

## **CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HUNGARY**

### **CEU AND THE EXCELLENCE AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION OF HUNGARIAN HIGHER EDUCATION**

According to the recent QS world university rankings, CEU is the only Hungarian university among the first 400, including three degree programs in the best 200 in the world. A recent report prepared by the Magyar Rektori Konferencia stated that CEU faculty has the highest number of international publications per capita (recorded in the Web of Science) among Hungarian universities. The same applies to the amount research support grants received in the framework of EU's Sixth and Seventh Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development. In the recent round of the European Research Council Starting Investigator Grant – the most prestigious grant for young researchers in Europe – Central-East European countries received a total of eight grants. Of the three that came to Hungary (the highest number of among C/EE countries), two were awarded to CEU faculty.

### **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

In 2010 (the last year for which figures are available) CEU spent a total of 7,790,913,242 HUF in employment- and non-employment expenditures within Hungary:

- 5,421,805,357 HUF for payroll and related taxes and fees for 1,183 employees
- 2,369,107,885 HUF for supplier-provided goods, services, and related taxes and fees

### **STUDENT SUPPORT**

This academic year (2011-12), 153 Hungarian students are attending CEU tuition-free and five others are receiving partial tuition waivers. The total value of the waived tuition is approximately 421,343,700 HUF. Also, 123 of these students receive a full or partial scholarship. The approximate value of the stipends they draw is 173,820,500 HUF per year.

### **ALUMNI**

In all, 1,500 CEU alumni live in Hungary (1,140 of them Hungarian). They are employed in these sectors: business (36%), education (25%), continuing studies (19%), nonprofit organizations (9%), government service (7%), and international organizations (4%).

CEU Business School has awarded degrees to about 1,300 students since its founding in 1988. More than half of these alumni stayed in Hungary after graduation—a majority of whom are Hungarian citizens or ethnic Hungarians from abroad.

### **LIBRARY**

The CEU library contains the largest collection of English-language materials pertaining to the social sciences and humanities in Central and Eastern Europe. Its 200,000-plus documents and databases are all accessible free of charge to external users including Hungarian university students, faculty, and researchers.

### **RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS**

Since 2006, CEU has attracted more than 5.3 billion HUF in research funding from outside Hungary, the majority from the European Commission and the remainder from international organizations and private-funding agencies. Also, CEU has recruited to its faculty many Hungarian researchers who had left the country, in some cases decades before. Among them are three who went on to receive distinguished European Research Council grants in history, cognitive science, and economics.

## **SUMMER UNIVERSITY**

CEU's Summer University is one of Central and Eastern Europe's most important academic programs for young scholars in the humanities and social sciences. Since 1996, CEU's Summer University has involved 269 Hungarian faculty members and 516 Hungarian participants. Tuition was waived for all but 3% of the Hungarian participants, most of whom were junior academics (graduate students, faculty, and researchers) who received guidance on their research, ideas for developing their own courses, exposure to a variety of teaching methodologies, and access to international and academic and professional networks.

## **SCHOLARLY AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES**

### **Open Society Archives**

CEU's Open Society Archives contains the world's largest collection of materials related to dissident activities in the former Soviet empire and grave human rights violations including war crimes and genocide worldwide (9.5 linear kilometers of paper records and 12 terabytes of digital records). Of particular importance to Hungary: OSA collects and publishes primary sources and research pertaining to recent Hungarian history, operates a Digital State Security Archive, and mounts numerous exhibits and public performances. Some 100,000 people have attended OSA exhibitions since 1997, with thousands more a year visiting with secondary school groups, attending an annual human rights film festival, and engaging via 70 Hungarian institutions. In the past year, visits by researchers increased by more than 20%. Contributing to this growth were Hungarian academics, journalists, artists, filmmakers, and retired professionals.

### **CEU Press**

CEU Press is the largest English-language publisher in Central and Eastern Europe. Since its founding in 1993, it has played an important role in publishing books on the economic, social, and political transformation of the region, including titles by Hungarians or on Hungarian themes. Four of its top-10 best-selling books worldwide are related to Hungary. The Press spends some 40 million HUF per year on Hungarian goods and services. With more than 90% of its sales outside of Hungary, it contributes about 80 million HUF a year toward the nation's exports.

### **Outreach and Civic Engagement**

In the course of an academic year, many distinguished international scholars and public figures visit CEU to participate in some 300 conferences, seminars, and workshops. These events—most open to the public—are often organized with Hungarian partners and participants from the academic, institutional, governmental, and business sectors. Since 2006, CEU has hosted or partnered on more than 100 conferences, lectures, seminars, roundtable discussions, doctoral defenses, and cultural events addressing subject matter directly relevant to Hungary.

## **HUNGARIAN EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCY**

During the first half of 2011, CEU cooperated closely with the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to organize and deliver three major international conferences on topics of import to the presidency: "The Western Balkans in the Realm of the 2011 Hungarian EU Presidency: The Way Forward," "Improving the Eastern Partnership," and "Presenting the New EU Strategy for the Danube Region." All were well attended and attracted significant press coverage. CEU also launched an Ambassadorial Lecture Series through which five ambassadors to Hungary shared their views on issues relevant to the EU. Between October 2010 and June 2011, the ambassadors of Belgium, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Sweden, and the United States participated.