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Declaration

of the Management of the Institute for Literature and
the Scientific Council of the Institute for Literature

The scholars from the Institute for Literature are deeply concerned about the decision for an approximately 50 per cent cut of the financial subsidy for the Czech Academy of Science, which is intended to be carried out within a period of three years - from 2010 to 2012.

Without any doubt this will to a great extent hinder the research and innovation activities in the Czech Academy. The lack of sufficient funding will lead to the breaking up of already created scientific networks and research projects as well as to undermining the position of Czech science in Europe.

As colleagues in the sphere of literary studies, we express our deep concern about the development of research in this sphere with the clear understanding that large-scale projects like the ones carried out in the Institute of Czech Literature: "Lexicon of Czech Literature", "Dictionary of the Czech Literature after 1945", "History of the Czech Literature 1945-1989", as well as a number of databases, created and supported by the Institute, are in danger of being discontinued.

Bulgarian humanities and literary studies and Bulgarian Bohemian studies, in particular, have a very productive relationship with the Institute for Czech literature, because it is one of the most authoritative scientific centres in this field.

Such a drastic cut makes us ask ourselves if the necessary scientific potential for the functioning of a scientific organization will be preserved and whether a number of highly-qualified scholars will be deprived of the chance to realize themselves and prepare a next generation of scholars.

In conclusion, we give our support to the Declaration of the Scientific Council of the Institute for Czech literature at the Czech Academy of Science and we express our hope that the decision which was taken will be thought over again.

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