result of transformation of the Cabinet of Politology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in compliance with Resolution No. 14 of the Presidium of the Slovak Academy of Sciences with the effect from 1 February 1990.

The mission of the Institute of Political Science of the SAS is basic research into political relations and processes within their internal and international political contexts.

The Institute focuses on conducting studies in the area of international relations and political systems, the history of political thought, the research methods of political sciences and recent political history.

The work of the team of internal and external researchers in collaboration with both domestic and foreign institutions aims at interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research into political activities, their selected aspects, especially social, nationality, psycho-political and historic; such is also the nature of its synthesising outcomes.

2. Summary of R&D activity pursued by the Organisation during the assessed period, from both national and international aspects and its incorporation in the European Research Area (max. 10 pages)

¹ Sum of the brutto salaries without the fund contributions.

IPS SAS was established in 1990 as the Cabinet of Political Science SAS. In 2002, it was granted the status of an institute and, as a result, it was renamed into the Institute of Political Science SAS. In the course of its existence, the following areas have been identified in its activity which the institute deals with continuously:

- I. Research into the political system of Slovakia before 1989;*
- II. Research into the political system of Slovakia after 1989;*
- III. Slovakia's foreign policy and international relations following the country's entry into EU and NATO;*
- IV. The history of political thought in Slovakia with the emphasis on the research on individual personalities of the Slovak politics;*
- V. The focus on theoretical aspects of research into political science.*

The last-mentioned area presents a new element in the research orientation of the institute. By accentuating its development, we have also complied with the demands of the accreditation commission from the recent accreditation in 2004. Its development is particularly due to the efforts of young research and development workers and doctoral students. We also strive to draw the attention of IPS SAS intramural and extramural doctoral students to the given area to stimulate their choice of the related issues as a subject of their doctoral theses.

In the period immediately preceding the transformation of the Cabinet of Political Science into institute, the institute's work still bore the features of methodological approaches resulting from the history of the institute, which was established with the aim to produce analysis of the historic events of the period of 1967-1970. Therefore, along with the line of research into political science, research on contemporary history has been formed as well.

The institute decided for the interdisciplinary or rather multidisciplinary approach to its research. This influenced the structure of research teams participating in the completion of the projects. It has to be pointed out however that, due to severe understaffing, the institute had to engage experts from other SAS institutes, universities, state administration and non-state institutions into the work on research projects. Knowledge gained from the findings of individual VEGA projects found its application in the work on four projects of state research and development programs in 2003-2005, where in the first two, the IPS SAS played the role of the main project solver:

- PEKNÍK, Miroslav (Project Manager): *“Ideové zdroje a línie slovenskej politiky” (Ideological sources and currents of Slovak politics)* of the state research and development program *“Účasť spoločenských vied na rozvoji spoločnosti”* (The

participation of social sciences in the development of society). Project No.: 2003 SP 51/028 06 00/028 06 10 – 2003 (Duration 2003-2005);

- MARUŠIAK, Juraj (Project Manager): *„Transformácie identít v súčasnom a historickom kontexte Slovenska so zreteľom na integračné procesy“ (Transition of identities in the contemporary and historical context of Slovakia with the main focus on the processes of integration)* of the state research and development program “Rozvoj osobnosti a talentu mladých zamestnancov a doktorandov výskumu do 35 rokov” (Encouragement of personality growth and talent of young research workers and doctoral students under 35), of the subprogram „Realizácia vynikajúcich projektov na podporu profesionálneho rastu mladých zamestnancov a doktorandov výskumu a vývoja” (The implementation of outstanding projects in support of professional growth of young research and development workers and doctoral students). State program No. 2003 SP 51/028 09 00/028 09 12 – 2003 (Duration: 2003-2005);
- Institute for Forecasting SAS *„Prognóza rozvoja a využívanie vedy a techniky do roku 2015“ (Development forecast and the use of science and technology until 2015)*. Project No. 2003 SP 51/028 07 00/028 07 01. Project Manager Ing. Štefan ZAJAC, CSc. (Duration 2003-2004);
- IPS SAS took part in the project of the Institute of Social Sciences SAS *„Národ, národnosti a etnické skupiny v transformujúcej sa spoločnosti“ (Nation, nationalities and ethnic groups in the transforming society)* of the state research and development program „Účasť spoločenských vied na rozvoji spoločnosti” (The participation of social sciences in the development of society). Project Manager: doc. PhDr. Štefan Šutaj, DrSc. Project No. 2003 SP 51/028 06 00/028 06 06 (Duration 2003-2005).

Participation in the above-mentioned projects of state research and development programs has contributed to certain reprofiling of the institute, when, compared to the previous period, the focus of its work has shifted from the subjects related to the problems of the past to contemporary issues. At the same time, due to the engagement of a whole host of other research institutions with humanity profile in the projects of state research and development programs, IPS SAS has become an important conceptual and coordination centre of political science research in Slovakia. As the only humanities institute of SAS, IPS SAS has managed to win two state research projects.

During the work on the state program “Ideové zdroje a línie slovenskej politiky” (Ideological sources and currents of Slovak politics), cooperation with universities and faculties gained a new quality, when a number of different institutions officially participated in the basic research of IPS SAS: *Faculty of Political Science and International Relations UMB Banská Bystrica, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy, Prešov University in Prešov, Department of Political Science and European Studies, Faculty of Philosophy, UKF Nitra, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy UCM, Trnava, Department of Political Science, Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics, Bratislava, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy Comenius University, Bratislava and Department of Political Science, TUAD, Trenčín*. In addition to experts from the above-mentioned organizations and SAS institutes, IPS SAS managed to engage in its research work also external co-workers – experts from the decision-making bodies and NGOs.

Within the project „*Transformácie identít v súčasnom a historickom kontexte Slovenska so zreteľom na integračné procesy*” (*Transition of identities in the contemporary and historical context of Slovakia with the main focus on the processes of integration*), IPS SAS managed to involve in its research activities doctoral students and young research workers and establish an extensive interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary team of young workers and doctoral students under 35, dealing with the problem of identities in different academic institutions of SAS, universities and non-state research institutions.

Methodological approaches have also undergone fundamental changes, when in the IPS SAS research activity methods of empirical research into public opinion conducted in cooperation with the Slovak Radio Media Department began to prevail over the previous approaches. These enabled the institute to build a unique knowledge database documenting citizens' attitudes to current political, economic and social issues in Slovakia.

The new profile of the institute has reflected in the structure and scope of publication activity; over a period of three years 2003-2006, its research workers published or edited 18 book monographs issued in Slovakia, 5 monographs issued abroad and 6 collections of studies from both domestic and international academic conferences.

I. Research into political system of Slovakia before 1989

This line of research on the floor of IPS SAS in the relevant period was carried out primarily under the umbrella of the VEGA grant project of the Ministry of Education and

SAS – “*Štátny socializmus a Slovensko (1948-1989)*” (*State socialism and Slovakia. 1948-1989*). The main academic output was a collection of studies *Kmeť, N. (ed.) „Pocta Jozefovi Jablonickému“ (Homage to Jozef Jablonický)*. In the same period a two-volume publication was issued entitled *Jablonický, J.: Samizdat o odboji. (Štúdie a články) (Samizdat on resistance. Studies and articles)*. Further outputs of interdisciplinary nature following on from the previous research work of IPS SAS were collections of studies *Kmeť, N.; Marušiak, J. (eds.): Slovensko a režim normalizácie (Prešov 2003) (Slovakia and the process of normalisation)* and *Pekník, M. (ed.): Česká a slovenská spoločnosť v období normalizace – Slovenská a česká spoločnosť v čase normalizácie (The Czech and the Slovak society in the period of normalisation – the Slovak and the Czech society in the period of normalisation). (Bratislava 2003)*.

The project solvers have contributed to broadening the knowledge base by delving deeply into the lives of Emil Tomeš, Jozef Juráš and Laco Novomeský. Besides, the institute also focused on the study of ethnic minorities, particularly on the Hungarian and Polish minority nationalities. With regard to the normalization period, we turned our attention to the relation between power and dissent and other emerging independent groups of population. Resistance of the population against regime was epitomized by religious people and their ways of obtaining religious literature. A further area of interest was awareness development process among the population claiming Hungarian nationality. The aim of the research workers was to contribute to understanding of the relation between the communist regime and religion, to the explication of the concept of people's democracy. We have also pointed out how, in the 1970s and 1980s, the communist regime distorted the heritage of anti-fascist resistance and the Slovak National Uprising. Further research areas included democratic exile and the coming to terms with the communist past.

In 2004, Dr. J. Jablonický, Mgr. N. Kmeť, and Dr. M. Pekník spoke at the international academic conference on the 60th anniversary of the SNU “*Slovenské národné povstanie 1944 – súčasť európskej antifašistickej rezistencie v rokoch druhej svetovej vojny*” (*The Slovak National Uprising of 1944 – integral part of the European anti-fascist resistance in the years of WWII*) co-organized by IPS SAS. Dr. J. Jablonický spoke about the SNU and the second resistance in 2004 in Geneva, Basel and Zurich. He also delivered his paper on the anti-fascist resistance at the Czecho-Slovak seminar in Liberec. In 2003, Mgr. J. Marušiak, PhD. published a study in a book publication dedicated to sovietization of Romania and Czechoslovakia. In March 2005, he took part in a meeting of young Czech and Slovak research workers held in Třešť. The organizers of the event were SAS and ASCR.

Mgr. N. Kmeť and Mgr. J. Marušiak actively participated in an international academic conference “*Medzi vynúteným priateľstvom a naozajstnou solidaritou: Česi – Poliaci – Slováci 1938/39 – 1945 – 1989*” (*Between the forced friendship and real solidarity – Czechs, Poles*

and Slovaks 1938/39-1945-1989) held in November 2004 in Wrocław, organizers: Uniwersytet Wrocławski – Instytut Historii, Instytut Pamięci Narodowej – Wrocław branch office, The institute of current history ASCR.

In 2004, IPS and the project solvers (V. Čelko, N. Kmeť and J. Marušiak) actively participated in the preparation of an international academic conference “*The Helsinki Process and the Demise of Communism*” held on 5-7 June 2005 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic in Prague. The report was presented by Mgr. J. Marušiak.

During the work on the project, cooperation with the KARTA Institute headquartered in Warsaw ran in parallel with the work on the “*Słownik dysydentów (1956-1989)*” (A dictionary of dissidents). The result of our cooperation was, besides some biographical entries of persons working for dissent and other independent initiatives, a study by Mgr. J. Marušiak and Mgr. N. Kmeť published on a webpage of the KARTA institute.

In 2005, Mgr. N. Kmeť spoke at several international conferences such as “*Czechoslovakia 1945 – at the turning point of the epochs of curbed freedom*” organized by USD ASCR and NA CR in May, 2005. In October 2005, he spoke at an international conference held under the title “*The red wall is falling*” organized by The Epoch Times daily paper and the Conservative Institute of M.R. Štefánik. In September 2005, Mgr. N. Kmeť delivered a presentation in Martin at the conference “*Spiritual Values for Today*”, organized by the Lutheran Congregation in Martin and Lutheran media program Bratislava, Society for Creative Work etc.

At present, IPS SAS is working on another VEGA project “*Komunistická moc na Slovensku – jazyk a prax*”. (*The Communist power in Slovakia – language and practical reality*), No. 2/6120/26 (2006-2008). The findings include a monograph *Jablonický, Jozef: Samizdat o odboji : štúdie a články II. (Samizdat on resistance: studies and articles II.) Bratislava, Kalligram 2006, 710 p. ISBN 80-7149-781-9* and other publications, issued as part of collective monographs or published in academic and expert journals.

II. Research into the political system of Slovakia after 1989

In 2003, as part of the research into the political system of Slovakia after 1989, a monograph was published entitled *Sopóci, Ján: Politika v spoločnosti (Politics in Society)*. The media area became a new dimension in the institute’s work in 2002, when the (VEGA) project “*Slovenská politika a masmédiá po roku 1989*” (01/2002-12/2004) (*The Slovak politics and mass media after 1989*) was approved by the Grant Agency of the Ministry of Education SR and SAS. Based on the “*Framework agreement on cooperation between IPS SAS and the Slovak Radio Media Research Department*”, extensive empirical research was carried out, which had formerly been unfeasible for IPS SAS due to the lack of financial resources.

Systematic orientation of IPS SAS towards research into the political system of Slovakia set in a broader international framework is also documented by one of the latest monographs of the institute *Krejčí, Oskar: „Nová kniha o voľbách“ (A new book on elections)*, published immediately before the parliamentary elections in 2006.

While working on the projects of state research and development programs, we focused our attention on the mapping of attitudes of the population of Slovakia to particular issues of the development of political system in Slovakia. In 2006, a publication was issued on this subject: *Pekník Miroslav (ed.): Verejná mienka a politika. Historické vedomie slovenskej spoločnosti. (Public opinion and politics. Historic awareness of the Slovak society)*. Bratislava, VEDA – Publishing House of SAS 2006. Further empirical research concerned the issue of inter-ethnic relations in Slovakia, the degree of civic participation and solidarity, as well as the development of social, national, regional and political identities. In this respect, it is necessary to emphasise doctoral thesis by *Mgr. Boris Benkovič „Obraz Rómov vo vybraných slovenských médiách“ (The image of Roma in the selected Slovak media)* defended in September 2004, which was submitted for the internal use of President of the SR Ivan Gašparovič. The problem of inter-ethnic relations was also analysed in a monograph *Kiss, Jozef: „Irodalom – társadalmi - politikai erötérben“*. NAP KIADÓ. Dunaszerdahely 2004, 118. p. ISBN 80-89032-41-9.

In the course of 2004-2005, IPS SAS repeatedly presented partial findings of empirical research into public opinion conducted jointly with the Slovak Radio Media Research Department, in which it also responded to current political events (e.g. Slovakia's entry into NATO and EU, presidential elections in 2004, elections into the European Parliament 2004 etc.). Decision-making bodies showed their preeminent interest in the research findings.

III. Slovakia's foreign policy and international relations following the country's entry into EU and NATO

After the establishment of the independent Slovak Republic, this area of research became particularly pressing. The institute focused not only on bilateral relations of the SR but also on Slovakia's integration into multilateral groupings. Emphasis was put on monitoring the processes and capturing developmental trends in the time span encompassing the whole period of transformation in Slovakia.

The result of cooperation with the “Jan Masaryk Centre of international studies” at the Faculty of international relations at the Institute of Economics in Prague was an international academic conference on mutual Slovak-Czech relations after 1993 held under the title “*Slovensko-české vzťahy v kontexte strednej Európy (The Slovak-Czech relations in the*

context of Central Europe) held on 11-12 December 2002 in Bratislava. From the conceptual perspective, the main ambition of the conference was to overcome the existing approach directed at processing particular aspects of mutual relations. Besides Slovak and Czech academic workers, experts from Austria, Holland, Hungary, Poland and Ukraine took part in its preparation and materialization, whereby the desired Central European perspective found its application. The work resulted in a collection of studies, which was – in a revised and completed form - published in 2005 in the VEDA Publishing House as an independent volume.

In the security area, IPS SAS followed on from the long-term cooperation with the Ministry of Defense SR, Ministry of Foreign Affairs SR and the Slovak Foreign Policy Society. As a result, two volumes of NATO documents were issued – *“Euroatlantické partnerstvo. NATO v dokumentoch 1990-1999”* (*The Euro-Atlantic partnership. NATO in the documents of 1990-1999*) Bratislava 2000 and *“Partnerstvo pre 21. storočie. NATO v dokumentoch z rokov 1999-2001”* (*Partnership for the 21 century. NATO in the documents of 1999-2001*) Bratislava 2002. The third volume of this edition – *“Európska bezpečnosť: Strategické partnerstvo NATO a EÚ. Dokumenty NATO z rokov 2002-2004”* (*European security: Strategic partnership of NATO and EU. NATO documents from 2002-2004*). Bratislava, 2006, 496 p. was, based on the signed agreement, produced as a joint research output of the Institute of State and Law SAS.

The issue of integration efforts of the Slovak Republic to enter NATO was analyzed in the publication of IPS SAS by Čurda Jiří, Zatlkaj Pavol: *„Cesta Slovenska do NATO”* (*Slovakia's Road to NATO*). In connection with research into security problem, IPS SAS issued a monograph Cigánik Ľubomír JAŠŠOVÁ, EVA: *„Terorizmus – od komunikácie s aktérom teroru pri oslobodzovaní rukojemníkov až po opatrenia štátov v boji proti nemu“*. (*Terrorism – from the communication with the terrorist during the liberation of hostages to the measures adopted by countries in the struggle against it*). Bratislava: Veda, 2006. 373 p. ISBN 80-224-0892-1. This work presents the institute's response to current challenges in the area of national and global security. For the internal use of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs SR, publication by Zuzana Poláčková *„Inštitucionalizácia menšinových práv po 1. svetovej vojne a Spoločnosť národov”* (*The institutionalisation of minority rights after WWI*) was compiled.

In addition to the publications mentioned above, several collections of studies have been prepared for print as a result of the projects of state research and development programs as well as projects conducted within the VEGA grants. Collections of studies *„Integračné a dezintegračné procesy v strednej Európe;”* (*Integration and disintegration processes in Central Europe*)“ and *„Transformácie zahraničnopolitických priorít SR po vstupe do EÚ”* (*Transformations of foreign policy priorities of SR following its entry into EU*) as well as a collection of studies on bilateral relations between SR and the neighbouring states have

been put in print.

Already printed publications include a monograph *Mojžita Miroslav „Formovanie slovenskej diplomacie v rokoch 1990 až 1993. Kňážko – Demeš – Kňážko“* (*The formation of Slovak diplomacy in 1990-1993. Kňážko – Demeš – Kňážko*). The findings of empirical research into public opinion on the issues of the foreign policy of SR and integration into Euro-Atlantic structures were analysed in the monograph *Pekník, Miroslav a kol.: „Verejná mienka a politika. Medzinárodné vzťahy a zahraničná politika Slovenskej republiky“* (*Public opinion and politics. International relations and foreign policy of the Slovak Republic*) Bratislava, 2005.

IV. The history of political thought in Slovakia with research emphasis on individual personalities of the Slovak politics

If we want to clarify political developmental trends and relations and to make prognostic conclusions, we have to evaluate historical roots and background of the social processes. This is why we decided to turn our attention to the selected issues of the history of political thought in Slovakia in the 19th and 20th centuries. Research on individual personalities of the Slovak politics allows us to integrate the research potential of several institutes specialising in areas such as history, political science, philosophy, international relations, economy. IPS SAS has followed on from research conducted in the previous years and developed on its findings.

Of all remarkable personalities in the Slovak politics, IPS SAS has particularly focused on Alexander Dubček, Milan Hodža, Ladislav Novomeský and Vavro Šrobár. The institute was an expert guarantor of different academic events with international participation dedicated to these personalities. On several occasions, it acted as a partner of the highest constitutional bodies, which took patronage over their organization. Presentations from the above-mentioned events were compiled into studies and published or put in print.

V. Orientations toward theoretical research aspects in the political science

Orientation towards the theoretical research aspects of political science on the floor of IPS SAS has taken the form of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary studies. The most significant results in this area are the following works: *Krejčí, Oskar: „Politická psychologie“* and *„Geopolitics of the Central European region. The view from Prague and Bratislava“*. One should not forget to mention a monograph by doctoral student *Ľubomír Blaho „Sociálna spravodlivosť a identita“* (*Social justice and identity*) or doctoral thesis by *Daniel Šmihula „Štát a medzinárodný systém. História a súčasnosť. (The state and the*

international system. Past and present)“ Young research workers and doctoral students paid special attention to theoretical aspects of political science within the state project program “*Transition of identities in the contemporary and historical context of Slovakia with the main focus on the processes of integration*” Besides a whole host of events organized within the project, one should not omit to mention the publication of an interdisciplinary volume *MARUŠIAK Juraj – FERENCOVÁ Michaela (eds.): Teoretické prístupy k identitám a ich praktické aplikácie. (Theoretical approaches to identities and their practical applications)*. Seminar proceedings. Bratislava, VEDA, Publishing House of SAS 2005, 220 p. ISBN 80-224-0843-3. Another collection of studies from the above-mentioned project is prepared for print.

3. Concept of R&D activity of the Organisation for the next four years (max. 5 pages)

i. Present state of knowledge and status of ongoing research related to the subject of the Concept, from both international and national perspective

In the previous part, the report focused on research into all areas of interest of the institute. The institute's research workers involved in research activities have contributed to deeper understanding of the explored subjects both at the national and international levels. The evidence is the researchers' participation in the international conferences, the number of scientific publications as well as the interest of media in the opinions of the institute's staff on the crucial issues of domestic and foreign policy. In our research activities, we will keep putting emphasis on the interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches with the main focus on methodological aspects.

With regard to research into contemporary history after 1989, we intend to enhance contacts particularly with the Institute of Contemporary History of the Czech Academy of Sciences with the parallel application and mutual interaction of historiographic and political science approaches. In this context, we intend to apply a more focused approach to gaining information through oral history, the use of which has been largely missing in Slovakia.

ii. Organisation's role or significance in the overall research effort within the field of the Concept on both the national and international scales

Since the undertaken projects have been jointly participated by most political science institutes in Slovakia, the Institute of Political Science SAS has played the role of the political science research coordinator. Such were National Research Programmes, VEGA projects or organized conferences and academic events. We have signed agreements with the majority

of political science institutions in Slovakia; these agreements serve as the basis for their joint activities.

We have also concluded agreements with some of the research institutions in the Czech Republic - the Institute of Contemporary History of the Czech Academy of Sciences; the Department of History and Civic Education, Faculty of Education, Technical University, Liberec; the Academy of Political and Social Sciences, Kolín; the Jan Masaryk Centre for International Studies, Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics, Prague and the Institute for Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans, the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bologna in Italy.

Dr. Zuzana Poláčková, research worker of the institute, is the manager of the project "Die Stellung der Minderheiten in der ČSR, in Österreich und in Ungarn zwischen beiden Weltkriegen," conducted jointly with the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

In addition to cooperation at the project level, a more regular organization of discussion forums on partial problems in cooperation with international partners, particularly in the field of methodology, appears to be increasingly necessary.

iii. Objectives of the Concept

Research into political system after 1989 will be the institute's primary concern in the following period. Based on the interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach, we will try to integrate particular research areas into the above-mentioned major research objective.

It appears that, during the analysis of the political system and assessment of the theoretical and ideological groundwork of the formation of political scene in Slovakia, the search for the interconnectedness and interaction between the traditions of party policy in Slovakia, its innovations and impulses drawn both from the modern concepts of political and social sciences and from international praxeological models have either been little emphasised or even underestimated. What has also been neglected is the generalization of findings gained from the practical work of political subjects. This applies both to the self-reflection of political subjects regarding their own program-making activity and the reflection of the broader cognitive activity in the area of social sciences.

From the current perspective we need to study whether or not, and if so then how much, following the change of the regime in 1989 (i.e., at the dawn of democratic and pluralist party system), drawing knowledge and impulses predominantly from the democratic states of Western Europe and North America led to the automatic adoption of their models and how much room was left for the understanding of domestic peculiarities. The daunting nature of the task resulted both from the previous absence of research into political science and from the lack of experience with the open society. Confrontation of the meaning of the concepts in use and the evaluation of the political spectrum in Slovakia in the process of

creation of the party political system with the political science expertise in the developed democracies is very important, particularly with regard to the creation of conditions for the integration processes in Czechoslovakia and/or Slovakia. It is necessary to understand and synchronize the peculiarities of individual states which have also become salient in Slovakia, especially as the country strives to defend its interests in the unifying Europe and struggles with the difficulties arising from the emerging conflicts in the framework of European structures.

The formation of the political system in the previous period was marked by an arbitrary use of concepts like right, left, center, left-centrist and right-centrist parties, which even today points at some routine division of the political spectrum on the grounds of a set of automatically adopted attributes that are hardly capable of encompassing the diversity of interests and activities of the political parties. Even conflicts resulting mainly from the effort to tackle social-economic problems have been classified by ideological criteria. Meanwhile, the possibilities of individual political subjects are limited by specific conditions of the given state of the Slovak economy. This leads to a paradox – measures adopted by political parties, which despite their declaring of a different political orientation are virtually the same in terms of dealing with the reforms, gain an ideological label. However, the public's perception of the declared tactical and strategic goals is based solely on their practical, day-to-day experience.

The present research into the formation of the foreign policy of Slovakia has to a certain extent focused on the field of diplomacy and on the meetings organized at the highest level. The role of the political subjects and particular components of the political system, which are significantly involved in the transformation of the conceptual basis into strategic measures, has been neglected. With regard to political parties, the mapping of their foreign political plans has been reduced to their party programs and election promises. This results in an impression that diplomatic department is the only author of foreign political concepts.

As a result of this, we will focus our research on the analysis of domestic actors of the foreign policy, on the activities of the political parties in the parliament and their influence on the policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is ultimately responsible for the presentation of interests of the state abroad. We will also focus on the question of how the Ministry of Foreign Affairs affects the position of political parties in the area of foreign policy, as its work is mainly based on the work of its own experts, which is in many aspects the decisive impulse for the other actors of the formation of foreign policy. In the sphere of international relations we will explore the foreign policy factors, which have influenced Slovakia's foreign policy to the largest extent. Our effort in this respect will contribute to understanding the present and future of the formation of the European political system in the framework of EU. The EU accession and the elections into the European Parliament have created new mechanisms for the resolution of minority issue in the context of bilateral

relations between the neighbouring states. These issues will be studied in the framework of the activities of individual political subjects.

In the course of our work, we will have to cope with extensive relevant domestic and foreign publications. We will base our work on theoretical material which will allow us not only to understand certain trends but also to show whether the existing theoretical conclusions are in agreement with the changing social and political conditions. Public opinion polls and printed media have proven a valuable source of information in this respect. We will also strive to get access to archived documents from the archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other central institutions.

iv. Proposed strategies and methods to be applied, and time schedule

As a border discipline, political science often uses methods of other social sciences, which leads to its internal subdivision. Due to the sustained need to develop the Slovak philosophy of politics, political psychology, the sociology of politics, individual research into political doctrines, political institutions and processes, all this in the context of historic development, the research methods will obviously vary according to the subjects and lines of research. A series of public opinion polls - depending on the financial capacity of the institute - will probably be their organic part.

Methodological approach used in particular subjects of research will be based on the interpretation of contemporary history, which is treated very flexibly in the academic literature. In our understanding this particularly constitutes monitoring of the processes that have already unfolded and still unfold on their own basis of the formation of a democratic society and that – despite the tentative and cautious nature of efforts to delineate the completion of certain processes - exhibit certain boundedness. Such point of reference, in our treatment - with regard to the early 1990s - could be our present. Thus, the basic methodological requirement is to start from the present level of knowledge and take a chronological perspective on the events. The essence is to show the sequence of events as part of the development process, which, at the time when the events took place, could seem as a mere vision or a free, arbitrary extension of the present concepts into the future. The methodology of contemporary history does not imply the completion of an image of the immediate self-reflection in time, which would essentially be a momentary reflection on how the ongoing events are experienced. We should be aware that the contemporary history is understood as a relatively bounded developmental unit, in which the period description, the living memory and the analytical depth enabled by a time lapse overlap. Respect for these facts forces us to attempt at a developmental synthesis.

As indicated earlier, in the course of research into the role of political subjects in the development of domestic policy, factography is vital and irreplaceable. This means that what is important is not only the description of events but also their integration into the context of development and particular setting. Thus, our approach will be descriptive and analytical. Its application within the bounds of the current history requires avoiding plain descriptivism, which may lead to confusing political history with a mere reconstruction of events. At the same time, we should overcome the a priori or even speculative conceptual schemes, which usually lose track of the real events and causality. In terms of empirical and analytical approaches, the findings of sociological research, which capture the particular settings and events of the given period, have special methodological significance. In analysing the political system in question and its functioning in the real world it is necessary to use the existing knowledge base of the political science, which, however, requires differentiation between the methodology of this discipline and that of the contemporary history. On the contrary, the interpretation of the results of either of the disciplines on the basis of differences in their methodological approaches could contribute to the overall deepening of knowledge. Theoretical-methodological principles of the research into international relations will lean on the factors which might be influencing political institutions, ideas and processes in Slovakia as an external environment. In this respect, research into the formation of the political system of EU, gradual adaptation of Slovakia's policy to the policy of EU and its participation in the formation of the latter will be irreplaceable. Comparative research on the political parties, formation of their parliamentary factions in the European Parliament or the formation and functioning of the European political parties is a suitable starting point for such study and for the further development of political science in Slovakia.

The research team will focus on the analysis of the development of the world political system and reforms of the global institutions in the context of the selected global problems. Research in the area of Slovakia's security will put an emphasis on cooperation in the creation of databases encompassing major security risks such as international terrorism and the weapons of mass destruction.

Methodological approach in the international relations research should be compatible with the approaches used in gaining information on the role of political subjects in the development of foreign policy orientation. In analysing this subject memoirs and oral history of the actors and witnesses of the events unfolding in the area of foreign policy, which either had not been used, or, if at all, then only to a limited extent, will be particularly important. .

The study of relations between media and politics requires the use of documents at two levels: one from the perspective of media and the other from the perspective of political parties. Monitoring of the influence of political parties and movements on the orientation of media policy should largely rely on the analysis of their positions on the situation in media

presented in the parliament or on the floor of other supreme institutions participating in the norm-setting and legislation in this area such as the Ministry of Culture. The other level is constituted by the position of media and their ambition to influence politics and public opinion. We shall analyze both the news reports and the comments in printed media – which issues they open, how they interpret and assess particular political events with a special emphasis on what they do not reflect, which, besides their effort to present themselves, may indicate a politically motivated approach of the press to individual party interests. Such analysis of respective journalist (media) genres allows us to see if media show interest in the presentation of an alternative public opinion stripped off party-political interests and if they provide impulses for a wider, non-partisan public to play its due part in making decisions on public issues. We need to analyze and encourage an opinion exchange allowing the confrontation of presentations by politicians with the opinions of political scientists. In this respect, what deserves particular attention is the analysis of findings of the public opinion polls.

In the forthcoming period we will conduct basic research in all areas mentioned above. Individual research workers will continue working on their projects, making them available to the general public both in Slovakia and abroad. Comparison of the findings gained from domestic research against the background of current international trends is a vital component of the research work. This will be ensured through the participation of our researcher workers in various academic events as well as through the organization of conferences and other events on the floor of the Institute of Political Science SAS. In the period between 2007 and 2010, we expect the publication of approximately 8—10 volumes.

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- b. KMEŤ, Norbert (Project Manager IPS SAS): Komunistická moc na Slovensku – jazyk a prax. (The Communist power in Slovakia – language and practice). Project No. 2/6120/26. Duration: 2006-2008.
- c. PEKNÍK Miroslav (Project Manager IPS SAS): Andrej Hlinka a Ferdinand Juriga. (Andrej Hlinka and Ferdinand Juriga) Project No: 2/7159/27. Duration: 01/2007 – 12/2009.
- d. POLÁČKOVÁ Zuzana (Project Manager IPS SAS): Inštitucionálne aspekty zahraničnej politiky SR. (Institutional aspects of the Slovak foreign policy. Project No. 2/7035/27. Duration: 01/2007 – 12/2009.

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III. Partial indicators of the main activities:

1. Research output

- i. List of the selected publications documenting the most important results of basic research. Total number of publications in the whole assessed period should not exceed the average number of the research employees**

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- [5] KREJČÍ OSKAR: Geopolitics of the Central European Region. The view from Prague and Bratislava. Bratislava: VEDA, 2005. 494 pp. ISBN 80-224-0852-2
- [6] KMEŤ, Norbert a kol.: "Spoznal som svetlo a už viac nechcem tmú..." Pocta Jozefovi Jablonickému. (I have seen the light and do not want darkness anymore). Homage to Jozef Jablonický.) Bratislava, VEDA, Publishing House of SAS 2005, 399 pp. ISBN 80-224-0815-8.

- [7] ŠMIHULA Daniel: „Štát a medzinárodný systém - história a súčasnosť“, (The State and the International System – past and present) VEDA, 2005, 140 pp. ISBN 80-224-0866-2
- [8] BLAHA, ĽUBOŠ: Sociálna spravodlivosť a identita. (Social justice and identity) Bratislava: Veda, 2006. 164 pp. ISBN 80-224-0891-3.
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- [1] PELCZYNSKA-NALECZ, Katarzyna – DULEBA, Alexander - PÓTI, László - VOTÁPEK, Vladimír: Eastern Policy of the EU: the Visegrad Countries's Perspective. Policy Briefs, Warsaw: Centre for Eastern Studies, 2003, 48 p
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v. Table of research outputs

*Table **Research outputs** shows research outputs in number of specified entries; these entries are then divided by FTE employees with a university degree (from Tab. Research staff) for all Organisation at the respective year; finally these entries are divided by the total salary budget (from Tab. Salary budget).*

Research outputs	2003			2004			2005			2006			total			
	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	averaged number per year	av. No. / FTE	av. No. / salary budget
chapters in monographs, books published abroad	2	0,18	0,64	3	0,24	0,87	2	0,19	0,56	4	0,32	1,08	11	2,8	0,24	0,79
chapters in monographs, books published in Slovakia	13	1,18	4,17	6	0,48	1,74	17	1,59	4,72	24	1,92	6,46	60	15,0	1,28	4,32
CC publications		0,00	0,00	0	0,00	0,00	0	0,00	0,00	1	0,08	0,27	0	0,3	0,03	0,10
scientific publications indexed by other databases (specify)	0	0,00	0,00		0,00	0,00		0,00	0,00		0,00	0,00	0	0,0	0,00	0,00
scientific publications in other journals	25	2,27	8,03	21	1,68	6,08	22	2,06	6,11	12	0,96	3,23	80	20,0	1,71	5,76
publications in proc. of international scientific conferences	11	1,00	3,53	10	0,80	2,90	13	1,21	3,61	9	0,72	2,42	43	10,8	0,92	3,10
publications in proc. of nat. scientific conferences	4	0,36	1,28	4	0,32	1,16	11	1,03	3,06	7	0,56	1,88	26	6,5	0,56	1,87
active participations at international conferences	27	2,45	8,67	28	2,24	8,11	40	3,74	11,11	25	2,00	6,73	120	30,0	2,57	8,64
active participations at national conferences	20	1,91	6,74	11	1,04	3,76	13	1,59	4,72	10	0,80	2,69	54	15,3	1,31	4,39

vi. Renormalized publications²

Renormalized publications = number of CC publications in the given year times authorship's portion of the Organisation times the journal impact factor in 2005 divided by the median impact factor in the research field

Renormalised publications	2003			2004			2005			2006		
	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget
Renormalized publications		0,00	0,00		0,00	0,00		0,00	0,00		0,00	0,00

vii. Standard manuscript page count³

Standard manuscript page count	2003			2004			2005			2006		
	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget
page count	1580	143,6	507,4	3036	242,9	879,2	3115	291,1	865,5	4798	383,8	1291,5

viii. List of patents and patent applications

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ix. Supplementary information and/or comments on the scientific output of the Organisation

² This information is required only from the Organisations of the Section 2 of the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

³ This information is required only from the Organisations of the Section 3 of the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

2. Responses to the scientific output

Table **Citations** shows specified responses to the scientific outputs; these entries are then divided by the FTE employees with a university degree (from Tab. Research staff) for all Organisation at the respective year; finally these entries are divided by the total salary budget (from Tab. Salary budget).

Citations	2002			2003			2004			2005			total			
	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	No. / FTE	No. / salary budget	number	averaged number per year	av. No. / FTE	av. No. / salary budget
Web of Science	15	1,4	4,8	11	0,9	3,2	12	1,1	3,3	7	0,6	1,9	45	11,3	1,0	13,0
(specify Database 1)	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0,0
(specify Database 1)	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0,0
in monographs, conf. proceedings and other publications abroad	18	1,6	5,8	40	3,2	11,6	27	2,5	7,5	45	3,6	12,1	130	32,5	2,8	37,5
in monographs, conf. proceedings and other publications in Slovakia	50	4,5	16,1	32	2,6	9,3	104	9,7	28,9	102	8,2	27,5	288	72,0	6,2	83,0

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- [8] MARUŠIAK Juraj: Hlavné trendy v zahraničnej politike SR. (The Main Trends in the Foreign Policy of Slovakia) In: Slovensko 1998-1999. Súhrnná správa o stave spoločnosti. (Slovakia 1998-1999. The Global Report on the State of Society) IVO, Bratislava 1999, pp. 273-310. **13 cited**
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- [10] MARUŠIAK, Juraj: Postavenie nekomunistických strán v politickom systéme Slovenska v druhej polovici 50. rokov. (The Role of Non-Communist Parties in the Political System of Slovakia in the Latter Half of the 1950's) In: Politické vedy, 1, 2000, pp. 22-69. **9 cited**

ii. List of top-cited authors from the Organisation (at most 10 % of the research employees) and their number of citations in the assessment period

- [1] MARUŠIAK, Juraj **163 cited**
- [2] JABLONICKÝ, Jozef **144 cited**

iii. Supplementary information and/or comments on responses to the scientific output of the Organisation

One of the most important demonstrations of acknowledgement of the activities of IPS SAS in all its history was the awarding of the state prize “Pribina’s Cross of the 1st Degree” to the President of the Scientific Council of IPS SAS PhDr. Jozef Jablonický, DrSc. as an appreciation of his merits and dauntless civil attitudes in the struggle for the adherence to human rights and his irreplaceable position in the research on the history of the Second Czechoslovak Resistance, Slovak National Uprising and of the political persecutions of the members of resistance during the communist regime. This highest state decoration was awarded in 2006 and ceremonially presented to him on the occasion of the state holiday of the Slovak Republic on 1st January 2007.

In 2003, Jozef Jablonický received the Award of the Minister of Culture for an important contribution to the Slovak historiography.

On the floor of SAS, the IPS SAS activity in the area of popularisation of science received the “SAS Award for the popularization of science”, which was conferred on Miroslav Pekník and Jozef Jablonický for the yearlong radio series “The road to independence in the documents of the Slovak national identity and statehood” (2004).

The publication „MARUŠIAK, Juraj: *Slovenská literatúra a moc v druhej polovici päťdesiatych rokov*, (The Slovak literature and the power in the latter half of the 1950s) Brno: Prius 2001” won an international prize in the competition of the academies of sciences of the V4 states “The Visegrad Group Academies. Young Researchers Award 2005. Social Sciences and Humanities for Achievements in the field of Political Sciences. Wrocław, Poland, 25th April 2005”. Moreover, the above-mentioned publication won the second position in the “Competition of young research workers of SAS” (2005).

In 2006, the recognition of academic results and activities of IPS SAS found reflection in the cooperation with the supreme constitutional bodies – President’s Office, Slovak Government Office, National Council of SR – which included requested participation of IPS SAS in the organization of international scientific conferences under the auspices of the Prime Minister of SR and the President of SR, expert review of the Program statement of the Slovak Government as well as collaboration on the preparation of the project “The Strategy of Development of Slovakia until 2013; The Vision for the Slovak Republic until 2030”.

In the scholarly circles, the most important indicators of the recognition of academic achievements include foreign reviews of the publications of IPS SAS. Such were, in particular, the following publications:

- Z. POLÁČKOVÁ (RED.), *Slovensko-české vzťahy v kontexte strednej Európy*, VEDA – Publishing House of SAS, Bratislava 2005. In: „Polski Przegląd Dyplomatyczny”, 2006, nr 3, s. 184-189
- KMEŤ, NORBERT (ed.): „Spoznal som svetlo a už viac nechcem tmu...” Pocta

Jozefovi Jablonickému. (I have seen the light and do not want darkness anymore... Homage to Jozef Jablonický). Bratislava: VEDA, Publishing House of SAS 2005.
Author: Jiří Křest'an. In: Soudobé dějiny XIII, 2006, č. 1-2, s. 290 – 292.

Academic outputs from the projects of the state research and development programs „Ideological sources and currents of Slovak politics”(state program project “Participation of social sciences in the development of society” No. ŠPVV: 51/028 06 00/028 06 10 – 2003); and “Transformations of identities in the historic and current context of Slovakia with the main focus on the process of integration” (the project of the state program for young science and research workers “Encouragement of personality growth and talent of young research workers and doctoral students under 35”, of the subprogram “The implementation of outstanding projects in support of the professional growth of young research and development workers and doctoral students”, Nr. ŠPVV: 2003 SP 51/028 09 00/028 09 12 – 2003) received a favourable response as well. Both projects received rating 4 at the final opponent reviews (very good solution of the project, has a very high standard”). Aggregate summary report from the project “Ideological sources and currents of the Slovak politics” was provided on the request of Director of the Secretariat of the President of SR Dr. Marián Parkányi for internal needs of the President of SR and the Prime Minister of SR (Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 210/2006 of 10 August 2006; Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 234/2006 of 5 September 2006)

The publication: „ZAVACKÁ, MARÍNA: Kto žije za ostnatým drôtom. Oficiálna zahraničnopolitická propaganda na Slovensku 1956-1962: teórie, politické smernice a spoločenská prax. (Who lives behind the Gooseberry. The Official Foreign Policy Propaganda in Slovakia 1956-1962: Theories, Political Directives and Social Practice) Bratislava, VEDA – Publishing House of SAS 2005, 168 p. issued within the project ŠPVV “Transformations of identities in the present and historic context of Slovakia with the main focus on the integration processes” placed first in the competition of young research workers of SAS under 35 for 2006 in the category of Section III of SAS

3. Research status of the Organisation in the international and national context

- **International/European position of the Organisation**
 - i. **List of the most important research activities documenting international importance of the research performed by the Organisation, incl. major projects (details of projects should be supplied under Indicator 4). Collective membership in the international research organisations, in particular within the European Research Area**

IPS SAS is member of International Political Science Association

[1] BENKOVIČ, Boris: participation in the project „*Developing the practical skills of human right monitoring and advocacy*“ supported by European Commission. The project was realised on the floor the Slovak Helsinki Committee and is aimed at monitoring of ethnic and other minorities in the most watched Slovak mass media. The field phase (monitoring) took twelve months and there was a total of 5400 statistically treated information units. (2003)

[2] GREGUŠOVÁ, Gabriela: scholarly reviewer of the findings of the project Lori Thorlakson from the University of Nottingham: Lori Thorlakson: Professional Practice in European Political Science. EpsNet Reports # 8. Paris, epsNet, 2003, p. 101.

[3] GREGUŠOVÁ, Gabriela: participation in the project of the University of Indiana (USA) - questionnaire about political subjects in SR (2003)

[4] POLÁČKOVÁ, Zuzana, Project Manager: „Die Stellung der Minderheiten in der CSR, in Österreich und in Ungarn zwischen beiden Weltkriegen.“ The work on the project is running in cooperation with the Austrian Academy of Sciences, bilateral project liaised on the basis of inter- academic treaties (MAD). (since 2000)

ii. List of international conferences (co-) organised by the Organisation

[1] „Česko-slovenské vzťahy; Slovensko-české vzťahy,“ téma: Slovenská a česká historiografia v rokoch 1990-2002. (Czech-Slovak Relations; Slovak-Czech Relations. Slovak and Czech Historical Science 1990-2002) Liberec, ČR, 26.-27. 8. 2003. Organizers: Institute of Political Science of SAS – Department of History, Faculty of Education, Technical University Liberec (Czech Republic) within the Framework Agreement on the cooperation between the institutions. The conference was held jointly with the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic (financing of the participation of secondary school teachers of history and civic education from Slovakia).

[2] „Historické korene integrácie v strednej Európe. Integračné a dezintegračné procesy v strednej Európe v 20. storočí.“ (Historical Roots of Integration in Central Europe. Integration and Disintegration Processes in Central Europe in 20th Century) Smolenice, 26-28 April, 2004. Organizers: Institute of Political Science SAS, Institute of History SAS, Department of Slovak History – Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University, Center for European Policy, International Visegrad Fund.

[3] „Česko-slovenské vzťahy; Slovensko-české vzťahy,“ téma: Slováci a Česi v nemeckej vojne 1939-1945. (Czech-Slovak Relations. Slovak-Czech Relations. Slovaks and Czechs in the German War 1939-1945) Liberec, ČR, 23.-24. 8. 2004. Organizers: Institute of Political Science SAS – Department of History, Faculty of Education, Technical University Liberec (Czech Republic) under the Framework Agreement on the cooperation between both institutions.

[4] „Slovenské národné povstanie 1944 – súčasť európskej protifašistickej rezistencie počas II. svetovej vojny.“ (The Slovak National Uprising 1944 – Integral Part of the European Anti-Fascist Resistance during World War II) Banská Bystrica, 30.-31. 8. 2004. Organizers: Institute of Political Science SAS – Museum of SNU Banská Bystrica – Military Historical Institute – Institute of History SAS.

[5] „Úsilie o demokraciu a európsku integráciu v strednej Európe – význam osobnosti Alexandra Dubčeka.“ (Efforts to Achieve Democracy and European Integration in Central Europe – the Significance of Alexander Dubček) Uhrovec, 30 Oct 2004. Organizers: Institute of Political Science SAS – Alexander Dubček Society under the patronage of the President of the Slovak Republic Ivan Gašparovič.

[6] "The Helsinki Process and the Demise of Communism". Prague, 5–7 June 2005. Organizer: Czechoslovak Documentation Center. Co-organizers: Institute of Political Science SAS, Institute for Contemporary History – Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Helsinki Committee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, International Visegrad Fund, Stiftung Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur (Berlín), National Security Archives Washington.

[7] “Milan Hodža a integrácia strednej Európy.” (Milan Hodža and the Integration of Central Europe) Martin, 24 June 2005. Organizers: : Institute of Political Science SAS – Institute of History SAS; within the project „Milan Hodža Days 2005, Martin 23-26 June 2005 under the patronage of the Prime Minister of Slovakia.

[8] „Česko-slovenské vzťahy; Slovensko-české vzťahy,“ téma: Česi a Slováci v prvom období komunistickej totality v Československu (1948-1956). (Czech-Slovak Relations: Czechs and Slovaks in the first period of the Communist Totalitarianism in Czechoslovakia 1948-1956) Liberec, Czech Republic, 25-26 Aug 2005. Organizers: Institute of Political Science SAS – Department of History, Faculty of Education, Technical University Liberec (the Czech Republic) under the Framework Agreement on the cooperation between both institutions.

[9] „Transformácia zahraničnopolitických priorít SR po vstupe do Európskej únie.“ (Transition of Slovakia’s Foreign Policy priorities after the EU-accession) Bratislava, 30 Sept. 2005. Organizers: Institute of Political Science SAS – Society for the Central and Eastern Europe – Faculty of Social and Economic Studies, Comenius University Bratislava.

[10] „MUDr. Vavro Šrobár politik, publicista a národnoosvetový pracovník.“ (Dr. Vavro Šrobár: politician, journalist and educationalist) Bratislava, 25-26 Oct 2005. Organizers: Institute of Political Science SAS, Institute of History SAS, Faculty of Philosophy – Comenius University under the patronage of the President of Slovak Republic.

[11] „Milan Hodža – politik a žurnalista.“ Martin, 23. 6. 2006. (Milan Hodža – politician and journalist). Organizers: Institute of Political Science SAS, Slovak National Library, The Slovak Republic Government Office.

[12] „Alexander Dubček – významný Slovák a Európan.“ (Alexander Dubček – an Outstanding Slovak and European) Bratislava - Trenčín, 24-25 Nov. 2006, Bratislava – Trenčín. Organizers: Institute of Political Science SAS, Alexander Dubček's University Trenčín, Alexander Dubček Society, A.S.A. Institute, the village of Uhrovec under the patronage of the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic.

[13] „Česko-slovenské vzťahy / Slovensko-české vzťahy“, téma: „Svet a Československo od krízy ku kríze (október 1956 – október 1962) – Česi a Slováci v jednom období studenej vojny.“ Liberec (ČR), 24.-25. 8. 2006. (Czech-Slovak Relations: the World and Czechoslovakia from Crisis to Crisis, October 1956 – October 1962. Czechs and Slovaks in one period of the Cold War) Organizers: Institute of Political Science SAS – Department of History, Faculty of Education, Technical University Liberec (the Czech Republic) under of the Framework Agreement on the cooperation between both institutions.

iii. List of international journals edited/published by the Organisation

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iv. List of edited proceedings from international scientific conferences and other proceedings

[1] MELANOVÁ, Miloslava - PEKNÍK, Miroslav (ed.): Česká a slovenská spoločnosť v období normalizácie. Slovenská a česká spoločnosť v čase normalizácie. Liberecký seminar 2001. (Czech and Slovak Society in the Period of Normalization. Liberec Seminar 2001) Bratislava, VEDA– Publishing House of SAS 2003, 259 pp. ISBN 80-224-0747-X.

[2] Slovensko a režim normalizácie. (Slovakia and the Regime of Normalization) IPS SAS Bratislava – The Michal Vašek Publishing House Prešov 2003, eds. Norbert KMEŤ and Juraj MARUŠIAK, 304 pp. ISBN 80-7165-390-X

[3] LALUHA Ivan, PEKNÍK Miroslav, ZALA Boris (eds.): *Revolučné a protitotalitné hnutia v Európe po II. svetovej vojne. Medzinárodná konferencia k nedožitým 80. narodeninám Alexandra Dubčeka*. November 2001. (Revolution and Anti-Totalitarian Movements in Europe after WW II. International Conference on the 80th Anniversary of Dubček's Birthday) VEDA, Publishing House of SAS. Bratislava 2004. ISBN 80-224-0798-4.

[4] POLÁČKOVÁ Zuzana (ed.): *Slovensko-české vzťahy v kontexte strednej Európy*. (Slovak-Czech Relations in the Context of Central Europe) VEDA, Publishing House of SAS. Bratislava 2005, 496 pp. ISBN 80-224-0859-X.

[5] MARUŠIAK Juraj – FERENCOVÁ, Michaela (eds.): *Teoretické prístupy k identitám a ich praktické aplikácie. Zborník zo seminára*. (Theoretical Approaches to Identities and their Practical Applications. Seminar proceeding) Bratislava, VEDA - Publishing House of SAS. 2005, 220 pp. ISBN 80-224-0843-3.

[6] PEKNÍK, MIROSLAV – PETROVIČOVÁ, ELEONÓRA (eds.): *Laco Novomeský – kultúrny politik, politik v kultúre*. (Laco Novomeský – Cultured Politician – Politician in Culture) Bratislava, VEDA – Publishing House of SAS 2006, 287 pp. ISBN 80-224-0902-2.

- **National position of the Organisation**

- i. **List of selected most important national projects (Centres of Excellence, National Reference Laboratories, Agency for the Promotion of Research and Development (APVV/APVT), National Research Programmes, Scientific Grant Agency of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Education (VEGA), and others)**

State research and development programs

[1] *“Ideové zdroje a línie slovenskej politiky“* (Conceptual sources and lines of the Slovak politics), project of the state program *„Účasť spoločenských vied na rozvoji spoločnosti,“* (Participation of social sciences in the development of society) Project No. : 2003 SP 51/028 06 00/028 06 10 – 2003), Duration: 2003-2005. Project Manager: PhDr. Miroslav Pekník.

[2] *„Transformácie identít v historickom a súčasnom kontexte Slovenska so zreteľom na integračné procesy“* (Transformations of identities in the present and historic context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes), project of the state program for young science and research workers “Encouragement of personality growth and talent of young research workers and doctoral students under 35”, of the subprogram “The implementation of outstanding projects in support of the professional growth of young research and

development workers and doctoral students”, No. ŠPVV: 2003 SP 51/028 09 00/028 09 12 – 2003), duration: 2003-2005. Project Manager: Mgr. Juraj Marušiak, PhD.

[3] IPS SAS participated in the project of the state program of the Institute for Forecasting SAS „Prognóza rozvoja a využívanie vedy a techniky do roku 2015“. *Development forecast and the use of science and technology until 2015*). Project No. 2003 SP 51/028 07 00/028 07 01. Project Manager: Ing. Štefan ZAJAC, CSc. (Duration 2003-2004);

[4] IPS SAS participated in the project of the Institute of Social Sciences SAS “Nation, nationalities and ethnic groups in the transforming society” of the state research and development program: “Participation of social sciences in the development of society.” Project Manager: Prof. PhDr. Štefan Šutaj, DrSc. Project No: 2003 SP 51/028 06 00/028 06 06. (Duration: 2003-2005).

IPS SAS was in charge of the following projects: „Ideological sources and currents of Slovak politics” and “Transformations of identities in the present and historic context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes” Both projects received in final opponent reviews appreciation 4 (very good solution of the project, has a very high standard”).

Centre of Excellence

In cooperation with the Institute of History SAS - project coordinator, IPS SAS has won the project of the Centre of Excellence SAS („Centre of Excellence for the Research of Crucial Issues of Modern Slovak History“); Project Manager: PhDr. Valerián Bystrický, DrSc.. Mgr. Juraj Marušiak, PhD. is entrusted with the coordination of activities of the Centre of Excellence within IPS SAS.

VEGA Scientific Grant Agency of the Ministry of Education and SAS

1. KISS, Jozef: Slovenská politika a masmédiá po roku 1989. (Médiá a princípy verejnoprávnosti v kontexte utvárania demokratického režimu na Slovensku). Slovak politics and Media after 1989. (Media and the Statutory Principles in the Context of Formation of the Democratic Regime in Slovakia). Project No: 2/2095/22, 2002-2004. Duration: 2002-2004
2. KMEŤ, Norbert: Štátny socializmus a Slovensko (1948-1989). State Socialism and Slovakia (1948-1989). Project No: 2/3031/23, Duration: 2003-2005.

3. KUBÍN, Ľuboš: Optimálna podoba volebného modelu pre podmienky Slovenska. (Optimum election model in the conditions of Slovakia. Project No: 2/1027/23, Duration: 2001-2003.
4. POLÁČKOVÁ, Zuzana: Zahraničná politika SR v Európe vo svetle slovensko-českých vzťahov. (Slovak Foreign policy in Europe in the light of the Slovak-Czech relations. Project No: 2/1142/23. Duration: 2001-2003.
5. PEKNÍK, Miroslav: MUDr. Vavro Šrobár – politik, publicista a národnoosvetový pracovník. MUDr. Vavro Šrobár - politician, journalist and public educationalist. Project No: 2/4152/04. Duration: 2004 – 2006.
6. POLÁČKOVÁ, Zuzana: Vstup SR do NATO a EÚ (Nové formulovanie zahraničnopolitických priorít) Accession of the Slovak Republic to the NATO and EU (Redefinition of Foreign Policy Priorities). Project No: 2/4090/04. Duration: 2004 – 2006.
7. JAŠŠOVÁ, Eva (Project Manager IPS SAS): Slovenská politická kultúra v médiách po roku 1989. Slovak Political Culture in Media after 1989. Project No: 2/6118/26. Duration: 2006-2008.
8. KMEŤ, Norbert (Project Manager IPS SAS): Komunistická moc na Slovensku – jazyk a prax. The Communist Power in Slovakia – Language and Practice. Project No: 2/6120/26. Duration: 2006-2008.

PROJECT REALIZED FROM NON-BUDGETARY RESOURCES (based on the cooperation treaty with the nongovernmental organization ASA Institute – “Analyses – Strategies – Alternatives.”)

The project is composed of two parts

- sociological research into public opinion and interpretation of results;
- compilation of expert opinions.

Results: PEKNÍK, MIROSLAV – BENKOVIČOVÁ, ĽUDMILA a kol.: Politický vývoj na Slovensku po roku 2006, (Political development in Slovakia); study (unpublished, designed for internal needs of the project-developing institution – IPS SAS and the commissioning institution – ASA Institute)

ii. List of national scientific conferences (co)-organised by the Organisation

[1] „The Prešov Days of Political Science, Prešov”, “The Left Wing and the Right Wing in Slovakia and in Europe ”. Prešov, 21-22 March 2003 (organizational participation of IPS SAS

due in terms of the "Framework agreement on the cooperation between IPS SAS and the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy, Prešov University"

[2] Theoretical approaches to identities. 11 February, 2004 in Bratislava

[3] „Continuity and discontinuity in conceptual sources and lines of the politics of Slovakia and V-4 countries, academic conference, 11 November, 2004, Bratislava. Audience: 50 people.

[4] „Laco Novomeský – cultured politician, politician in culture"; academic conference (on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his birth), 24 November 2004 in Bratislava, under the auspices of the Minister of Culture of SR. Audience: 50 people

[5] „The Prešov Days of Political Science, Prešov", October 2004, Prešov.(M. Pekník, J. Kiss), organizational participation of IPS SAS due in terms of the "Framework agreement on the cooperation between IPS SAS and the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy, Prešov University".

[6] Academic conference "Transformation of identities in the historic and present context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes". IPS SAS, the Institute of Economics SAS and the Institute of History SAS. Bratislava, 15-16 June 2005. Audience: 60 people

[7] Academic conference „Ethics and politics". The Trenčín University of Alexander Dubček, Trenčín. IPS SAS (co-organiser). 14 November 2005 Trenčín. Audience: 120 people.

[8] „The Prešov Days of Political Science, Prešov". Subject: „Civic society and national identity in the process of European integration". Prešov. Co-organizer IPV SAS. 7-8 April, 2005. Audience: 50 people.

[9] "Slovak political culture in media after 1989" (26 May, 2006, Bratislava), organizer IPS SAS. The seminar was held as part of the VEGA project "Slovak political culture in media after 1989". Project No: 2/6118/26, Project Manager: JAŠŠOVÁ, EVA.

[10] „ „The Prešov Days of Political Science, Prešov". Subject: „2006 elections in the V4 countries". Prešov. Co-organizer IPV SAS. 28-29 September, 2006, Prešov. Organizational participation of IPS SAS due in terms of the "Framework agreement on the cooperation between IPS SAS and the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy, Prešov University".

iii. List of national journals published by the Organisation

[1] Časopis pre politické vedy (Journal for Political Sciences), registered at the Ministry of Culture of Slovak Republic. First issue is ready for print and will be published in 2007.

iv. List of edited proceedings of national scientific conferences/events

- [1] MARUŠIAK Juraj – FERENCOVÁ, Michaela (eds.): Teoretické prístupy k identitám a ich praktické aplikácie. Zborník zo seminára. Bratislava, Veda, vydavateľstvo SAV 2005, 220 pp. ISBN 80-224-0843-3. (The Theoretical Approaches to the Identities and their Practical Applications. Seminar proceeding)
- [2] PEKNÍK, MIROSLAV – PETROVIČOVÁ, ELEONÓRA (eds.): Laco Novomeský – kultúrny politik, politik v kultúre. Bratislava, VEDA – vydavateľstvo SAV 2006, 287 pp. ISBN 80-224-0902-2. (Laco Novomeský – Cultural Politician – Politician in the Culture, Conference on the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Novomeský)

- **International/European position of the individual researchers**

- i. **List of invited/keynote presentations at international conferences, documented by an invitation letter or programme**

1. DULEBA, Alexander: International workshop „The European Union and Ukraine – New Relationship“, Batory Foundation, Warsaw, January 23-25, 2003. Presentation: Slovak-Ukrainian relations; Comments on Jakub Boratynski's paper: Impact of Schengen Acquis on mutual relations: movement of persons.
2. DULEBA, Alexander: Workshop „Carpathian Euroregion and External Borders of an Enlarged European Union: Confronting the Effects of Schengen“, Uzhgorod, March 27-29, 2003. Organizers: RC SFPA, NISS – Transcarpathian branch in Uzhgorod, European Study Center in Nyiregyhaza and the Carpathian Foundation in Kosice. Contribution: The JHA agenda in the Slovak – Ukrainian relationship: a Slovak perspective.
3. DULEBA, Alexander: Expert workshop “Strengthening Transatlantic Partnership”, Bratislava, 25 April 2003. Organizer: The German Marshall Fund of the United States. Discussant.
4. DULEBA, Alexander: Workshop “EU Accession: Practical Implications for Ukraine's Relations with its Central European Neighbours”, Kyiv, 22-24 May 2003. Organizer: EastWest Studies Institute, Kyiv office. Presentations: Slovak-Ukrainian economic and trade cooperation in the context of EU enlargement, Human contacts between Slovakia and Ukraine from the EU enlargement perspective, Impact of the EU enlargement on management of Slovak-Ukrainian border.
5. DULEBA, Alexander: Roundtable “Migration trends in Slovakia and their impact on national society”, 28 October 2003, Bratislava. Organizer: International Organization for Migration. Contribution: Impact of visa regime on Slovak-Ukrainian border regime.
6. DULEBA, Alexander: International workshop “Experience of Visegrad Countries on the Way to the EU: Perspectives for Ukraine”, Mukachevo, 30 October – 1 November 3, 2003. Organizers: National Institute for Strategic Studies, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. Presentation: Slovakia's Relations with Ukraine: what has brought us closer and what

- made us distant after 1991. Chairman of the Session No. 3 “V4 – Ukraine: samples of positive cooperation”.
7. DULEBA, Alexander: International conference “Readiness of candidate countries for the EU regional policy”, Bratislava, 3 – 5 November 2003. Organizers: SPPA, Vysoká škola ekonomická v Prahe, Akademia Administracji I Zarzadania V Przemyslu, EU Commission - PHARE, World Bank. Chairman of the Panel VII.: Future of the EU regional policy.
 8. HOLÁK, Martin: Aktivita Jozefa Šrámka v prvých rokoch druhého odboja a jeho vzťah k slovenským politikom v exile. Olomouc, 11.9.2003. ORGANIZÁTOR CHÝBA
 9. HOLÁK, Martin: Prednesený referát: Karol Sidor a druhý zahraničný odboj 1939 – 1943. Konferencia: Zjednocovanie antifašistických síl na Slovensku v roku 1943, vznik a činnosť ilegálnej SNR. MSNP, Banská Bystrica 19.-20.11.2003.
 10. JABLONICKÝ, Jozef: Šrobárova skupina a Flóra v roku 1943. Odborný seminár o zjednocovaní odboja. Organizátor: Múzeum SNP Banská Bystrica, 19.-20.11.2003.
 11. KISS, Jozef: Aktivita občianskych združení maďarskej menšiny na Slovensku v oblasti historiografie. Seminár pre učiteľov histórie v Čechách a na Slovensku. Česko-slovenské vzťahy, slovensko-české vzťahy. Liberec 25.-27.8.2003.
 12. KISS, Jozef: Vznik ústavného zákona o národnostiach v roku 1968. Konferencia: Alexander Dubček a slovenská jar 60. rokov – súčasť demokratických pohybov v Európe. Bratislava. 8. novembra 2003
 13. MARUŠIAK, Juraj – Kramar, Rostyslaw: 18. 3. 2003 – prednáška – súkromná Wyższa Szkoła Dziennikarska im. Melchiora Wańkowicza, Varšava, Poľsko – „Vzťah médií a moci na Ukrajine a na Slovensku“ seminár
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99. DULEBA, ALEXANDER: Conference „One year of the ENP action plans“, Helsinki, MFA, May 29-30, 2006. Organizers: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, Center for Applied Policy Research, and the Bertelsmann Stiftung.
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101. DULEBA, ALEXANDER: International workshop „Looking Towards the East. Connecting the German and Finnish EU Presidencies“, Berlin, December 17-18,

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 114. POLÁČKOVÁ Zuzana Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi a ideovo-politické zázemie jeho projektu európskej integrácie. Vystúpenie na medzinárodnej vedeckej konferencii v Brne Střední Evropa a evropská integrace, ktorá sa konala 10.5. 2006 v Brne, ČR.
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 118. MARUŠIAK, JURAJ: NGO Forum in Chisinau. People in Need, Czech Republic. Chisinau 26. 9. 2006.
 119. MARUŠIAK, JURAJ: Roads towards Democratization of the Transnistrian Region of the Republic of Moldova. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czech Republic – Institute for Public Policy, Moldova. Kišiňov, 26.-27. 9. 2006, aktívna účasť na konferencii.
 120. MARUŠIAK, JURAJ: International Conference „Striving towards EU: Moldova's progress from reforms to effective transformation.“ Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw - Institute for Development and Social Initiatives, Chisinau. Chisinau, 24.-25. 11. 2006, panel: Is the Central European states experience of transformation applicable to Moldova? , téma príspevku: možnosti regionálnej spolupráce medzi krajinami GUAM.

Notice: In the case of PhDr. Alexander Duleba, CSc., who is external researcher of IPS SAS we took into account, that during the years 2003-2005 his main place of work (Research Center of SFPA) took part on the project “Ideological sources and currents of Slovak politics”, developed in the framework of the State Program “The participation of the social sciences on the development of society,” No. 2003 SP 51/028 06 00/028 06 10 – 2003. The above mentioned presentations were performed and supported in the framework of this project.

ii. List of employees who served as members of the organising and/or programme committees for international conferences

1. PEKNÍK, Miroslav – HRONSKÝ, Marián: *„Historické korene integrácie strednej Európy. Integrované a dezintegrované procesy v strednej Európy v 20. storočí.“*

- Smolenice*, 26 – 28 April 2004. (Historic Roots of Integration in Central Europe. Integration and Disintegration Processes in Central Europe in the 20th Century)
2. JABLONICKÝ, Jozef - PEKNÍK, Miroslav - KMEŤ, Norbert: International academic conference „*Slovenské národné povstanie 1944 - súčasť európskej antifasistickej rezistencie v rokoch druhej svetovej vojny*“. (The Slovak National Uprising 1944 – an integral part of the European anti-fascist resistance in the years of WW II) (prepared in cooperation with the Museum of SNU Banská Bystrica, Military Historic Institute and IH SAS). Banská Bystrica, 30 – 31 August 2004.
 3. PEKNÍK, Miroslav: „Prípravný výbor Hodžových dní 2005“(Organization Committee of Milan Hodža Days 2005) in Martin, 23-24 June 2005 (in cooperation with the Government Office SR and other organizers, 2004-2005).
 4. POLÁČKOVÁ, Zuzana – KMEŤ, Norbert – MARUŠIAK, Juraj: „Transformácia zahraničnopolitických priorít SR po vstupe do Európskej únie.“ (Transformation of the Priorities of the Foreign Policy of Slovakia after the EU-accession) Bratislava, 30 September 2005. Organisers: IPS SAS, Society for Central and Eastern Europe, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences CU Bratislava. (Transformation of the Priorities of the Foreign Policy of Slovakia after the EU-accession)
 5. PEKNÍK, Miroslav – HRONSKÝ, Marián: Milan Hodža – politik a žurnalista“(Milan Hodža – politician and journalist), 23 June 2006, Martin
 6. PEKNÍK, Miroslav: „Alexander Dubček – významný Slovák a Európan“(Alexander Dubček – outstanding Slovak and European) (24-25 November 2006) in cooperation with ASA Institute „Analýzy – stratégie – alternatívy“.

iii. List of employees who served as members of important international scientific bodies (e.g. boards, committees, editorial boards of scientific journals)

- [1] JABLONICKÝ, Jozef: Member of Academic Board of the Czech-Slovak Documentation Centre, Prague, CR.
- [2] JABLONICKÝ, Jozef: Member of the editorial board of the periodical “Soudobe dějiny” (Contemporary History) issued by the Institute for Contemporary History AS CR.
- [3] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Member of the „Czech-Slovak/Slovak-Czech Commission of Historians.“
- [4] GREGUŠOVÁ, Gabriela: Member of the Executive Board of the European Political Science Network (EPSNet) for 2002 – 2005. Scope of activity: admission of new members - PhD students (Note: work at IPS SAS terminated in 2004).

- [5] Mgr. Juraj MARUŠIAK, PhD. Baltijskije issledovanija. Klub issledovatelej baltijskoj Jevropy – Rossijskij gosudarstvennyj universitet im. I. Kanta, Kaliningrad, Russian Federation.

iv. List of international scientific awards and distinctions

- [1] GREGUŠOVÁ, Gabriela: The award of the President of EPSNet for the enhancement of membership in organization, 2003.
- [2] MARUŠIAK, Juraj: The Visegrad Group Academies. Young Researchers Award 2005. Social Sciences and Humanities for Achievements in the field of Political Science. Wroclaw, Poland, 25 April 2005.

- **National position of the individual researchers**

- i. **List of invited/keynote presentations at national conferences documented by an invitation letter or programme**

- [1] DULEBA, Alexander: Prednáška na JF v Banskej Bystrici, 8. 4. 2003, téma: Rusko a Irak (Russia and Iraq, Jour Fixe SFPA, Banská Bystrica, lecture).
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- [3] DULEBA, Alexander: 10 rokov slovenskej zahraničnej politiky. (10 years of the Slovak foreign policy). Conference. Bratislava, 19 June 2003. The Slovak Society for Foreign Policy, The German Marshall Center of the United States. Paper presented on: Relations with eastern neighbours.
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- [6] DULEBA, Alexander: European security strategy. Seminar. Bratislava, 2 October 2003. SFPA, MZV SR, MO SR and FES Slovakia.

- [7] Transatlantic Trends. Workshop. 22 October 2003, Zichy's Palace. Organisers: GMF, SFPA and IVO. Moderator: Pavol Demeš, GMF. Major contributors: Craig Kennedy, prezident GMF, Oľga Gyarfášová, IVO. Comments: Alexander Duleba, RC SFPA and Martin Bútora, IVO.
- [8] DULEBA, Alexander: Security strategy of the Slovak Republic. Seminar. Bratislava, 2 December 2003. Intitute of defence and security of the Ministry of defence SR, RC SFPA. Moderator, Panel I: Security Strategy of SR 2001: Evaluation, Experience, Recommendations.
- [9] GREGUŠOVÁ, Gabriela: Slovensko – čínske a česko – čínske vzťahy v súvislosti so vstupom SR a ČR do Európskej únie. (The Slovak – Chinese and the Czech – Chinese relations with regard to the entry of the SR and CR into the EU) Seminar of doctoral students of the department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy Comenius University. Od samostatnosti k integrácii: Slovensko a Česká republika pred vstupom do Európskej únie. (From independence to integration: Slovakia and the Czech Republic prior to the EU accession) 22 November, 2003. Organiser: SZPV Bratislava.
- [10] HOLÁK, Martin: Od abdikácie po dekréty. (From abdication to decrees) Edvard Beneš in the second resistance. Conference: Prezidentské dekréty E. Beneša v povojnovom období. (E. Beneš's Presidential decrees in the post-war period). SVÚ SAV, Košice 25-26 November 2003.
- [11] HRONSKÝ, Marián: Uzlové udalosti domáceho odboja za prvej svetovej vojny. (The crucial events of the domestic resistance during WWI). The Czech Centre, Bratislava. Seminar on the occasion of the 85th anniversary of the CSR. October 2003.
- [12] HRONSKÝ, Marián: Niekoľko pohľadov na vznik Slovenskej národnej rady v roku 1918. (Some views on the establishment of the Slovak National Council in 1918). Seminar: Historické výročia Slovenskej národnej rady, (Historic anniversaries of the Slovak National Council), 20 November 2003, State Academic Library, Banská Bystrica.).
- [13] JABLONICKÝ, Jozef, 29 May 2003 – Podoby násilia. Štyri desaťročia represálií komunistického režimu na Slovensku. (The faces of violence). Conference: Four decades of the Communist repressions in Slovakia). Conference. Košice 29-30 May 2003. Organisers: Office of the Košice self-governing region – department of culture and the Eastern Slovakia museum in Košice.
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- [15] KUBÍN, Ľuboš: Rola politických aktérov pri konsolidácii demokracie na Slovensku. Seminár doktorandov Katedry politológie FiF UK: Od samostatnosti k integrácii: Slovensko a Česká republika pred vstupom do Európskej únie. 22.11.2003, organizátor: SZPV Bratislava. (The role of political actors in the consolidation of democracy in Slovakia. The pre-doctoral conference, Department of Political Sciences, Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University, Bratislava: From independence to integration. Slovakia and Czech Republic before EU-accession).
- [16] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Participation in the platform discussion: Česko-slovenské vzťahy v desaťročí po rozdelení. (The Czech-Slovak relations over the decade following the split). Organiser: The Slovak-Czech Commission of Historians. Bratislava: Czech Embassy, Czech Centre, 8 April 2003.
- [17] PEKNÍK Miroslav: Slovensko - české vzťahy pred rokom 1918. (The Slovak-Czech relations before 1918). The Czech Centre, Bratislava, October 2003.
- [18] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Úsilie slovenských politikov o konštituovanie SNR v predvojnových mesiacoch roku 1914. (Efforts of the Slovak politicians at the constitution of the Slovak National Council in the prewar month of 1914). Seminar Historické výročia Slovenskej národnej rady (Historic anniversaries of the SNC), 20 November 2003, State academic library, Banská Bystrica.
- [19] POLÁČKOVÁ, Zuzana: Inštitucionalizácia menšinových práv po I. svetovej vojne a Spoločnosť národov. (Institutionalisation of minority rights after WWI). Lecture organised by the Slovak Society for International Law, SAS, in cooperation with the Section of Social Analyses, Matica slovenská on 11 December 2003 in the Congress hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs SR, Bratislava, Hlboká 2.
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- [21] JABLONICKÝ Jozef: Slovenský štát 1939-1945. Prednáška. Organizátor Ústav pamäti národa Bratislava 9. októbra 2004. (Slovak Republic 1939-1945).

- [22] JAŠŠOVÁ Eva: Médiá v službe spoločensko-politických vizíí alebo prekážkou? (Media in the service of social-political visions or an obstacle?) Paper presented at a conference of the Alliance for the ethics of journalism "Etika komunikácie, kapitál v EU II", (Ethics of Communication, EU capital II) on 14 October 2004, Reduta, Bratislava.
- [23] JAŠŠOVÁ Eva: Mediálna a nemediálna komunikácia. (Media and non-media communication). Expert seminar of the deputies of the National Council SR and funkcionárov ĽS HZDS. Detva, November 2004.
- [24] KISS Jozef: Pokusy o vedecko-výskumnú činnosť v CSEMADOKU v rokoch 1968-1970. (Attempts at a research activity in CSEMADOK in 1968-1970). Conference on the 55th anniversary of the establishment of Csemadok. Dvorníky, 8 May 2004.
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- [27] KUBÍN Ľuboš: Úloha politických elít v 90-tych rokoch na Slovensku. (The role of political elites in th 1990s in Slovakia) In: kontinuita a diskontinuita v ideových zdrojoch a líniách politiky SR a štátov V-4. (Contuinity and discontinuity in conceptual sources and lines of the politics of SR and V4-countries). Bratislava 11 November 2004. Academic conference. IPS SAS, Department of political science and European studies, Faculty of Philosophy UKF, Department of ethical and civic education, Faculty of Law, CU.
- [28] MARUŠIAK, Juraj: „Postavenie Poľska v regióne strednej Európy a implikácie pre Slovensko v postintegráčnom období.“ (Poland's status in the region of Central Europe and the implications for Slovakia in the post-integration period) Conference „Kontinuita a diskontinuita v ideových zdrojoch a líniách politiky SR a štátov V-4,“ Bratislava, (Contuinity and discontinuity in conceptual sources and lines of the politics

- of SR and V4-countries), 11 November 2004. Organiser: IPS SAS Faculty of philosophy, UKF Nitra.
- [29] MARUŠIAK, Juraj: Slovensko-poľské vzťahy po vstupe do EÚ.. Conference „Poľsko-slovenské dopravné vzťahy a ich rozvoj. Bratislava, 6 December 2004. Organiser: Polish Embassy, Bratislava – Transport Society SVTS.
- [30] POLÁČKOVÁ, Zuzana: Reflexia slovensko-maďarských vzťahov v Rakúsku a Holandsku. (Reflection of the Slovak-Hungarian relations in Austria) Paper presented on 28 October 2004. In: Academic conference „Národ a národnosti na Slovensku v transformujúcej sa spoločnosti – vzťahy a konflikty. (Nation and nationalities in Slovakia in the transition society). 28-29 October 2004, Stará Lesná. Organiser: Institute of Social Sciences SAS.
- [31] ŠMIHULA Daniel: Otázka národnoštátnych záujmov v ére globalizácie. (The issue of national-state interests in an era of globalisation). In: kontinuita a diskontinuita v ideových zdrojoch a líniách politiky SR a štátov V-4. (Continuity and discontinuity in the conceptual sources and lines of the politics of SR and V4-countries). Bratislava 11 November 2004. Academic conference. IPS SAS, Department of political science and European studies, Faculty of Philosophy UKF, Department of ethical and civic education PF UK.
- [32] BLAHA Ľuboš: „Ľudské práva a sloboda“. (Human rights and freedom) 8-9 December 2005 – Conference on the international day of human rights „Význam ľudských práv v modernej spoločnosti: Slovensko rok po vstupe do EÚ“ (The significance of human rights in modern society) in Bratislava, the Bôrik Hotel, organised by the Government Office of SR and the Slovak National Centre for Human Rights.
- [33] DULEBA Alexander: „Vzťahy rozšírenej EÚ s východnými susedmi“. (Relations in the enlarged EU with eastern neighbours) In: Evaluation conference of the Slovak international politics, 6th annual conference, Bratislava (Congress Hall of the Slovak Foreign Ministry), 28 April 2005. Research Centre of the Slovak society for foreign policy, Konrad Adenauer Foundation.
- [34] DULEBA Alexander: Slovensko-ukrajinské vzťahy. (The Slovak-Ukrainian relations) In: Academic conference „Transformácie identít v historickom a súčasnom kontexte Slovenska so zreteľom na integračné procesy“, (Transformation of identities in the historic and present context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes. Bratislava, 15-16 June 2005. Organisers: IPS SAS, IH SAS and the Institute of Ethnology SAS.

- [35] DULEBA Alexander: „Vzťahy rozšírenej EÚ s východnými susedmi“. Konferencia „Bezpečná Európa“, Košice, 20. 10. 2005. Organizátori: Krajský úrad Košice, Ministerstvo vnútra SR. (Enlarged EU and its eastern neighbors. Conference: “Safe Europe.”)
- [36] HRONSKÝ, Marián: Slovenská sociálna demokracia za prvej svetovej vojny (1914 – 1918). (The Slovak social democracy during WWI (1914-1918). Academic conference: 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Slovak Social-Democratic Party. Bratislava, 1 July 2005, ASA)
- [37] JAŠŠOVÁ Eva: Kultúra v médiách v čase globalizácie versus riziká bulvarizácie. (Culture in media in an era of globalisation versus the risks of sensationalism. Seminar of the Association of the Slovak journalists, 15 December 2005.
- [38] KMEŤ Norbert: K slovensko-českým vzťahom a identite. (On the Slovak-Czech relations and identity). Academic conference „Transformácia identít v historickom a súčasnom kontexte Slovenska so zreteľom na integračné procesy“. (Transformation of identities in the historic and present context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes.) Organisers: IPS SAS, Institute of Economy SAS a IH SAS. Bratislava 15-16 June 2005.
- [39] KMEŤ Norbert: Postavenie cirkví na Slovensku v období budovania komunistckej moci (1948-1951). (The status of Churches in the period of building of Communist power) (1948-1951) In: Duchovné hodnoty pre dnešok. (Spiritual values for today). Martin 23-25 September 2005. Organiser: Lutheran Congregation Martin, Lutheran media program, Bratislava, Society for Creative Work etc.
- [40] MARUŠIAK Juraj: Regionálna spolupráca v strednej Európe a SR. (Regional cooperation in Central Europe and SR) Conference: Zahraničná politika SR po vstupe do EÚ a NATO. (Slovakia's foreign policy following its entry into EU and NATO). Organiser: SFPA Research centre SFPA - Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. Annual conference of the foreign policy of SR. Bratislava, 28 April 2005.
- [41] MARUŠIAK Juraj: Postintegračná dimenzia slovensko-poľských vzťahov a ich úloha pri formovaní spoločnej visegrádskej identity. (Post-integration dimension of the Slovak-Polish relations and their role in the formation of the common Visegrad identity) Conference: „Transformácie identít v historickom a súčasnom kontexte Slovenska so zreteľom na integračné procesy. (Transformation of identities in the historic and present context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes) Bratislava, 15 June 2005. Organisers: IPS SAS, IH SAS, IET SAS.

- [42] PEKNÍK Miroslav: Etika v politických postojoch Alexandra Dubčeka v rokoch 1990-1992. (Ethics in the political attitudes of Alexander Dubček in 1990-1992). Academic conference Etika a politika. Trenčianska univerzita Alexandra Dubčeka v Trenčíne. IPS SAS coorganiser. 14 November 2005 Trenčín.
- [43] POLÁČKOVÁ Zuzana: Vývoj definície menšiny v 20. storočí, (Development of the definition of minority in the 20th century). Conference „Transformácie identít v historickom a súčasnom kontexte so zreteľom na integračné procesy“, (Transformation of identities in the historic and present context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes) Bratislava 15-16 June 2005, Organisers: IPS SAS – IH SAS - Institute of ethnology SAS.
- [44] ZELENÁKOVÁ Milena: Dva vstupy Samuela Zocha do slovenskej politiky. (Twoentries of Samuel Zoch into the Slovak politics) In: Osobnosti a politické strany. (Personalities and political parties). IH SAS, Bratislava 27 September 2005.
- [45] DULEBA, ALEXANDER: Evaluation conference of the foreign policy of SR for 2005, VII annual conference, 4 April 2006, Bratislava, Congress Hall of Ministry of Foreign Affairs SR. Organisers: Research centre SFPA, n.o., Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. Opening, participation in Panel III. Priority zahraničnej politiky SR (Priorities of the foreign policy of SR) Slovakia's relations with Ukraine.
- [46] DULEBA, ALEXANDER: Vyžiadaná prednáška v rámci zasadania Rezortnej koordinačnej skupiny MZV SR pre SZBP, Bratislava, 5. 4. 2006, MZV SR na tému: Situácia po parlamentných voľbách na Ukrajine, scenáre pre formovanie novej vlády a dopad na vzťahy Ukrajiny s EÚ. (lecture for resort coordination group for Common Foreign and Security Policy, Ministry of foreign affairs, Slovak Republic, topic: Situation after the parliamentary elections in Ukraine, scenarios of the formation of new government and their impacts for the relations Ukraine – EU).
- [47] DULEBA, ALEXANDER: Session of the working group for Common foreign and security policy of the national convent on EU on The issue of Cyprus and Slovakia's potential contribution to its resolution. Bratislava, SFPA Library, 1 March 2006.
- [48] DULEBA, ALEXANDER: Prednáška pre členov The Federation of Paasikivi Societies (Fínsko) v Bratislave (knihnica SFPA) dňa 21. 4. 2006 na tému: Zahraničná politika SR po vstupe do NATO a EÚ. (Foreign policy of Slovakia after the EU and NATO accession)
- [49] JAŠŠOVÁ, E.: Radio communication of politicians through the prism of empathy as one of the elements of the ability to persuade the recipient. Paper

presented at an expert seminar of the research team working on the VEGA grant project The Slovak political culture in the media held on the floor of IPS SAS.

- [50] JAŠŠOVÁ, E. : Šance komunálnej politiky v potláčaní sociálno-patologického javu – prostitúcie, (Chances of communal politics in the suppression of socially pathological phenomenon – prostitution). Paper presented at a conference Exclusion and social situation in Slovakia, held on the floor of the Sládkovičovo Institute on 12 October 2006.
- [51] JAŠŠOVÁ, E. : Médiá – inšpirácia k socializácii alebo asocializácii? (Media – inspiration to socialization or asocialization?) Paper presented at a conference KOMedia on the floor of UKF, Nitra, June 2006.
- [52] KMEŤ Norbert: Bratislavský cirkevný zbor v období nástupu komunizmu. (In: 400. výročie založenia prvého Evanjelického a.v. cirkevného zboru v Bratislave. (400th anniversary of the foundation of the first Lutheran Church congregation in Bratislava). 23-25 March 2006. Organisers: CZ ECAV Bratislava and the Society for creative work. Venue: Pálffy's Palace, Zámocká St. Bratislava.
- [53] ŠTAFFA, IVAR: Slovensko a Svätá stolica v rokoch 1939-1945. (Slovakia and the Holy See in 1935-1945). Conference Slovensko a Svätá stolica, (Slovakia and the Holy See). Trnava 5-7 September 2006. Organiser: IH SAS – Faculty of Education, Trnava University.
- [54] ZELENÁKOVÁ, MILENA: : 400. výročie založenia evanjelického a. v. cirkevného zboru v Bratislave. (400th anniversary of the foundation of the first Lutheran Church congregation in Bratislava) Bratislava, 24 – 25 March 2006, Paper: Vybrané aspekty cirkevného života bratislavských evanjelikov po roku 1918. (Selected aspects of the Church life of the Bratislava Lutherans after 1918).

Notice: In the case of PhDr. Alexander Duleba, CSc., who is external researcher of IPS SAS we took into account, that during the years 2003-2005 his main place of work (Research Center of SFPA) took part on the project “Ideological sources and currents of Slovak politics”, developed in the framework of the State Program “The participation of the social sciences on the development of society,” No. 2003 SP 51/028 06 00/028 06 10 – 2003. The above mentioned presentations were performed and supported in the framework of this project.

ii. **List of employees who served as members of organising and programme committees of national conferences**

- [1] MARUŠIAK, Juraj - BENKOVIČ, Boris - ŠUTAJOVÁ, Jana – TÓTH, Branislav: „*Teoretické prístupy k identitám*“. (Theoretical Approches to Identities) 11 February 2004 v Bratislave.

- [2] PEKNÍK, Miroslav – KISS, Jozef: „*Prešovské politologické dni*“, (Days of Political Science in Prešov 2004) October 2004 Prešov.
- [3] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: „*Úsilie o demokraciu a európsku integráciu v strednej Európe – význam osobnosti Alexandra Dubčeka*“. Academic seminar - 10th annual Memorial Days of Alexander Dubček). 29-31 October 2004 v Uhrovec.
- [4] PEKNÍK, Miroslav – KMEŤ, Norbert – Petrovičová, Eleonóra: „*Kontinuita a diskontinuita v ideových zdrojoch a líniách politiky SR a štátov V-4*“, vedecká konferencia, (Contiuity and discontinuity in the conceptual sources and lines of the policy of Slovakia and V4 countries) 11 November 2004, Bratislava.
- [5] PEKNÍK, Miroslav – PETROVIČOVÁ, Eleonóra: „*Laco Novomeský kultúrny politik, politik v kultúre*“, vedecká konferencia (pri príležitosti 100-ho výročia narodenia), 24.11.2004 v Bratislave. (Laco Novomeský – Cultured Politician – Politician in Culture) Conference on the 100th anniversary of Novomeský's birth)
- [6] MARUŠIAK, Juraj - ŠUTAJOVÁ, Jana – TÓTH, Branislav – ŠTAFFA, Ivar – ZELÉNÁKOVÁ, Milena: Academic conference „Transformácia identít v historickom a súčasnom kontexte Slovenska so zreteľom na integračné procesy“. (Transformation of identities in the historic and present context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes) IPS SAS, IE SAS a IH SAS. Bratislava, 15-16 June 2005.
- [7] JAŠŠOVÁ, Eva: “Slovenská politická kultúra v masmédiách po roku 1989” (The Slovak political culture in the media after 1989” (26 May 2006, Bratislava), organiser: IPS SAS. Seminar in the framework of VEGA project)

iii. List of employees serving in important national scientific bodies (e.g. boards, committees, editorial boards of scientific journals)

- [1] The Slovak Historic Society – PhDr. Marián Hronský, DrSc., PhDr. Miroslav Pekník, CSc.
- [2] The Slovak Association for Political Science – Mgr. Gabriela Gregušová, PhD. PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Member of the Slovak National Committee of Historians

Scientific councils

- [1] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Scientific council of Faculty of political sciences and international relations UMB Banská Bystrica, member (1998-2004).
- [2] KREJČÍ, Oskar: Scientific council of Faculty of political sciences and international relations UMB Banská Bystrica, member (since 1997).
- [3] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Scientific council of University of St. Cyril a Methodius, Trnava, member (since 2003).

- [4] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Scientific council of Institute of natural and humanity sciences of University of Alexander Dubček, Trenčín, member (since 2006).
- [5] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Scientific council of Slovak national library, member (since 2006).
- [6] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Scientific council of the Museum of the Slovak National Uprising, member (since 2006).

[3] List of national awards and distinctions

- [1] JABLONICKÝ, Jozef: Cena ministra kultúry SR za významný prínos do slovenskej historiografie (2003). (The Award of the Minister of Culture for the significant contribution to the Slovak historical science)
- [2] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: „Pamätná medaila Alexandra Dubčeka“ (Spoločnosť A. Dubčeka, 2003). (Commemorative Medal of Alexander Dubček) (A. Dubček society, 2003)
- [3] PEKNÍK, Miroslav – HRONSKÝ, Marián – JABLONICKÝ, Jozef: „Cena SAV za popularizáciu vedy“ za celoročný rozhlasový seriál „*Cesta k samostatnosti v dokumentoch slovenskej národnej identity a štátnosti*“ (2004). (The Award of SAS for the popularization of science – Yearlong radio series “The road to independence in the documents of the Slovak national identity and statehood)
- [4] KISS Jozef: Cena Zoltána Fábryho udelená za výsledky výskumu najnovších dejín maďarskej menšiny na Slovensku a dejín slovensko-maďarských vzťahov a za historickú publicistiku. Košice, 5.12.2004. (Zoltán Fábry award for the research into the contemporary history of Hungarian minority in Slovakia and the history of Slovak-Hungarian relations)
- [5] MARUŠIAK, Juraj: Cena Predsedníctva SAV za 2. miesto v Súťaži mladých vedeckých pracovníkov SAV“ (2005). (The Award of the Presidium of SAS, 2nd position in the competition of young researchers of SAS, 2005)
- [6] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Osobný list predsedu vlády SR riaditeľovi ÚPV SAV s poďakovaním za prípravu a realizáciu medzinárodnej vedeckej konferencie Milan Hodža a európska integrácia pod záštitou premiéra (8.7.2005). (Personal letter of the Slovak Prime Minister to the Director of the Institute of Political Science with the expression of gratitude for the preparation and organization of the academic conference Milan Hodža and European Integration under the patronage of the Prime Minister SR, 23 June 2005, Martin)

- [7] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Osobný list prezidenta SR riaditeľovi ÚPV SAV s ocenením za rozvoj politických vied v SR. (24.11.2005). (Personal letter of the President of SR to the Director of IPS SAS with the expression of gratitude for the development of political science in Slovakia)
- [8] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Strieborná medaila Alexandra Dubčeka, Trenčianska univerzita Alexandra Dubčeka, Trenčín (2006) (The Silver Medal of Alexander Dubček, Trenčín University, 2006)
- [9] Publication „ZAVACKÁ, MARÍNA: Kto žije za ostnatým drôtom. Oficiálna zahraničnopolitická propaganda na Slovensku 1956-1962: teórie, politické smernice a spoločenská prax. (Who lives behind the Gooseberry. The Official Foreign Policy Propaganda in Slovakia 1956-1962: Theories, Political Directives and Social Practice) Bratislava, VEDA – Publishing House of SAS 2005, 168 p.“, published by the Institute of Political Science SAS within the National Research Program „*Transition of identities in the historic and present context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes*“, 1st prize in the competition of the young researchers of SAS under 35, 2006, 1st prize within Section III SAS.
- [10] JABLONICKÝ, Jozef: „Pribinov kríž I. stupňa“ (Pribina Cross, 1st Degree, 2006)
- [11] PEKNÍK, Miroslav: Expression of gratitude for the help and cooperation in 2006, Municipal Office, Uhrovec.

Supplementary information and/or comments documenting international and national status of the Organisation

Board of Directors, Section III SAS – President PhDr, Miroslav PEKNÍK, CSc.

MARUŠIAK, Juraj: Participation in the organisation of the exhibition Slovakia and its new challenges. Exhibition staged by VEDA – Publishing House of SAS, commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovak Representative Office in Brussels and the Presidium of SAS.

4. Project structure, research grants and other funding resources

- **International projects and funding**

- i. List of major projects within the European Research Area – 5th and 6th Framework Programme of the EU, European Science Foundation, NATO, COST, INTAS, CERN, etc. (here and in items below please specify: type of project, title, grant number, duration, funding, responsible person in the Organisation and his/her status in the project, e.g. coordinator, principal investigator, investigator)**

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- ii. List of other international projects incl. funding**

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- iii. List of other important projects and collaborations without direct funding**

[1] GREGUŠOVÁ, Gabriela: Expert reviewer of the findings of the project by Lori Thorlakson from the University of Nottingham: Lori Thorlakson: Professional Practice in European Political Science. EpsNet Reports # 8. Paris, epsNet, 2003, p. 101.

[2] GREGUŠOVÁ, Gabriela: Participation in the project of Indiana University (USA) concerning the questionnaire on political subjects in SR (2003).

[3] BENKOVIČ, Boris: Participation in the project „*Developing the practical skills of human right monitoring and advocacy*“ supported by the European Commission. The project was realized on the floor of the Slovak Helsinki Committee and is aimed at monitoring the image of ethnic and other minorities in the most watched Slovak media. Field stage of the project (monitoring) lasted 12 months and a total of 5400 data items were processed statistically (2003).

[4] POLÁČKOVÁ, Zuzana, Project Manager: „Die Stellung der Minderheiten in der CSR, in Österreich und in Ungarn zwischen beiden Weltkriegen.“ The project has been conducted in cooperation with the Austrian Academy of Sciences - bilateral project is based on the inter-academic agreements (IAA; the Slovak abbreviation MAD). (The project was launched in 2000)

- **National projects and funding**

**i. List of projects supported by the Agency for the Promotion of Research and Development (APVV/APVT), National Research Programmes, and their funding
The State programs of the research and development (the Slovak abbreviation ŠPVV)**

- [1] „*Ideological sources and currents of Slovak politics*”(the project of the State program “*Participation of humanities in the development of society*”); Project number: 2003 SP 51/028 06 00/028 06 10 – 2003), duration: 2003-2005. Project coordinator: PhDr. Miroslav Pekník, CSc.
- [2] “*Transformation of Identities in the Historic and Prtesent Context of Slovakia with regard to the Integration Processes*” (the project of the State program for young scientists and researchers „Encouragement of personality growth and talent of young research and development workers ans doctoral students under 35”, of the sub-program „The implementation of outstanding projects in supprot of the professional growth of young research and development workers and doctoral students”, Project number: 2003 SP 51/028 09 00/028 09 12 – 2003), duration: 2003-2005. Project coordinator: Mgr. Juraj Marušiak, PhD.
- [3] IPV SAS participated in the project of the state program of the Insitute for Forecasting SAS “” (Development forecast and the implementation of science and technology until 2015). Project No: 2003 SP 51/028 07 00/028 07 01. Project Manager: Ing. Štefan ZAJAC, CSc. (Duration: 2003-2004)
- [4] IPS SAS participated in the project of the Institute of Social Sciences SAS “Nation, nationalities and ethnic groups in the transition society” of the state research and development program “*Participation of humanities in the development of society*”. Project Manager: Prof. PhDr. Štefan Šutaj, DrSc. Project No: 2003 SP 51/028 06 00/028 06 06. (Duration: 2003-2005).

IPS SAS was the main coordinator of the projects „*Ideological sources and currents of Slovak politics*”and “*Transformation of identities in the historic and present context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes*”. Both received rating 4 in the final opponencies (i.e. “very good project with a very high standard”)

Slovak Research and Development Agency (APVV)

On 21 July 2006, IPS SAS submitted the completed project under the general appeal of APVV “Conceptual and institutional development of the Slovak politics after 1989 and its

prospects”, registration number APVV - 0039-06 (Project coordinator: PhDr. Miroslav PEKNÍK, CSc.). To this day, IPS SAS has not been delivered the resolution.

Centre of Excellence

IPS SAS, jointly with IH SAS - Project coordinator, has won the project of the Centre of Excellence of SAS („Centre of Excellence for the Research of crucial questions of modern Slovak history“, Head of the centre - PhDr. Valerián Bystrický, DrSc. Mgr. Juraj Marušiak, PhD. is in charge of the coordination of activities of the Centre of Excellence within the IPS SAS).

- i. **Number of projects supported by the Scientific Grant Agency of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Education (VEGA) for each year, and their funding**

VEGA	2003	2004	2005	2006
number	4	4	3	4
funding (millions of SKK)	0,122	0,185	0,189	0,298

• **Summary of funding from external resources**

External resources	2003	2004	2005	2006	total	average
external resources (millions of SKK)	10,015	4,648	3,810	0,650	19,123	4,781
external resources transfered to cooperating research organisations (millions of SKK)	9,804	3,506	2,855	0,000	16,165	4,041
ratio between external resources and total salary budget	3,216	1,346	1,059	0,175	5,796	1,449
overall expenditures from external as well as institutional resources(millions of SKK)	14,167	10,490	10,666	7,448	42,771	10,693

Supplementary information and/or comments on research projects and funding resources

5. Organisation of PhD studies, other pedagogical activities

- i. List of accredited programmes of doctoral studies (as stipulated in the previously effective legislation as well as in the recently amended Act on the Universities)

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- ii. Summary table on doctoral studies (number of internal/external PhD students; number of students who completed their study by a successful thesis defence; number of PhD students who quitted the programme)

PhD study	31.12.2003			31.12.2004			31.12.2005			31.12.2006		
number of potential PhD supervisors												
PhD students	number	defended thesis	students quitted	number	defended thesis	students quitted	number	defended thesis	students quitted	number	defended thesis	students quitted
internal	7	2		8	3		5			3	2	
external	20			28			26	2		25		
supervised at external institution by the research employees of the assessed organisation												

- iii. Postdoctoral positions supported by

a) external funding (specify the source)

b) internal funding - the Slovak Academy of Sciences Supporting Fund of Stefan Schwarz

Mgr. Juraj Marušiak: „Job interviews of SAS for young research workers”. 50 % of its prospective salary fund (class 11). (2003, January 2004 - lasting)

iv. Summary table on pedagogical activities in undergraduate programmes for each year

Teaching	2003	2004	2005	2006
lectures (hours/year)	20	20	50	300
practicum courses (hours/year)	20	20	46	200
supervised diploma works (in total)	2	2	5	15
members in PhD committees (in total)	5	5	5	4
members in DrSc. committees (in total)	1	2	2	2
members in university/faculty councils (in total)	2	2	2	2
members in habilitation/inauguration committees (in total)	2	2	1	2

v. List of published university textbooks

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vi. Number of published academic course books

vii. List of joint research laboratories/facilities with the universities

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viii. Supplementary information and/or comments on doctoral studies and pedagogical activities

Participation of doctoral students in the institute's research activity

Completion of the project "Transformation of identities in the present and historic context of Slovakia with regard to the integration process" under the state program for young research and development workers "Encouragement of personality growth and talent of young research and development workers and doctoral students under 35" of the subprogram "The implementation of outstanding projects in support of professional growth of young researchers and doctoral students", No.: 2003 SP 51/028 09 00/028 09 12- 2003, duration: 2003- 2005 can be regarded as an achievement of IPS SAS in the area of academic training which went beyond the framework of the Institute and even SAS itself. IPS SAS worked as the coordination centre of the project. Work on the project involved both internal and external doctoral students of the Institute and doctoral students and young researcher workers from other SAS institutes (Institute of History, Institute of Ethnology, Institute of State and Law), universities (Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Constantine the Philosopher, Nitra, University in Bratislava) and other non-academic research and development institutions (Department of media research of the Slovak Radio, Research Centre of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Society for Central and Eastern Europe, Matica slovenská). In 2006, the above-mentioned project received rating 4 in the final opponent reviews (very good project with a very high standard). While working on the project, an integrated multidisciplinary team of young scholars with the main focus on the issues of identities emerged. A total of 56 participants took part in the work on the project. Participation in this task has significantly contributed to the successful completion of doctoral study of 9 project team members by defending their theses and gaining a PhD-degree.

Participation in the educational work abroad

On annual basis, IPS SAS takes active part in the academic training abroad. Following the framework agreement on cooperation with the Department of history and civic education of the Faculty of Education, Technical University, Liberec (Czech Republic) it coordinated the XVI annual seminar for teachers of history and civic education, historians and archivists both from Slovakia and from the Czech Republic "The Czech-Slovak relations/ the Slovak-Czech relations" on 24-25 August 2006. The subject of this year's event was "The World and Czechoslovakia from crisis to crisis (October 1956- October 1962) – the Czechs and the

Slovaks in a period of the Cold War.” The Department receives all book outputs produced by IPS SAS.

Doctoral study – problems with inadequate staffing

Over the period of 2003-2006, the situation around the doctoral study on the Theory of Politics was difficult; only two institutes - the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations, UMB Banská Bystrica, and the department of Political Science, FF UU, Bratislava, were entitled to supervise and conduct doctoral defences in the field. As a result, there were increasing numbers of students applying for PhD studies at the institute, which put a strain on the institute's academic workers. To cope with this uneasy situation, an “Agreement on a future agreement” was signed between the Faculty of Philosophy, CU, Bratislava, and the IPS SAS, Bratislava, on the cooperation in the preparation and organization of doctoral studies on 29 April 2004. Owing to the high number of doctoral students, who are supposed to complete their studies by the end of 2010, by late 2004 we decided to stop admitting further applicants in the immediate future.

The case of an external PhD.- student of IPS SAS PhDr. Róbert Ondrejcsák

In 2005, the IPS SAS found itself in an unusual position with regard to PhD-study. Following a successful defence of two of our external PhD students - Mgr Ľuboš Kubina and PhDr.Róbert Ondrejcsák, a precedent was created when the Academic Council of the FA CU in Bratislava did not grant a PhD degree to PhDr.R.Ondrejcsák. Letter of doc.PhDr.Anton Eliáš PhD,, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy CU - No. VED 6661/2005 of November 2 2005 to PhDr.Róbert Ondrejcsák reads as follows: *“For approval of a proposal to grant academic degree “philosophiae doctor” in accordance with the Internal Order of the Faculty of Arts CU in Bratislava, Article 3 Section 7 an approval of the majority of over 50% all members of the council is required. During the voting on the proposal to grant academic degree “philosophiae doctor”, the Academic Council of the Faculty of Philosophy CU in Bratislava expressed its position in the following way: the Academic Council of FP CU has 32 members, of the 23 presented during the voting procedure, 15 voted for, 4 voted against. 4 votes were not valid. As a result, the Academic Council of FP CU did not approve the proposal to grant an academic degree “philosophiae doctor”.”*

Since, in the view of IPS SAS, the doctoral study of PhDr,. Róbert Ondrejcsák was completed successfully, we asked in Letter No.323/2005 of November 11 2005 the Rector of Comenius University for the clarification, as the relevant piece of legislation does not take such possibility into account.. Moreover, the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations UMB had not used its right to conduct doctoral defences in the field of “Theory of

Politics". In Letter No.197/2005/OL of December 20 2005, Vice-Rector of CU JUDr.Mária Duračinská CSc. informed us that *"the Rector will investigate our appeal"*. In Letter No. 48/2006/OL of February 3 2006, Rector of CU doc.PhDr.František Gáher PhD. sent a reply both to PhDr. Róbert Ondrečsák and the IPS SAS that: *"within the scope of authority of the self-governing body it is not possible to act beyond the legal norms and the decision not to grant an academic degree is to be respected"*

The case of Mgr Pavol Lukáč, external PhD student of IPS SAS

In 2006, VEDA – the Publishing House of SAS, issued an unfinished thesis of untimely deceased PhD-student Pavol Lukač under the title "Milan Hodža in the struggle for future of Central Europe in 1939-44 " prepared for publication by Dr.Štefan Šebesta and Prof.PhDr.Pavol Petruf DrSc. Subsequently, the Director of the IPS SAS addressed doc.PhDr.František Gáher PhD, Rector of Comenius University, requesting to grant Pavol Lukáč an academic degree PhD in memoriam (Letter of Director of IPS SAS No.285/2006 of October 26 2006). However, talks with doc. PhDr. Anton Eliáš CSc, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy CU and Vice-Dean for science doc.PhDr.Ladislav Kiczko CSc were not succesful as the relevant piece of legislation does not allow for such a move (not even the granting a PhDr. degree). Thus, it is within the autohirity of the Rector of CU to decide whether he will create such precedent "via facti".

6. Direct output to the society

(applications of results, popularisation and outreach activities)

Cooperation of the IPS SAS with the decision-making bodies

The work on the projects of the state program „Conceptual sources and lines of the Slovak politics“ has, since their launch in 2003, aroused active interest of the decision-making bodies in the results of the academic activity of IPS SAS. The institute was successively addressed by the Office of the President of SR, the National Council of SR, the Slovak Government Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of SR, the Ministry of Defense of SR and the Ministry of Culture of SR. This cooperation was enhanced by the fact that some research workers of the above-mentioned institutions directly participated in the work on the

project „Conceptual sources and lines of the Slovak politics“ of the state research and development program „Participation of humanities in the development of society“ including Miroslav Mojžita (Foreign Ministry), Urban Rusnák (Foreign Ministry), Viliam Roth (President's Office), Milan Ježovica (Government Office). Further representatives of the younger generation working in the decision-making institutions were admitted to doctoral study in the IP SAS.

The cooperation assumed various forms – expert activity, provision of selected results from academic research, provision of requested book publications produced by the institute, participation in the work sessions of the state administration bodies including reception with the President of the Republic, the President of the Slovak National Council and the Prime Minister.

1. Cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of SR and Ministry of Defense of SR

Minister of Foreign Affairs of SR Eduard Kukan officially asked the Director of the IPS SAS by Letter No.201.975/2004 - KAMI of September 9, 2004, for *“the provision of selected research results to meet the needs of the officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs”*; these results were part of the outcome of the project „Conceptual sources and lines of the Slovak politics“, which *„has also been joined by some of the Ministry staff.“* At the same time, in his letter, Minister Kukan wrote as follows: *„I believe ... that such policy will constitute a further contribution to the implementation of the agreement on mutual cooperation and support between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic and the Slovak Academy of Sciences of November 2000.“*

On this request, IPS SAS submitted to the Slovak Foreign Ministry selected results of the sociological research into public opinion (June, October 2004) conducted jointly with the Media Research Department of the Slovak Radio. The materials included:

- Citizens' opinions on selected EU issues (183 p.)
- Public's opinions on selected EU issues and cross-border cooperation I.-II. (501p.)

Mutual contacts are documented by correspondence between the Director of IPS SAS and the Slovak Foreign Minister (Letter by the Director of IPS SAS No. 342/2004 of 5 October 2004; Letter of Gratitude by Minister Kukan (Letter No. 202.233/2004-KAMI of 15 October 2004; Letter by the Director of IPS SAS No. 424/2004 of 13 December 2004).

Further lines of cooperation between IPS SAS and the Slovak Foreign Ministry included the compilation and publication of a book by Miroslav Mojžita entitled „Formation

of the Slovak Diplomacy in 1990-1993. Kňažko – Demeš - Kňažko“ as part of the project „Conceptual sources and lines of the Slovak politics“.

The book presentation and the academic symposium on this subject were held on 20 December 2004 at the Slovak Foreign Ministry with the participation of Minister Eduard Kukan, the former ministers Milan Kňažko and Pavol Demeš, numerous experts, current and former ambassadors and other diplomats. This was a prestigious event not only for IPS SAS but also for the Slovak Foreign Ministry and became an expression of the agreement between the Slovak Foreign Ministry and SAS. The symposium was moderated by PhDr. Milan Zemko CSc., member of the Presidium SAS.

In the course of events, the Institute of Political Science moved in advance to the application stage of the research results of the project „Conceptual sources and lines of the Slovak politics“ in political practice when the Slovak Foreign Ministry requested 250 copies of this publication for its internal needs. Thus, investment of the financial resources in the research proved fruitful (Letter of the Slovak Foreign Ministry No. 100.504/2004; ARDO/162 of 6 December 2004; Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 423/2004 of 13 December 2004; Letter of the Slovak Foreign Ministry – unnumbered/2005-ARDO of 20 January 2005; Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 56/2005 of 22 February 2005).

In the last days of 2004, the Slovak Foreign Ministry provided financial resources in the amount of SKK 466 300 for the publication of a book by Šebesta Štefan (ed.): „Partnerstvo pre bezpečnosť a rozvoj. Dokumenty NATO z rokov 2002 – 2004“ (Partnership for security and development. NATO Documents from the period of 2002 - 2004), Volume III of the edition of IPS SAS (Letter by the Director of IPS SAS No. 407/2004 of 2 December 2004; agreement between the Slovak Foreign Ministry and the VEDA Publishing House).

The Slovak Defense Ministry participated in the preparation of the book by providing its expertise. This is confirmed by the forewords of the ministers of both departments (Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 322/2005 of 3 November 2005). Dr. Štefan Šebesta, author of the book, worked as a member of the Board of External Advisors to the Foreign Minister.

In this context, it is necessary to mention that on 28 November 2005, Mgr. Juraj Marušiak, PhD., research worker of IPS SAS, took part in the round-table meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of SR with the participation of representatives of the diplomatic corps and non-governmental organizations as well as deputies of the National Council of SR summoned by Minister E. Kukan and State Secretary M. Vášáryová. The subject of the talks was conceptual framework of the policy of the Slovak Republic towards Belarus in the context of the upcoming presidential elections in the country in March 2006.

Research worker of the Institute Mgr. Juraj Marušiak, PhD. took part in the electoral observer missions organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic in the framework of the OSCE missions and missions organized by the NGO's financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the presidential elections in Ukraine (November 2004), Belarus (March 2006) and on the parliamentary elections in Ukraine (March 2006).

Particular interest in the implementation of results achieved by IPS SAS on the part of the Slovak Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of Defense is exemplified by a monograph „Geopolitics of the Central European Region. The view from Prague and Bratislava“ by Oskar Krejčí published by IPS SAS late in September 2005 in VEDA, Publishing House of the SAS. Officials of both departments requested IPS SAS to provide a number of copies for the internal needs of both ministries. The Ministry of Defense received 100 copies (Letter of the Ministry of Defense of SR, Č. p.: seŠT-2-96/2005 of 18 November 2005; Letter of IPS SAS No. 342/2005 of 30 November 2005). With regard to the Slovak Foreign Ministry, interest was shown first by embassies in Syria, Ukraine, Indonesia, Serbia and Monte Negro and Austria. Subsequently, Slovak Foreign Minister E. Kukan requested another 100 copies of the publication as, in his words, *„it will find everyday application as an information source both in the Slovak Ministry and in our diplomatic missions and Slovak institutions abroad“* (Letter No. 201.498/2005-KAMI of 12 October 2005; Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 341/2005 of 30 November 2005).

The above-mentioned letter of 30 November 2005 by the Director of IPS SAS informed Foreign Minister E. Kukan that the Publishing House of SAS would soon issue a collective monograph Benkovič B., Krejčí O., Pekník M., Žárska, E.: „Verejná mienka a politika. Medzinárodné vzťahy a zahraničná politika Slovenskej Republiky (Public opinion and politics. International relations and international policy of the Slovak Republic)“, which did materialize. The monograph includes elaborated results of sociological research into public opinion, a preliminary copy of which we presented to the Slovak Foreign Ministry in advance, in 2004.

2. Cooperation with the Slovak Government Office

In 2004, IPS SAS followed on from the previous cooperation with the Slovak Government Office in 2002, when on the occasion of transport of the remains of Milan Hodža from the U.S.A to Slovakia and their burial in the National Cemetery in Martin on 27 June 2002 our book publication Pekník, M. a kolektív: Milan Hodža – štátnik a politik (Milan Hodža – statesman and politician) was presented at Turiec Hotel to tie in with the event. The book was issued with the financial contribution of the Slovak Government Office (Accreditation Report of the IPS SAS for 2002-2003, p. 13).

In this context, on the initiative of Slovak Prime Minister Mikuláš Dzurinda in summer 2004 a more broadly conceived project „Milan Hodža days in Martin“ was launched, which was intended to promote and develop the conceptual heritage of M. Hodža both in Central European and in broader European context. By 2004, several meetings were held to that effect (Annual Activity Report of the IPS SAS for 2004, pp. 23-24). As a result, in the following year on 23 – 26 June 2005 under the auspices of Slovak Prime Minister Mikuláš Dzurinda a large-scale event was held under the title „Milan Hodža Days 2005“ in Martin. The Slovak Academy of Sciences, particularly IPS SAS and later also the Institute of History SAS played a substantial part in the preparation and materialization of the event.

„Milan Hodža Days in Martin 2005“ were co-organized by the Slovak Government Office, the Slovak Academy of Sciences, the Slovak National Library in Martin, the Slovak Society for Foreign Policy, the town of Martin, the Slovak Chamber Theatre in Martin, the Board of National Culture, the village of Sučany, Milan Hodža Secondary School at Sučany. Since early that year, we participated in several meetings in Martin and Bratislava to ensure detailed preparation of the event.

Within the adopted conceptual framework, IPS SAS became the guarantor of the international academic conference „Milan Hodža and the integration of central Europe“, committing itself to working out the future schedule of Hodža events in Martin with a time horizon until 2010. The institute also committed itself to becoming a consultant on the selection of themes for the countrywide secondary students competition „Hodža’s Essay“, finding a jury, selecting the winners, and, additionally, to compiling expert comments on the theatre performance Hodža: Grandseñor v halene (Hodža: Grand signor in a peasant smock) “, which was premiered in Martin as part of the event and which has been in the repertoire of the Slovak Chamber Theatre in Martin since autumn 2005.

IPS SAS has also participated in the media presentation of the event. Beyond the planned promotion of the event, the institute has organized the presentations of IPS SAS research workers (M. Pekník, M. Hronský) and Milan Hodža’s grandson John Palka in the Slovak Radio („Contact Studio“ of 17 June 2005 and „At first hand“ of 27 June 2005, reporter Lýdia Mrázová).

To enhance media presentation of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in the official information and promotion campaign organized by the Government Office, we decided to present SAS as a whole; IPS SAS and the Institute of History SAS were mentioned independently only during the international academic conference „Milan Hodža and the integration of Central Europe“. The significant position of the Slovak Academy of Sciences among the organizers of Milan Hodža Days was emphasized by the protocol of the Slovak

Government Office, when the President of the Slovak Academy of Sciences was listed immediately after Prime Minister M. Dzurinda.

In creating the conceptual framework, we took into account the intention of the Slovak Government Office to organize Milan Hodža Days on a regular basis. To that effect we avoided a comprehensive presentation of Milan Hodža's activities and prepared a series of individual topics with regard for the future presentations. The conference was built around the presentations of the SAS research workers. IPS SAS was represented by Dr. Miroslav Pekník, Dr. Marián Hronský, Dr. Jozef Kiss and Dr. Štefan Šebesta, who, jointly with the research workers of the Institute of History SAS, provided the backbone of the selected subject. They offered a vivid picture of the development of Hodža's views on the integration of Central Europe before WWI and in the interwar period, when Hodža became a renowned politician and statesman, and, finally, of their eventuation into his political heritage – a book „Federation in Central Europe“ and a memorandum on the post-war policy of the Allies in Central Europe.

It may be stated that the international conference „Milan Hodža and the integration of Central Europe“ was not an ordinary academic event. Along with the strengthening of national and state traditions, it has contributed to a growing interest of the highest state officials in the study and popularization of life and work of outstanding personalities of the Slovak political life in the past. The political heritage of Milan Hodža and on the other hand also of Alexander Dubček, as well as of other personalities, their views, plans and conceptions have reverberated in the minds of contemporary statesmen and politicians and may also serve as inspiration for the formation of the Slovak politics in the future.

The Slovak Academy of Sciences and its institutes have in this respect achieved solid results, which have been presented abroad. This was acknowledged and emphasised, in the presence of President of SAS prof. Ing. Štefan Luby, DrSc. and the participants of the international academic conference „Milan Hodža and the integration of Central Europe“ in Martin, by Slovak Prime Minister Mikuláš Dzurinda in his opening speech. He expressed his gratitude for the organization of the conference with a wish that the conference proceedings would soon get in the hands of the public and the event would be held in the following year. This appreciation and wish was also expressed in a personal letter to the Director of IPS SAS of 8 July 2005.

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At the request of Director of the Prime Minister's Office Mgr. Viktória Jančošková in a letter of 5 May 2006, the institute provided selected book publications from the academic production of IPS SAS and from research work on the projects of state research and development program „Conceptual sources and lines of the Slovak politics“ and „Transition

of identities in the contemporary and historical context of Slovakia with the main focus on the processes of integration” for the internal needs of Slovak Prime Minister M. Dzurinda and for practical applications (Letter of the Director of IPS SAS, No. 121/2006 of 19 May 2006).

Milan Hodža Days were also organized in 2006, again under the auspices of Prime Minister Mikuláš Dzurinda. The event began on Thursday, 22 June 2006 by a commemorative act at Milan Hodža’s grave in the National cemetery in Martin. Slovak Prime Minister Mikuláš Dzurinda, members of Milan Hodža’s family, Mayor of Martin Stanislav Bernát, mayor of the town of Sučany Milan Rybár, citizens of Martin and other honorary guests took part in the event.

At an afternoon meeting with youth at the Theatre Square, the Prime Minister awarded the Prize of Milan Hodža to Ján Langoš in memoriam, for his political activity and meritorious work in the preservation of documents of the Institute of National Memory.

On 23 June 2006, at the academic conference in the auditorium of the Slovak National Library at Hostihora a number of presentations were delivered under the title „Milan Hodža - politician and journalist“. The audience included experts and admirers of Milan Hodža, students from Martin secondary schools and other participants. The conference was opened by doc. PhDr. Dušan Katuščák, CSc., General Director of the Slovak National Library and Milan Hodža’s grandson, prof. John Palka from the U.S.A. The expert guarantor of the academic conference was IPS SAS. Presentations were delivered by PhDr. Miroslav Pekník, CSc., PhDr. Marián Hronský, DrSc., Dr. Jozef Kiss, CSc., and Mgr. Norbert Kmeť, CSc. The overall number of presenters both from Slovakia and from the Czech Republic was 14. The proceedings from the conference will be available next year.

During the Martin celebrations, two books on Milan Hodža issued by IPS SAS in 2006 were presented. They included a collection of studies from the 2005 conference edited by M. Pekník under the title „Milan Hodža and the integration of Central Europe“, which was introduced at the conference. An unfinished doctoral thesis by Pavol Lukáč, a prematurely deceased doctoral student of IPS SAS, entitled „Milan Hodža in the struggle for the future of Central Europe in 1939 – 1944“ was edited and prepared for publication by JUDr. Štefan Šebesta and prof. PhDr. Pavol Petruf, DrSc. The book was introduced by Rudolf Chmel, then Minister of Culture and author of the foreword at the Theatre square.

The selection of winners of the essay competition took place at Sučany at the presence of State Secretary of the Slovak Foreign Ministry Magda Vášáryová and Milan Hodža’s grandson – John Palka. The motto of the essays was Hodža’s quotation from the Slovak Weekly of 1903: „*If we Slovaks are to become anything, we cannot rely on anyone or anything else but our own work and our common sense*“. This served as a stimulus for the students to think about their own future and success. Entries were sent by 19 secondary school students from all over the country.

The continuing project along with the prepared conceptual framework for the period until 2010 is an essential condition for the regular holding of the event. Establishment of the tradition where the Slovak Prime Minister shares the heritage of Milan Hodža – the first Slovak Prime Minister in the Czechoslovak government, is a worthy tribute of this outstanding politician and statesman.

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Following the parliamentary elections, in the latter half of 2006 cooperation with the Slovak Government Office (Slovak Prime Minister's Office; Slovak Prime Minister's Advisory Board) continued in multiple directions.

On 7 July 2006, during a meeting of the Director of IPS SAS and Ľ. Benkovičová with Deputy Prime Minister Dušan Čaplovič, IPS SAS was requested to provide book publications from the production of IPS SAS and research work on the projects of state research and development program „Conceptual sources and lines of the Slovak politics“ and „Transition of identities in the contemporary and historical context of Slovakia with the main focus on the processes of integration“ (Letter of the Director of IPS SAS, No. 182/2006 of 10 July 2006). IPS SAS was also asked to conduct expert studies on the Program Statement of the Slovak Government. The following institute's research workers participated: Ľ. Benkovičová, Ľ. Blaha, M. Hronský, E. Jaššová, N. Kmeť, J. Kiss, O. Krejčí, J. Marušiak, M. Pekník, D. Šmihula along with close cooperators of IPS SAS (Letter of Slovak Prime Minister Róbert Fico of 28 July 2006; Letter of Director of IPS SAS No. 203/2006 of 31 July 2006). Subsequently, on 2 August 2006 a meeting was held in the National Council of SR between the Slovak Prime Minister and IPS SAS research workers (Krejčí, M. Pekník), when the Prime Minister expressed his gratitude for the studies.

Further cooperation with the Slovak Government Office and the Prime Minister's Office in particular was specified after the meeting of Chairman of the Slovak Prime Minister's Advisory Board Dr. V. Faič with the Director of IPS SAS. The Chairman of the Slovak Prime Minister's Advisory Board welcomed the material „Proposal for the cooperation between IPS SAS and the Slovak Prime Minister's Office“, which was to some extent similar to the agreement on cooperation with the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic (Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 211/2006 of 10 August 2006).

Within the agreed cooperation, the Prime Minister's Office was presented with book publications for the internal need of the Prime Minister and the Advisory Board (Letter by the Director of IPS SAS No. 234/2006 of 5 September 2006 and No. 255/2006 of 3 October 2006).

IPS SAS was, along with the Institute of Economic Research SAS (main guarantor) and the Institute for Forecasting SAS, called to prepare and complete the project „The strategy of development of Slovakia until 2013. The vision for Slovakia until 2030“, adopted

by the Government of SR. In this context, several meetings were held between August and December at which ideas about the conceptual framework and research team crystallized (on 28 August 2006; on 5 September 2006; on 12 September 2006; minutes of 13 November 2006; minutes of 14 December 2006). The government was represented by the Chairman of the Advisory Board and the Minister of Economy.

On the initiative of the President of SAS at the meeting of directors of Section III SAS on 27 September 2006 on the improvement of contacts with the decision-making bodies and support of the basic research in SAS from the state organs, cooperation between IPS SAS and the Slovak Prime Minister's Office through the Advisory Board acquired a new dimension, which was not directly linked with the work of the institute. Based on the talks between the Director of IPS SAS and Chairman of the Advisory Board V. Faič a proposal was submitted for the establishment of the Centre of molecular medicine. The authors of the proposal were prof. RNDr. Jaromír Pastorek, DrSc. and Ing. Albert Breier, DrSc., directors of the Institute of Virology SAS a Institute of Molecular Physiology a Genetics SAS. The accompanying letter to the material stated: *„Owing to the fact that both these institutes are renowned and recognized abroad, their proposal may be regarded as an unofficial „model“ – and one of the possibilities of how to proceed in the following period in the area of support for the basic research in SAS while at the same time placing emphasis – on the part of the Slovak Government – on the application of the research results for the benefit of the state“* (Letter of Director of IPS SAS No. 254/2006 of 3 October 2006 and No. 344/2006 of 21 December 2006).

Cooperation with the Slovak Government Office has gained a significant academic dimension through the organization of the international academic conference „Alexander Dubček – outstanding Slovak a European“ held on 24–25 November 2006 in Bratislava and Trenčín under the auspices of Slovak Prime Minister Róbert Fico as part of the Memorial Days of Alexander Dubček.

3. Cooperation with the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic

Based on the results of our sociological public opinion research within the project „Conceptual sources and lines of the Slovak politics“ of the state research and development program „The role of social sciences in the development of society“, from early 2004 our contact with the Slovak President's Office was rather frequent. Due to the political situation – referendum, presidential elections and Roma unrest - the Director of IPS SAS and other research workers were repeatedly summoned to the meetings in the office of then President R. Schuster (official invitation for the Director of IPS SAS of 26 January 2004; No. 1220/2004 BA of 18 February 2004 and e-mail of the SAS President).

Newly elected President of the Slovak Republic Ivan Gašparovič equally showed interest in the academic work of our institute. On 14 July 2004, Director of IPS SAS was visited by Director of the Secretariat of the President of SR Dr. Marián Parkányi. The subject of talks was potential cooperation and the application of results of the institute's academic research for the internal use of the Slovak President's Office. To this effect, talks were held between Head of the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic Milan Čič and the Director of IPS SAS on 2 August 2004 in Bratislava and on 29 August 2004 in Banská Bystrica. As a result, we worked out a „Proposal of IPS SAS for cooperation with the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic“. (Letter by the Director of IPS SAS No. 320/2004 of 10 September 2004). In the proposal we laid out our ideas and real possibilities of cooperation while emphasizing that *„the centre of our cooperation with the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic would... – owing to the profile of IPS SAS – unambiguously be the provision of selected academic results gained from the completed or running research projects. As for the so-called operational cooperation, this is, given the low staffing level of IPS SAS, impossible, and if at all, then only sporadically.“* The proposal was accepted by the Slovak President's Office and cooperation in 2004 took place in the following manner.

1. Based on further talks and official requests of Director of the President's Secretariat Dr. Marián Parkány (Letters of 3 September 2004, of 4 October 2004 and 1 December 2004) we provided selected research results of IPS SAS for the internal use of President of the Slovak Republic Ivan Gašparovič:

a) Within the project „Conceptual sources and a lines of the Slovak politics“ of the state reserach and development program „The role of social sciences in the development of society“ - material was compiled from the sociological research into public opinion conducted in cooperation with the media research department of the Slovak radio:

- The image of President of the Slovak Republic Ivan Gašparovič (191 p.);
- Citizens' views on the selected EU issues (183 p.);
- Public's views on the selected issues of the European Union and cross-boarder cooperation I. – II. (501 p.).

b) Within the project „Transition of identities in the contemporary and historical context of Slovakia with the main focus on the integration processes“ and the subprogram „The implementation of outstanding projects in support of the professional growth of young research and development workers and doctoral students“, of the state research and development program „Encouragement of personality growth and talent of young research and development workers and doctoral students under 35“:

- Benkovič Boris: „The image of Roma in the selected Slovak media“ – doctoral thesis, defended in September 2004;

c) Book publications from the production of IPS SAS (22 titles) within the above-mentioned "IPS SAS proposal for cooperation with the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic." (Letters from the Director of IPS SAS to the President of the SR – No. 316/2004 of 6 September 2004; No. 343/2004 of 6 October 2004; No. 411/2004 of 3 December 2004).

2. Even though the Proposal for Cooperation with the President's office did not include operational cooperation, on the telephone request of the President of SAS prof. Ing. Štefan Luby, DrSc., on 15 October 2004, when the SAS President promised to solve problems with the provision of the salary fund for IPS SAS for the approved limit of workers early in 2005, we reversed our decision. IPS SAS carried out evaluation of conceptual materials on the work of the President of SR. Their opponency took place on 22 November 2004 at the meeting in the President's Office (Letter of Head of the President's Office Acad. Milan Čič No. 4969/2004 – BA of 12 November 2004; Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 432/2004 of 24 November 2004). The meeting concluded that IPS SAS would participate in further work in accordance with the requests of the Office of the President of SR ((Letter No. 4969/2004 – BA of 3 December 2004). Thus, we extended our cooperation to the area despite the insufficient staff, which we had pointed out earlier.

Our effort was also appreciated by the President of the Republic himself. He expressed his gratitude both for the provided materials and for the cooperation with the President's Office personally to the Director of IPS SAS at a meeting in the President's Palace at the office of the Director of the Secretariat of the President of the Slovak Republic on 4 January 2005.

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Cooperation with the Office of the President of the Republic continued on a systematic basis also in 2005. In a practical form, it developed officially through the Director of IPS SAS in the following manner:

1. On the basis of discussions and written requests of Director of the Secretariat of the President of the Republic Dr Marián Parkányi, President of the Republic Ivan Gašparovič was supplied with the materials produced within the project „Conceptual sources and lines of the Slovak politics“ of state research and development program „The role of social sciences in the development of society“ as well as with the results of other academic research work of IPS SAS. They particularly included selected results from sociological research into public opinion conducted jointly with the Media research Department of the Slovak Radio, academic studies and requested expert materials.

- Based on the discussion with the Director of the Secretariat of the President of the Slovak Republic, on 4 January 2005 a material was sent under the title „Proposal for the

scope of the small round-table discussions on international issues“ (Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 15/2005 of 14 January 2005),

- Public's opinion on the current issues of the internal and international policy“ (*requested by the letter of Director of the Secretariat Dr. M. Parkányi of 10 January 2005 and supplied with the accompanying letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 22/2005 of 21 January 2005*),
- materials for the small round-table discussion on international issues at the office of the President of the Slovak Republic in connection with the preparation of the Bush-Putin summit in Bratislava (*requested by the letter of Director of the Secretariat Dr. M. Parkányi of 25 January 2005 and supplied with the accompanying letters of the Director of IPS SAS No. 31/2005 of 1 February 2005, No. 41/2005 of 10 February 2005*),
- „General public on the current issues of the interior policy“ (*Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 80/2005 of 18 March 2005*),
- „Citizens' views on the selected EU issues“ (*Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 80/2005 of 18 March 2005*),
- „Public's physical activity, sports and country representation in the program objectives of the President of the Slovak Republic“ (*Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 97/2005 of 7 April 2005*),
- „Development of the system of mass communication in Slovakia“ (*Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 113/2005 of 19 April 2005*),
- „The Slovak Radio through the eyes of the public“ (*Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 113/2005 of 19 April 2005*),
- „Communication of the representatives of political and public life on the Slovak Radio waves in the program „The Night Dialogues““ (*Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 113/2005 of 19 April 2005*),
- „International security and politics“ (*Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 130/2005 of 5 May 2005*),
- „Views on the issues of foreign and security policy“ (*requested by the letter of Director of the Secretariat Dr. M. Parkányi of 21 November 2005, letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 337/2005 of 29 November 2005*),
- „Citizens on the development of the Slovak society in the next decade I-II“ (*requested by the letter of Director of the Secretariat Dr. M. Parkányi of 21 November 2005, letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 337/2005 of 29 November 2005*),
- „Views on the principles and methods of the naming of new streets, buildings, squares, bridges etc“ (*requested by the letter of Director of the Secretariat Dr. M.*

Parkányi of 21 November 2005, letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 337/2005 of 29 November 2005),

- „Political horizons of the Slovak Republic until 2015, version I“ (*requested by the letter of Director of the Secretariat Dr. M. Parkányi of 21 November 2005, letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 337/2005 of 29 November 2005),*
- Vision of the development of physical activity and sports performed by the Slovak population (revised and completed material from 7 April 2005) (*requested by the letter of Director of the Secretariat Dr. M. Parkányi of 14 December 2005, letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 362/2005 of 16 December 2005),*
- „The roots of militant Islam in the Near East“ (*requested by the letter of Director of the Secretariat Dr. M. Parkányi of 14 December 2005, letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 362/2005 of 16 December 2005).*

In addition to the materials mentioned above, IPS SAS also supplied the latest publications from the production of the institute in 2005.

Small round-table meetings presented a special form of cooperation. With regard to the prepared summit of the presidents of the USA and the Russian Federation in Bratislava, IPS SAS was requested to prepare and write background materials for a small round-table meeting with president of the Slovak Republic Ivan Gašparovič held on 9 February 2005; the focus of the discussion was „Current issues in the international relations and the foreign policy of the Slovak Republic.“

IPS SAS was represented by prof. PhDr. Oskar Krejčí, CSc. and the director of the institute. As a result of the 90-minute meeting, President Ivan Gašparovič expressed a request that further small round-table meetings were held in a similar form with the focus on current political issues (invitation of 2 February 2005; informing letter of the Director of IPS SAS sent to the SAS President No. 45/2005 of 15 February 2005).

The next round-table meeting with the President of the Republic was held on 13 April 2005. The subject of the discussion was selected results of the sociological research into public opinion gained during the work on the project „*Conceptual sources and lines of the Slovak politics*“ of the state research and development program „*The role of social sciences in the development of society*“. They referred to the relations between politics and mass media, their statutory nature as well as other issues of the interior and foreign policy of the Slovak Republic. Since the research was conducted jointly with the Slovak Radio Media Reserach Department, the meeting was participated – besides the Director of IPS SAS – by research workers in the relevant area - PhDr. Ivan Sečík, CSc. a PhDr. Ľudmila Benkovičová, CSc., who reported on the issue. At the end of the meeting, President Ivan Gašparovič spoke favorably of the presented materials and appreciated the existing cooperation with the SAS (informing letter of the Director of IPS SAS to the SAS President

No. 104/2005 of 15 April 2005). He expressed his satisfaction with the cooperation in a personal letter to the director of the institute, in which he appreciated the contribution of IPS SAS to the development of political science in Slovakia (24 November 2005).

With regard to the above-mentioned activities of IPS SAS, we asked President of the Slovak Republic Ivan Gašparovič to accept our request for his patronage of the international academic conference „MUDr. Vavro Šrobár – politician, journalist and educationalist“ held on 25-26 October 2005 on the floor of Comenius University, which he did (Letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 220/2005 of 19 July 2005; Letter of the President's Office No. 4248-2005-BA z 3.8.2005).

2. Already at the beginning of our work contacts with the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic, we stated in the material „IPS SAS proposal for the cooperation with the Office of the President of the SR“ the following: *As for the so-called operational cooperation, this is, given the low staffing level of IPS SAS, impossible, and if at all, then only sporadically.*“ As already mentioned, on the telephone request of President of SAS prof. Ing. Štefan Luby, DrSc., on 15 October 2004 – in the interests of the prestige of SAS – we were more obliging to the demands of the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic in this respect (Report on the work of IPS SAS for 2004, p. 25). It must be stated however that in the following period, in 2005, this was not very easy and the material in question had to be processed by the Director of IPS SAS himself.

In 2005, IPS SAS followed on from the previous work on the evaluation of the conceptual materials on the work of the President of the Slovak Republic. On the request of Head of the office of the President of the Slovak Republic prof. JUDr. Milan Čič, DrSc. and Director of the Department of Interior Policy Ing. Boris Sopira, we processed and submitted further background materials, which included:

- Conceptions of the solution of the Slovak issue before WWI.
- Lines of the Slovak politics in 1914-1920.
- Ideological currents and political parties in 1945-1948.
- Lines of the Slovak politics of the 1960s in the present context.
- Changes after 1989 and their acceptance in the society.
- From state paternalism to one's own accountability.
- The governance of political parties at the expense of professionalism in the control of state and public affairs.
- Authority and credibility of the executive power and parliament, respect in the relations between three highest political representatives.
- Ethnic identity from the perspective of ethnology.
- National identity, national and cultural traditions.
- The paradoxes of our time.

- A change of the lifestyle of the population with all the positives and negatives
- Development, state and prospects of education system in the Slovak Republic
- The development of modern social state.

(Letter of acad. M. Čič No. .4969/2004-BA of 12 November 2004; Letter of Ing. Sopira No.. 4969/2004-BA of 3December 2004; and accompanying letters of the director of IPS SAS to the submitted materials No.. 52/2005 of 17 February 2005; No. 72/2005 of 3 March 2005; No. 76/2005 of 9 March 2005).

In connection with the preparation of the „Report on the state of the republic“, IPS SAS was officially requested to analyze the notes and comments on the proposed text. In addition to internal staff, the task was undertaken by several external research workers of IPS SAS. The director of the institute and prof. Oskar Krejčí accepted the invitation to express their opinions on the presented Report on the State of the Republic immediately after the address of the president of the Slovak Republic in the National Council of the Slovak Republic on 22 June 2005 in a live Slovak Radio broadcast (accompanying letter of the Director of IPS SAS No. 156/2005 of 26 May 2005 – Position and comments concerning the material „Report on the State of the Republic“, radio program „At first hand“, moderator Lýdia Mrázová).

On 19 – 20 September 2005, at the working discussion at Modra – Harmónia organized by Head of the Office of the President of the Republic prof. JUDr. Milan Čič, DrSc. - to the effect of his letter No. 38 28/2005-BA of 15July 2005 – the subject of discussion was sustained cooperation on studies extended by further topics, on which IPS SAS had worked in the previous period. This cooperation with the Office of the President of the Republic, supplemented with the requested book production of IPS SAS, continued until early December 2005. Owing to the fact that, by that time, despite our requests, the promise of the president of SAS to provide financial resources for the salary fund (tariff salaries) in the required amount had not been fulfilled, we were forced to downsize the number of research staff. Therefore, the director of the institute was forced to inform Head of the Office of President of SR prof. JUDr. Milan Čič DrSc. in a Letter No. 350/2005 of 8 December 2005 that „*as a result of downsizing, the current personnel size of the IPS SAS is insufficient to complete the required volume of work. At the same time, we stated in the letter that „nevertheless, we will strive to sustain the working contacts with the Secretariat of the President of the SR related to Mr President’s needs.“* The letter was sent to the information of the President of SAS and Vice-President of SAS for Section III SAS (Letters of the Director of IPS SAS No. 301/2005 of 19 October 2005; No. 339/2005 of 30 November 2005; No. 340/2005 of 30 November 2005; 344/2005 of 1 December 2005; No. 350/2005 of 8 December 2005).

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In the course of 2006, Director of the Secretariat of the President of SR Dr. M. Parkányi requested the following book publications from the production of IPS SAS:

- PEKNÍK, MIROSLAV (ed.): Verejná mienka a politika. Medzinárodné vzťahy a zahraničná politika Slovenskej republiky, Bratislava, VEDA Publishing House of SAS 2005, 201 p.
- BLAHA, ĽUBOŠ: Sociálna spravodlivosť a identita. Bratislava: VEDA, 2006. 164 p. ISBN 80-224-0891-3.
- CIGÁNIK, Ľ. JAŠŠOVÁ, EVA: Terorizmus – od komunikácie s aktérom teroru pri oslobodzovaní rukojemníkov až po opatrenia štátov v boji proti nemu. Bratislava: VEDA, 2006. 373 p. ISBN 80-224-0892-1.
- KREJČÍ, OSKAR: Nová kniha o volbách. Prague: Professional Publishing, 2006. 484 p. ISBN: 80-86946-01-0
- ZAVACKÁ, MARÍNA: Kto žije za ostatným drôtom. Oficiálna zahraničnopolitická propaganda na Slovensku 1956-1962: teórie, politické smernice a spoločenská prax. Bratislava, VEDA – Publishing House of SAS 2005, 168 p. ŠPVV: 2003 SP 51/028 09 00/028 09 12 – 2003, Ministry of Education SR.

(Letters by the Director of IPS SAS No. 99/2006 of 2 May 2006; No. 145/2006 of 9 June 2006; No. 305/2006 of 13 November 2006).

In his letter of 28 June 2006, Director of the Interior Policy Department of the Office of the President of SAS Boris Sopira requested the director of the institute to send ten copies of each of the following book publications from the production of the IPS SAS for the internal use of the Office of the President SR (Letter No. 184/2006 of 12 July 2006):

- PEKNÍK, MIROSLAV et al.: Milan Hodža a integrácia strednej Európy. Bratislava, VEDA – Publishing House of SAS 2006, 205 p. ŠPVV: 2003 SP 51/028 06 00/028 06 10 – 2003, MŠ SR. ISBN 80-224-0913-8.
- PEKNÍK, MIROSLAV (ed.): Verejná mienka a politika. Medzinárodné vzťahy a zahraničná politika Slovenskej republiky, Bratislava, VEDA – Publishing House of SAS 2005, 201 p.
- KREJČÍ, OSKAR: Nová kniha o volbách. Praha: Professional Publishing, 2006. 484 s. ISBN: 80-86946-01-0

- ZAVACKÁ, MARÍNA: Kto žije za ostatným drôtom. Oficiálna zahraničnopolitická propaganda na Slovensku 1956-1962: teórie, politické smernice a spoločenská prax. Bratislava, VEDA – vydavateľstvo SAV 2005, 168 s. ŠPVV: 2003 SP 51/028 09 00/028 09 12 – 2003, MŠ SR.
- BLAHA, ĽUBOŠ: Sociálna spravodlivosť a identita. Bratislava: VEDA, 2006. 164 p. ISBN 80-224-0891-3.
- KMEŤ, NORBERT – MARUŠIAK, JURAJ (eds.): Slovensko a režim normalizácie. Prešov, Publishing House of Michal Vašek 2003, 304 p.
- ČURDA, JIŘÍ – ZATLKAJ, PAVOL: Cesta Slovenska do NATO. Niektoré aspekty integračného úsilia Slovenska v rokoch 1993-2002. Bratislava, VEDA – Publishing House of SAS 2003, 156 p.
- KUBÍN, ĽUBOŠ: Rola politických elít pri zmene režimu. Bratislava, VEDA – Publishing House of SAS 2002, 177 p.
- SOPÓCI, JÁN: Záujmové skupiny v slovenskej politike v deväťdesiatych rokoch. Bratislava, VEDA – Publishing House of SAS 2004, 190 p.
(Letter of the Director of SAS No. 184/2006 of 12 July 2006.)

President of the Republic Ivan Gašparovič expressed his appreciation of the cooperation with IPS SAS in a personal letter to the Director of IPS SAS of 24 November 2005 and later also during the reception of Director of IPS SAS and prof. O. Krejčí on 6 June 2006. During the meeting, the results of the parliamentary elections in the Czech Republic and the issue of the upcoming elections to the National Council SR were analyzed. At the same time, the Head of state was informed about the preparation of a more broadly conceived international project „Memorable Days of Alexander Dubček“, which was to be undertaken on the occasion of the 85th anniversary of his birth. On this occasion, the President was asked to take the patronage of the event, which he accepted.

4. Cooperation with the National Council of SR

In addition to the work of Dr. Ľuboš Blaho at the Secretariat of the President of the National Council SR, cooperation developed with the Foreign Committee of the Slovak National Council and its President Boris Zala. From the summer of 2006, on the floor of the Secretariat of the Committee, meetings were held to ensure the preparation of the international academic conference „Alexander Dubček – a prominent Slovak and European“ and the participation of foreign guests. Alongside IPS SAS, representatives of the Trenčín University of Alexander Dubček, the Alexander Dubček Society, A.S.A. and the village of Uhrovec took part in them. (6/9/2006; 8/9/2006; 13/9/2006; 12/10/2006; 22/11/2006).

On the request of President of the Foreign Committee of the Slovak National Council Boris Zala of 8 September 2006, the Secretariat of the Committee received book publications from the production of IPS SAS (Letter No. 1217-27/2006 ZV NR SR).

5. Cooperation with the Ministry of Culture SR

On 24 November 2004, under the auspices of Minister of Culture Rudolf Chmel, a conference was held under the title „Laco Novomeský – politician in culture, cultured politician“ in the Slovak National Museum in Bratislava. Its expert guarantor was IPS SAS. The publication of the collection of papers under the same title by VEDA – Publishing House of SAS was made possible through the financial contribution of the Ministry of Culture. Minister of Culture Rudolf Chmel also financially contributed to the publication of another book title produced by our institute - Pavol Lukáč: „Milan Hodža v zápase o budúcnosť strednej Európy v rokoch 1939 – 1944“ (“Milan Hodža in the struggle for the future of Central Europe in 1939-1944). On behalf of the prematurely deceased author it was edited and prepared for publication by JUDr. Štefan Šebesta and prof. PhDr. Pavol Petruf, DrSc. (Letter of the Director of SAS No. 142/2005 of 16/5/2005).

Summary

In the previous years, IPS SAS has achieved a special position in the cooperation with the decision-making bodies due its orientation towards „live“ politics and contacts with the highest state representatives. The degree of this cooperation did not result from the initiative of the management of the institute and its founding charter but predominantly from the preeminent interest of the Foreign Ministry, Ministry of Defense, the Government Office, the Office of the President SR, the National Council of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Culture and their representatives in the application of the latest results of the research activity of IPS SAS in political practice. Thus, financial resources invested in the research into political science have returned to the state in a tangible form.

i. List of the most important results of applied research projects

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ii. List of the most important studies commissioned for the decision-making authorities, the government and NGOs, international and foreign organisations

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iii. List of the most important popularisation activities

As known from the 2000-2003 Accreditation Report of the IPS SAS (pp. 19-20), our institute achieved remarkable results in this area. Evident increase in the academic output in the form of book production has called forth a new approach to the presentation before expert and general public. In 2000, IPS SAS began to cooperate on a systematic basis not only with printed but also with electronic media, particularly with the Slovak Radio.

The IPS SAS research workers frequently spoke in a radio program “Historia magistra vitae” on the Devin radio channel (reporter Dr. Táňa Kusá) and in the program “Contact Studio” (Mgr. L. Mrázová). The latest results of interdisciplinary research into social processes of IPS SAS and humanities research base were presented both on the radio and in newspaper articles. Furthermore, the institute directed its attention towards discussions on major social-political subjects in an effort to raise the general public’s awareness of their significance. In this respect, IPS SAS took deliberate steps to create an integrated conception of the institute’s presentation in the media in compliance with the current requirements of the social and political life.

The “SAS Award for the popularization of science” signifies the quality of promotion of academic results of the IPS SAS research workers jointly with the Slovak Radio. The SAS Presidium gave this award to two Slovak Radio reporters - Dr. Táňa Kusá in 1999 and Mgr. Lýdia Mrázová in 2003. The media presentation of IPS SAS was equally appreciated by the SAS Presidium (Minutes of the 35th session of the Presidium of SAS of 24 June 2003, resolution No. 669, p.7)

Probably the most significant output both in terms of the popularization of science and application for 2003 from the general public’s perspective was a year-long radio series “The road to independence in the documents of the Slovak national identity and statehood,” broadcast on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Slovak Republic prepared jointly with the editorial staff of the “Contact Studio SRo” and moderated by Mgr. Lýdia Mrázová. In the regular Monday radio program of Contact Studio (10:30-12:00), individual parts of the series were broadcast, leaning on the publication “Documents of the Slovak national identity and statehood”, whose guarantor was IPS SAS.

Each part of the series consisted of the following parts:

- 1) An extract from a historic document (read by an actor)

- 2) A presentation by the authors of the book introduced and commented on by the reporter (Mgr. L. Mrázová)
- 3) A quiz question for the listeners.

Three correct answers to the question were determined by lot in the following week and the winners received book titles from the production of IPS SAS – “The Slovak National Council”; “The struggle for Slovakia and Trianon (1918-1920)”; Milan Hodža – statesman and politician (a total of 150 copies). In addition, Contact Studio announced that towards the end of 2003, from all the authors of the correct answers, the overall winner chosen by lot would win an international sightseeing tour for two. This took place on 20 December 2003 with the participation of the General Director of the Slovak Radio PhDr. Jaroslav Rezník, who highly appreciated the whole series and expressed his wish that a similar series be broadcast by the Slovak Radio in 2004.

On the basis of letters and emails sent to the Contact Studio (approx. 2200), it may be stated that the series “The Road to independence in the documents of the Slovak identity and statehood” received an exceptional response from the listeners. As a result, a special discussion was held in the middle of the series (on 28 July 2003) on this program with the participation of M. Pekník, M. Podrimavský and D. Čaplovič. The guarantor of the project was PhDr. Miroslav Pekník, CSc. (See Letters by the Director of IPS SAS No. 58/2003 of 21 December 2003; No. 109/2003 of 7 April 2003; No. 193/2003 of 18 June 2003).

Based on the agreement with the Editor-in-Chief of the periodical “História, revue o dejinách spoločnosti” PhDr. Vladimír Segeš, PhD., the radio series “The Road to independence in the documents of the Slovak identity and statehood” was presented under the title “*Drawn from the ether*” in the section of this periodical entitled Interview/documents and sources.

For the year-long radio series “The Road to independence in the documents of the Slovak identity and statehood” the Presidium of SAS gave its authors “The SAS award for the popularization of science” in 2004.

In 2004, hand in hand with the work on the projects within the state programs, media presentation of academic outputs of IPS SAS acquired a new dimension. Also on the suggestion of the Presidium of SAS, we decided to revise our media conception and present the selected research results in concert with other organizations working on the project, particularly with the Slovak Radio Media Research Department, Alexander Dubček’s society and others. Due to the significance of the events and the favorable response from the public, we organized our press conferences on the results of the State research and development program on 15 March, 29 April and 16 December, in the conference hall of the Slovak Radio with the participation of 50-60 people.

We used a similar approach in presenting books from our production. Presentation of the publication “Revolutionary and anti-totalitarian movements in Europe after WWII” took place in the congress hall of the Kyjev Hotel. 130-150 Alexander Dubček followers and admirers took part in the event. The publication “Formation of the Slovak diplomacy in 1990-1993 was presented in the congress hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs SR with the participation of Minister Eduard Kukan (70-80 participants). By this publication, the agreement on cooperation and mutual support between SAS and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs found its practical fulfillment.

The events both in the Slovak Radio and in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs took place under the umbrella of the Presidium of SAS represented by PhDr. Ivan Sarmány-Schuller, CSc., Ing. Vladimír Hák, PhDr. Milan Zemko, CSc., which created the room for the promotion of SAS as a whole. This was a new approach in the institute’s media presentation, which was reflected in the establishment of a new position – IPS SAS PR/media secretary.

Expert knowledge and skills gained from the work on the VEGA grant projects of the Ministry of Education and SAS concerning the issue of politics and media allowed us to avoid stereotypes and change the methods and focus of the media presentation of IPS SAS. If in 2004 we put emphasis on large-scale press conferences and their news coverage through agencies, in the next period, 2005-2006 we chose a different approach. Live discussions with representatives of IPS SAS shortly before the main evening news (“At first hand”, “Contact Studio” on the radio) or speeches and discussions broadcast in prime time (on TV) were given priority. As an example, in the first half of 2006, we produced a series on parliamentary elections from the period of L. Štúr up to the present day. We took into account the timing, the type of the program etc; our research partner – the Slovak Radio Department - lent a helpful hand. In this manner, the media policy of IPS SAS aimed at its presentation and promotion became much more efficient in terms of its target audience. To this effect we used the so-called multiple presentations on the same subject in the course of several hours in several media (the Slovak Radio, TA 3 TV channel). IPS SAS also took part in the media campaign of the Prime Minister’s Office on the event “Milan Hodža Days” in 2005-2006 in Martin.

Thus, it may be stated that IPS SAS has gradually created its own conception of media presentation and other activities aimed at the popularization of science, which made our institute known not only in expert circles but also in broad public. This has found a significant response in the public’s interest in our book publications, which were produced as outputs from the projects of state programs „Ideological sources and currents of Slovak politics” and “Transformations of the identities in the current and historic context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes.” These publications

were – with the consent from the SAS leadership – presented and offered for sale at the “Biblioteka” book fair and subsequently on the Christmas market.

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iv. List of patents issued abroad, incl. revenues

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v. List of the patents issued in Slovakia, incl. revenues

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vi. List of licences sold abroad, incl. revenues

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vii. List of licences sold in Slovakia, incl. revenues

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viii. List of contracts with industrial partners, incl. revenues

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ix. List of research projects with industrial partners, incl. revenues

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x. Summary of outreach activities

Outreach activities	2003	2004	2005	2006	total
studies for the decision sphere, government and NGOs, international and foreign organisations	2	36	33	23	94
articles in press media/internet popularising results of science, in particular those achieved by the Organization	189	122	124	220	655
appearances in telecommunication media popularising results of science, in particular those achieved by the Organization	166	92	61	155	474
public popularisation lectures	4	5			9

xi. Supplementary information and/or comments on applications and popularisation activities

7. Background and management. Staffing policy and implementation of findings from previous assessments

i. Summary table of personnel

Personnel	2003	2004	2005	2006
all personel	18	18	20	22
research employees from Tab. Research staff	14	15	17	19
FTE from Tab. Research staff	11	12,5	10,7	12,5
averaged age of research employees with university degree	50,3	47	48,7	48

ii. Professional qualification structure

Number of	2003	2004	2005	2006
DrSc.	2	2	2	2
PhD / CSc.	6	10	10	10
Prof.	1	1	1	1
Doc./Assoc. Prof.				

iii. Status and development of research infrastructure incl. experimental, computing and technical base (description of the present infrastructure, premises, and material and technical resources. Infrastructure, instrumentation and major technical equipment necessary for the achievement of the objectives specified in the research Concept)

Computer equipment in the workplace is currently on an average level. Each worker has access to a computer and the Internet. There are ten desktop computers and one notebook at the institute, which is currently insufficient. The optimum is one notebook per research worker at their permanent disposal. In October 2004, the obsolete coaxial network of 10 Mb/s was replaced by structural cabling of 100 Mb/s. Security within the intranet is provided by a Firewall on the entrance to the LAN. In the near future, IPV SAS will have to solve the capacity problem of the network connection as only one is free at the moment. This problem can be solved by a wireless connection into the existing structural cabling.

Last year, the institute purchased a Benq720P projector and an adequate projection screen. Power Point presentations are becoming increasingly commonplace and they are also used by some of our workers. By providing the projector, we intend to bring more quality into the standard provided at the academic events organized by IPS SAS.

The next investment intention in the area of computer technology in IPS SAS is technical equipment enabling the organization of video-conferences. To this effect, a 42inch TV-set, a high-performance computer and a camera and software equipment are indispensable. These intentions will be consulted with the Computer Centre of SAS, which has always provided us with the necessary information.

Another investment project that will probably be undertaken in 2007 will be the purchase of one xerox copier machine, as annual repairs and maintenance account for a significant portion of the financial resources.

It is the institute's ambition to sustain the standard equipment of IPS SAS by means of the allocated financial capital resources.

iv. Status and development of bibliographic resources, activities of the Organisation's library and/or information centre

In 2003-2006 Mrs. Dagmar Kubíková, one person employed for a full salary, worked in the library. During this period she supplied 13 341 library-data services, i.e. 3335.25 services

per year. Furthermore, she has been retrieving research data from daily press, periodicals and literature on the selected issues for the needs of the IPS SAS workers.

By 31st December 2003, there were 2969 books in the library fund of IPS SAS. In 2003 IPS SAS obtained 64 book titles as a present from the following subjects: IPS SAS workers, CL SAS, Constitutional Court of SR and ÚSD AV of the Czech Republic. Owing to the lack of financial resources, the institute did not purchase a single book title. All the financial resources were used for the purchase of periodicals. By 31st December 2004, the number of book titles increased significantly. At that time the institute owned 3253 books. In 2004, IPS SAS bought 264 books and received 10 books as a present. The financial resources were also used for the purchase of 24 titles of periodicals. By 31st December 2005, there were 3329 publications in the library fund. In 2005, IPS SAS bought 8 books and received 68 books as a present. The financial resources were also used for the purchase of 19 titles of periodicals and 4 titles as a present. By 31st December 2006, the number of books increased to 3434. In 2006, IPS SAS bought 102 books and received 13 books as a present. The financial resources were also used for the purchase of 15 titles of periodicals and 3 titles as a present. There are 10 000 pages of xeroprints of documents of The Governmental Committee for the Analyses of Historical Events between 1967 and 1970 in the IPS SAS archives.

Part of the personal archives of Dr. Martin Kvetko from the period of 1948-1990 is stored in IPS SAS. PhDr. Jozef Jablonicky, DrSc. saved and transferred it to the institute from New York. On 4th June 2003, Dr. Vojtech Čelko from ÚSD AV of the Czech Republic presented to IPS SAS a total of 36 letter units of the correspondence between Mr. M. Haviar and Mr. J. Lettrich in xeroprint. The archives of IPS SAS include unpublished reflections and memories of doc. PhDr. Ján Uher, CSc., which he donated to the institute in person. In the course of 2003, a collection of materials of PhDr. Jozef Jablonicky, DrSc. dealing with his activities in the normalization period, were collected and compiled. Materials from the collection were also used in the publication dedicated to Dr. J. Jablonicky "I saw the light and I do not want darkness any more..." published in 2005 by IPS SAS in VEDA – Publishing House of SAS. The materials of Dr. Jozef Jablonicky were also used in the publication "Jozef Jablonicky: The Samizdat about the revolt II. Studies and the Articles. Bratislava, Kalligram 2006, 712p. The library fund of IPS SAS and the collections in the archives were used by IPS SAS workers, students of the Faculty of Philosophy CU Bratislava, students of the Trnava University Trnava and workers of IH SAS in 2004.

In 2004, the library fund of IPS SAS and the archive collections were used by Professor Owen V. Johnson from Indiana University, USA; Dr. Vojtech Čelko from the Institute of Contemporary History AS CR, Prague; Dr. Jaroslav Pažout from the Central State Archives in Prague; research workers of IH SAS, PhD. student from the Department of

History of FHV UMB Banská Bystrica Mgr. Marek Syrný and the students of the Faculty of Philosophy, CU Bratislava.

Likewise, in 2005 the library fund of IPS SAS and archive collections were used not only by the workers of IPS SAS, but also by the following subjects: Dr. Vojtech Čelko from the Institute of Contemporary History AS CR; Dr. Jaroslav Pažout from the National Archives in Prague; workers of FF PU Prešov, FMV EU Bratislava, VHÚ Bratislava, IH SAS and students from the Faculty of Philosophy, UKF Nitra and the Faculty of Philosophy CU, Bratislava.

In 2006, the library fund of IPS SAS and the archive collections were used not only by the workers of IPS SAS, but also by Dr. Vondrová and Dr. Vojtech Čelko from the Institute of Contemporary History ASCR; Mrs. Lýdia Kokavcová from the Slovak Television Bratislava; Mgr. Mateusz Gniazdowski from the Polish Institute of International Studies, Warsaw; Mgr. Natalya Lazar from the Fedkovych National University, Chernivtsi (Ukraine, the studies in Slovakia based on the scholarship of the International Visegrad Fund); Dr. Jaroslav Pažout from the National Archives in Prague; Dr. Jiang Li from Chinese Academy of Humanities in Beijing. Between January and June 2006, the library fund and archive collections of the daily press were used by the students – interns of FF UKF Nitra. The documents of the Governmental Committee were studied in 2006 also by Otakar Kořínek, who published a book “The Invitation Letter 1968” in PT Publishers, 2006.

v. Describe how the results and suggestions of the previous assessment were taken into account

vi. Supplementary information and/or comments on management, research infrastructure, and trends in personnel development

Other information relevant to the assessment

Evaluation of Section III - Humanities and Social Sciences Institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

Evaluation of Section III - Humanities and Social Sciences Institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (III-HSSI SAS) took place at Smolenice on 12-14 February 2006. The IPS SAS was ranked 16th in the Overall Summary Evaluation Report. The leadership of the Institute described this decision as biased and appealed against it in Letter No 59/2006 of March 3 2006 and, following its rejection, in Letter No. 74/2006 of March 27 2006 supplemented with an analysis entitled "Official statement on the evaluation of the Institute of Political Science SAS for 2005". The letter of appeal was sent to PhDr. Dušan Kováč, DrSc. Vice-Chairman of the SAS for III-HSSI SAS, Chairman of the Evaluation Commission for III-HSSI SAS and PhDr. Dagmar Podmaková, CSc., Vice-Chairman of Chamber III of the SAS Assembly.

The outcomes of the evaluation of III-HSSI SAS triggered a response not only from the Institute of Political Science SAS but also from other institutes. The Institute of Philosophy SAS and the Jan Stanislav Institute of Slavistics expressed their own reservations about the course, criteria and evaluation process. The issue of evaluations was successively discussed at the session of the HSSI Chamber III of the SAS Assembly, at the Assembly itself and was dealt with by SAS Chairman Prof. Ing. Štefan Luby, CSc. During the talks with the SAS Chairman, under the pressure of presented arguments, representatives of the administration of III-HSSI SAS had to admit that they had made some mistakes during the compilation of the background data. The enclosed letter of appeal sent by the IPS SAS was submitted as evidence material.

Enclosure

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE EVALUATION OF THE IPS SAS FOR 2005 (Letter of Appeal)

The material was prepared in compliance with the official criteria of III-HSSI SAS. The enclosed tables were compiled by PhDr. Dušan Gálik, CSC., member of the IPS SAS, who based his work on the background data.

We analyzed four areas:

- I. Position in the scientific discipline/disciplines
- II. Popularization and practical application
- III. Projects and other extra-budget resources
- IV. Educational activity

Of these, in compliance with the set criteria, comparison was made in areas II – IV between the results from the *Report on the Activity of the IPS SAS for 2005* and those from Reports for 2005 of those institutes which were rated the highest by the „Evaluation Commission for HSSI SAS“.

I. Position in the scientific discipline/disciplines

Following the submission of data on the evaluation of the IPS SAS, we found that the figure on the number of doctoral supervisors was incorrect. We informed Dr. Gálik about this mistake in the letter of 20 February 2006. The letter was sent after this fact had been pointed out at Smolenice. If the wrong number had been corrected, the resulting coefficient in this area would be 3.11, which is a figure higher than the average for all institutes (2.97). During the evaluation process, the IPS SAS fully respected the criteria set by the administration of Section III - HSSI SAS; this also applies to the area of „Position in the domestic context“. Yet, we firmly believe that

the set criteria do not reflect the real position of the institute in question, which we would like to discuss in more detail in the text below.

In 2005, in addition to the VEGA grant projects IPS SAS also worked on two other projects within the state research and development programs and participated in another project undertaken by the ISS SAS.

1. Officially, the participation in the project entitled „Ideological resources and lines of the Slovak politics“ of the state research and development program „The role of the social sciences in the development of society“ was 58 research workers (the real figure was more than 70 – see the breakdown of financial resources). Besides individual participation, a total of 19 organizations took part in the state program research project. Many of them signed contracts with us. Furthermore, we cooperated with the following academic and university institutions: The Institute of History SAS, The Institute of Philosophy, The Institute for Forecasting, the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations UMB, Banská Bystrica; Department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy, Prešov, the Institute of History of the Faculty of Philosophy, Prešov, Department of Political Science and European Studies, Faculty of Philosophy UCP, Nitra, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy, UCM Trnava; Department of Political Science, Faculty of International Relations, Bratislava; Slovak History Department, Faculty of Philosophy, Bratislava; Department of General History, Faculty of Philosophy, Bratislava; Department of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, Bratislava.

Cooperation with the selected university institutions was also provided by „Framework agreements on cooperation“. These institutions included Department of Political Science and European Studies, Faculty of Philosophy, UCP Nitra; Department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy, UCM Trnava; Department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy, the Prešov University; Department of political science, TUAD, Trenčín; Department of Political Science, FMVZ EU, Bratislava. Pursuant to these agreements, our cooperation continued even after the completion of the project of the state program in 2005.

In this manner, the IPS SAS coordinated at least two thirds of the overall volume of political science research in Slovakia under the project „Ideological resources and lines of the Slovak politics“ in 2005.

Only two departments of political science (at the Faculty of Philosophy, Bratislava and the Faculty of Philosophy, TU, Trnava) did not take part in the research; the above-mentioned institute in Bratislava worked on its own project within the state research and development program.

2. The project entitled „*Transformation of the identities in the present and historic context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes*“ within the subprogram entitled „The implementation of outstanding projects in support of the professional growth of young research and development workers and doctoral students“, of the state research and development program „Encouragement of personality growth and talent of young research and development workers and doctoral students under 35 “ was, in addition to the IPS SAS (33 research workers), also participated by the Institute of History SAS (8 research workers) and the Institute of Ethnology SAS (3 research workers). Academic results of the conferences included the participation of other research workers. The result was a collection entitled „Theoretical approaches to identities and their practical applications.“
3. The project *Nation, nationalities and ethnic groups in the transforming society* of the state research and development program „The role of social sciences in the development of the society“ was participated by three research workers from the IPS SAS. The project was undertaken by the Institute of Social Sciences SAS in Košice.

4. In 2005, the IPS SAS ÚPV SAV organized, or co-organized, the following academic events:

- The Days of political science in Prešov. Topic: Civic society and national identity in the process of European integration. Prešov. Co-organizer: IPS SAS 7 – 8 April 2005 Audience: 50 people.

- Academic conference „Transformation of identities in the present and historic context of Slovakia with regard to integration processes“. IPS SAS, IE SAS, IH SAS, Bratislava, 15 – 16 June 2005, Audience: 60 people.

- “Milan Hodža and the integration of Central Europe”. International academic conference held under the auspices of the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic. Organizers: IPS SAS, IH SAS, Martin, 24 June 2005, Audience: 150 people.

- “The Czech-Slovak relations, the Slovak-Czech Relations”. The Liberec seminar. Liberec 25- 26 August 2005, co-organizer IPS SAS, 80 participants.

- “Transformation of the foreign political priorities of the SR following its entry into the EU” 30 September 2005, Bratislava. Organizers: IPS SAS, Central and Eastern European Society, FSES UK, Bratislava, Audience: 60 people.

- “MUDr. Vavro Šrobár – politician, journalist and educationalist”. International academic conference held under the auspices of the President of the Slovak Republic. Organizers: IPS SAS, HIS SAS, FP UK Bratislava, 25-26 October 2005. Total audience: 300 people, of these two thirds were students.

- Academic conference “Ethics and Politics”. The Trenčín University of Alexander Dubček. Co-organizer: IPS SAS, 14 November 2005, Trenčín. Audience: 120 people.

Conclusion

If we summarize the range of academic and research activities of the IPS SAS in the Slovak Republic, it becomes clear that the table criteria set by the Section III - HSSI SAS for determining the position (ranking) in the academic discipline do not take into account the facts that we have submitted.

II. Popularization and practical applications

On revising the data on popularization from the IPS SAS table, we identified the following mistakes:

Year	Data on IPS SAS	Reality
2004	205	203
Coefficient	12,0	22,55
2005	195	185
Coefficient	13,9	20,55

In both years individual items were calculated incorrectly and their sum for 2004 was divided by an incorrect total of 17 academic workers and in 2005 by 14 academic workers; meanwhile, the number of academic workers of IPS SAS was 9. The mistake is visible at first sight since a higher number of events has a lower coefficient.

Applications

1. On 20 February 2006 we sent our objections to the evaluation procedure to Dr. Gálik. We pointed to the fact that we had prepared a total of 31 expert reports for the President's Office; they are listed on pp. 28-30 of our *Report on the Activity of the IPS SAS for 2005*, Chapter XII. We refer to it also in Chapter VI, p. 18, line 1.

2. The text below the evaluation table on the application and popularization states that expert activity of the institute is included in the applications category. *Report on the Activity of the IPS SAS for 2005*, p. 18 states explicitly that

- *JUDr. Šebesta* is an external advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic,
 - *PhDr. Jaššová* is an expert on social communication and cooperates with the Ministry of Work and Social Affairs and the Parliament of Roma Settlements (the Report even includes the exact dates).

This constitutes a total of 33 particular applications, which are listed in the summary report. These data were omitted from the evaluation.

3. In addition to the above applications, following the request made by the President's Office of the SR, the IPS SAS prepared and organized two „expert round-table meetings“ with the President of the SR, which were held on 9 February 2005 and 13 April 2005 (Report on the Activity.. p. 28).

4. The following book monographs were also left unnoticed:

- Mojžita M. Formovanie slovenskej diplomacie v rokoch 1990 až 1993. Kňazko – Demeš – Kňazko (Formation of the Slovak Diplomacy in 1990 to 1993. Kňazko – Demeš – Kňazko)
- Krejčí O. Geopolitics of the Central European Region. The view from Prague and Bratislava,

which were sent to the President's Office of the SR, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the SR and to the Ministry of Defence of the SR on request; the total number of copies was 520. These were intended both for practical application and for representation abroad through Slovak foreign representative offices.

After the inclusion of the above-mentioned facts and the comparison of our data with the data from the annual activity reports of two highest-ranking institutes in the area of Popularization and practical application – Institute of Theatre and Film and Institute of Sociology we obtained the following coefficients:

Institute	Academic workers	Applications	Popularization	Coefficients	Coefficients in total
ITF SAS	6	2	133	0,33+ 22,16	22,49
IS SAS	9	8	90	0,88+ 10,00	10,88
IPS SAS	9	33	185	3,66+ 20,55	24,21

Conclusion

The coefficients thus obtained imply that IPS SAS should have obtained the evaluation coefficient of 24,21, and not the declared 13,9. This, however, does not correspond with IPS's 7th position in the respective table. The application outputs in book form intended to promote Slovakia abroad through foreign representative offices were not taken into account at all. The 7-position difference between the real coefficient and the point evaluation scheme of the commission is thus inadequate.

III. Projects and other extra-budget resources

Comparison of the volume of financial resources gained from the projects per one research worker with that of institutes ranking first, second and third in the evaluation table.

Institute	Research workers	Projects in thousand Skk	Coefficient
L. Stur Institute of Linguistics SAS	15	10838 + 106	729
Institute of Ethnology SAS	18	1304 + 2353	203
Institute of Economic Research SAS	17	6238 + 1220	438
IPS SAS	9	3999 + 0	444

Conclusion

The institute's real position in terms of the gained volume of extra-budget resources per one research worker is in contradiction with its ranking as 19, which is an alleged penultimate position.

In 2005, the IPS SAS did not need any finances from foreign resources - both the expenses for their own research work and those for the work of their cooperating institutions were covered by domestic grant projects.

Since at present, the Slovak crown is a freely convertible currency, the volume of finances should be equal with the resources allocated for international projects. Similarly, the principle of automatic superiority of international projects over domestic projects regardless of their quality is, in our opinion, not correct.

The projects, which within the set table criteria of Section III HSSI SAS were divided into domestic and international, are presented as one overall figure, without further specification. This problem was also mentioned in the letter to the Vice-Chairman for Section III HSSI SAS by the Director of Jan Stanislav Institute of Slavistics (email of 10 March 2006). It is not clear from the table criteria which factor is decisive in the projects – whether their number, the number of participating researchers or the volume of gained resources.

We are firmly convinced that it is the quality of the draft proposal of the project and its subsequent implementation in the form of reviewed academic output that should be the most decisive evaluation criterion. Under such circumstances the institute would have no difficulty in withstanding international competition regardless of whether it used finances from domestic or from foreign resources. The latter, although necessary for the basic research, do not have a significant influence on the quality of academic work of the institute in question. These aspects of project evaluation were not taken into account in the table criteria set by Section III HSSI SAS.

In this respect we would like to point out that the IPS SAS was actively involved in the international cooperation even without drawing financial resources either within the Framework agreements on cooperation with foreign partners, or on individual basis. The following aspects of our activity were not considered:

a) Individual projects

- Poláčková Zuzana, Project Manager; title of the project: „Die Stellung der Minderheiten in der ČSR, in Österreich und in Ungarn zwischen beiden Weltkriegen“. The project has been carried out in cooperation with the Austrian Academy of Sciences (Report on the Activity of IPS SAS, p. 16),
- international cooperation also found its expression in the form of requested presentations at academic events or through systematic cooperation with foreign periodicals: Marušiak Juraj: Maďarská menšina na Slovensku 1969 – 1989. (The Hungarian minority in Slovakia 1969 – 1989). The conference was entitled "The Helsinki Process and the Demise of Communism". Organizer:

Československé dokumentační středisko. Co-organizer: IPS SAS. Prague, 5 – 7 June 2005.

Marušiak Juraj: Maďarská menšina v slovenskej politike 1969 – 1989 (Hungarian minority in the Slovak politics 1969 – 1989). Meeting of the young Czech and Slovak Academic Workers. Organizers: Presidium SAS – Presidium AS CR . Třešť, 14 – 16 March 2005, Czech Republic.

Marušiak Juraj: Could the Commonwealth of Democratic Choice become the Eastern Visegrád? Implications for Central Asia. Forum Europe – Central Asia. Krynica, 14. 12. 2005. Organizer: Foundation Institute for Eastern Studies, Warsaw, Poland.

Duleba Alexander: „EU and Ukraine: Strategic Importance of Ukraine in the West – East Relations“ at the Royal Canadian Military Institute co-organized by the Canadian Institute for Strategic Studies, Canadian Institute for International Affairs and the Atlantic Council of Canada, Toronto (RCMI, 426 University Avenue) April 4, 2005.

Blaha Ľuboš: O sociálnej spravodlivosti a prekarizácii práce. (On social justice and precariousness of work. 18 August 2005 – Festival and seminar on the Left-wing European Party and the Party of Communist Renewal in Perugia, Italy.

Blaha Ľuboš: „New World Order, Imperialism and Socialism“. 23 November 2005 – International Conference of the left wing parties in Nicosia (Cyprus) on „*The new world order and its impacts on the broader Near East*“, organized by the government party AKEL.

Štaffa Ivar: Slovenská republika - Sv. Stolica v rokoch 1939-1945. (The Slovak Republic and the Holy See in 1939-1945) In: International Academic Conference Slovakia and the Holy See in 20th Century. 24 November 2005. Organizer: Istituto Patristico Augustinianum Rím.

Krejčí Oskar: Yearlong cooperation with the Prague periodical Ekonom – political section.

b) Within „Framework agreements on cooperation“

- Department of History and Civic Education, Faculty of Education, Technical University in Liberec, annual cooperation on the preparation and realization of the event entitled “The Slovak-Czech and the Czech-Slovak Relations.”
- Institute of Current History, AS CR, Prague. As part of the official cooperation, presentations of academic workers of both institutes were delivered in academic events of the contractual parties, research stays were organized beyond the framework of inter-academic agreements and cooperation developed with other institutions which had concluded individual agreements with either of the partners.

IV. Educational activity

Having compared data on doctoral study with three best-ranking institutes in the area of educational activity, we obtained the following data:

Institute	No. of	Intra-mural	Extra-	No. of defend-	Other These	Sup ervis	Doct oral	Number of	numbe r	Coef- ficient
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IE	18	7	15	3	2	12	8	10	5	3.44
HIS	10	9	16	1	4	7	3	4	9	5,30
ISL	15	8	11	3	5	9	10	20	12	5,20
IPS	9	5	26	2	0	11	1	2	5	5,77

Conclusion

Evaluation on the basis of the criteria set by Section III-HSSI SAS disagrees with the 9th position of IPS SAS.

The following results of the institute's activity were not taken into account:

a) In the academic training process, a total of 33 doctoral students and young research workers of the IPS SAS succeeded in carrying out an independent project under state research and development program "*Transformations of identities in current and historic context of Slovakia with regard to the integration processes*" within a subprogram entitled "The implementation of outstanding projects in support of the professional growth of young research and development workers and doctoral students" of the state research and development program „Encouragement of personality growth and talent of young research and development workers and doctoral students under 35“. 8 doctoral students from the IHS SAS and 3 doctoral students from IE SAS joined the project.

Their activity resulted in 2 academic events and 3 academic publications in 2005. Further publications resulting from the project are now in print.

b) Educational activities of the IPS SAS outside doctoral study were performed in cooperation with the following universities and institutes within the signed „Framework agreements on cooperation“; they included other areas of cooperation as well: UCM Trnava, UKF Nitra, TU AD Trenčín. PU Prešov.

A special example of educational activity in 2005 was a joint organization of three academic events with the participation of students from Faculty of Philosophy of the Prešov University in, Prešov, the Faculty of Philosophy UK Bratislava and TU AD Trenčín.

- The Prešov Days of Political Science, Prešov 7-8 April 2005,

- MUDr. Vavro Šrobár - politician, journalist and educationalist, 25 – 26 October 2005, Bratislava,

- Ethics and Politics, 14 November 2005, Trenčín.

NB: In this context, we consider it unusual that, in some cases, those HSSI. which did not organize doctoral study at their own institutes but only participated in the doctoral supervision elsewhere, on an extramural basis at universities, received a higher ranking. The Institute of Philosophy SAS referred to this circumstance in a letter of 6 March 2006. It seems that greater emphasis was put on lecturing activity in universities and on the supervision of Master's dissertations than on intramural doctoral study and defended doctoral theses. However, the evaluation table on academic training does not contain such criteria. The issue of Master's dissertations is dealt with in a separate evaluation table – "Position in the domestic context."

Auxiliary evaluation criteria

The leadership of Section III SAS also sent auxiliary tables to the SAS institutes with the following heading: "Staff – qualification structure". In this context we consider it necessary

to remind that for two successive years (2004-2005), the problem persisted with insufficient volume of financial resources for tariff salaries. Owing to the fact that the IPS SAS did not receive the necessary financial resources for the approved limit of 15 workers for the whole course of 2005, the Scientific Board of IPS SAS addressed this situation at its session on 5 December 2005. The enclosed resolution of the Scientific Board of IPS SAS was sent, along with Letter No 347/2005 of 5 December 2005, to PhDr. Dušan Kováč, DrSc., Vice-Chairman of Section III-HSSI as well as for the information of prof. Ing. Štefan Luby, DrSc., Chairman SAS. At the same time, the IPS informed the Committee of the SAS Assembly through PhDr. Dagmar Podmaková, CSc., Chairman of Chamber III of the SAS Assembly.

Resolution of the Scientific Board of IPS SAS of 5 December 2005.

1. Besides its research activity at its sessions, the Scientific Board IPS SAS (SB IPS SAS) is forced to deal with the personal provision of research and the related financial issues.
2. SB IP SAS states that, as a result of insufficient salary funds, the situation at IPS SAS has been highly critical for the second consecutive year. The allocated salary fund does not cover even the most essential needs of the institute in the area of tariff salaries since out of the necessary 3 713 thousand SKK for 2005, 128 thousand SKK is still missing, which results in the repeated layoffs of staff members. We further remind that the Director of the IPS SAS cannot pay bonuses or extra pays as even the tariff salaries stipulated by the employment contracts are not covered.
3. SB IPS SAS expresses its concern and discontent over the lack of response from the SAS Presidium to numerous requests and suggestions despite enormous effort made by the Director of the IPS SAS.
4. The steps taken hitherto by the SAS Presidium are inadequate to the results of the institute in the research area, in organizing research teams of internal and numerous external workers, in the coordination of research in two extensive projects of state programs. The institute has also achieved outstanding results in academic training; in less than two years (September 2003-June 2005) seven doctoral students defended their theses.
5. SB IPS SAS fully identifies with the existing policy of the Director of IP SAS. It expresses support to his further steps in striving to meet the demands of the employees for tariff salaries within the approved limit of workers.
6. We remind that although the SAS Presidium has committed itself to endorsing research into political science by Resolution No 208 of 7 February 2002, this resolution has not been carried out.
7. SB IPS SAS expresses its concern that leaving the existing situation unresolved poses acute danger of stagnation and stifling of research in political science instead of further socially desirable and relevant development. Therefore, SB IPS SAS demands that the Presidium SAS address this problem and call the Director if ISP SAS to take part in the discussions. At the same time, it demands that the Director inform the Committee of the SAS Assembly about this situation in writing through PhDr. Dagmar Podmaková, CSc., Chairman of Chamber III of the SAS Assembly.

Bratislava, December 5, 2005
 PhDr. Jozef Jablonický, DrSc.
 SB IPS SAS, Chairman

The Resolution remained unanswered by the SAS Presidium. The answer came only from the Committee of the SAS Assembly in Letter No 1/2006 of 9 January 2006, which stated that: *“The Committee of the SAS Assembly dealt with the issue at its session on 19 December 2005. Notwithstanding the seriousness of the problem and rightfulness of your*

claim, the Committee of the SAS Assembly has arrived at the decision that it is not entitled to resolve the issue, and proposes to pass your appeal to the Vice-Chairman of Section III HSSI SAS...“. (Letter by the Chairman of Chamber III of the SAS Assembly No 1/2006 of 9 January 2006).

Summary

The analysis of the evaluation of the IPS SAS implies that, as regards the institute's performance, criteria set by the leadership of Section III-HSSI were not applied in many respects. During the evaluation, major shifts occurred when results of the activity of the IPS SAS were compared against those achieved by other institutes of Section III HSSI SAS in three out of six evaluation areas. As a result of this, the overall rating of IPS SAS was 16.

The facts from the Report on the activity of IP SAS for 2005 fully confirmed our argumentation. Thus, the annual evaluation for 2005 harmed the reputation of IPS SAS. The issue of allocation of financial resources is less important. We demand therefore that the leadership of Section III-HSSI take a firm stance on our appeal appropriate to the seriousness of the situation created by the evaluation for 2005 and rectify the mistake.

Bratislava, March 27, 2006

PhDr. Miroslav Pekník, CSc.
IPS SAS, Director

Personnel and salary issues

Early in 2006, at the session of the Academic Board of IPS SAS, which evaluated the Activity Report of IPS SAS for the previous year, the Director of the institute stated that all available means were used to gain financial resources to cover tariff salaries. He also said that if the Presidium of SAS did not change its stance on the salary policy of IPS SAS, the institute might expect that in the course of 2006 the institute's academic production would reduce and young research workers would gradually leave SAS.

Consequently, as was the case in the previous years, IPS SAS could not reach its approved staff limit. This deficit constituted 1.5 to 2.5 of the workforce during the first half of the year.

Salary revision as at 1 March 2006 showed that the need for due tariff salaries for 2006 in the amount of SKK 212 000 was not met. Following the valorization as at 1 July 2006, the difference increased even despite the increase in salary resources of SKK 142 000.

The suspected negative impact especially on the former intramural doctoral students proved true. Over the last four years, 8 intramural doctoral students finished their study. Of these, five received a symbolic short-term work load. Their work load as at 31 December 2006 constituted a total of 1.03 of the work force.

The savings of salary resources at the end of the year due to incomplete staff in the amount of SKK 58 000 were allocated and distributed as bonuses. The average amount of bonuses was less than SKK 4 000 per staff member.

Owing to the conceptual and organizational changes in the Slovak Radio as a project partner, in the latter half of 2006, PhDr. Ľudmila Benkovičová, CSc. was employed on a part-time basis to ensure the continuity of sociological research into public opinion. The current growing need to publish academic outputs in English has been covered by the admission of PhDr. Elena Klátiková. To ensure the regular updates of the IPS SAS webpage and to keep the public up-to-date with the institute's activities, Mgr. Ondrej Červený was admitted to the institute as an IT specialist. Thus, in the latter half of 2006, the staffing reached its limit.

Owing to the gradual reduction of the work load of the reserach workers in the retirement age, the average age of the work staff has slightly declined compared to the previous year, even though the average age of the backbone staff is growing.