

## **The Principles of the 'Psychology' Commission for the Evaluation of the Dissertations and Persons of the Applicants for the 'DSc.' Degree**

The work of the commissions proceeds from the Rules for the Granting of the 'Doctor of Sciences' Degree in the ASCR issued as the Guidelines of the Academic Council of the ASCR No. 3/2006, from the General Principles for the Evaluation of Dissertations and Persons of an Applicant binding for all commissions issued by the Panel for the Granting of a Scientific Title of 'Doctor of Sciences', and governed by the Regulatory Procedure to the Rules for the Granting of the 'Doctor of Sciences' Degree.

### **1. General Criteria for the Evaluation of the Dissertations and Persons of the Applicants**

#### **1. Doctoral Dissertation**

The doctoral dissertation can be considered as:

- a) an independent, original work summarising and developing the author's contribution in the given scientific field.
- b) a comprehensive collection of original, already published scientific works by the applicant joined with an accompanying text, explaining the essence and the contribution of the published studies for the given scientific field and generalising the author's results.
- c) a component of the dissertation may be also research on and implementation of a unique scientific apparatus or equipment or new diagnostic or otherwise universally applicable methods.

It is not permissible to present as the doctoral dissertation work that has been used for acquiring another scientific or scientific-pedagogical degree, e.g. the CSc., Ph.D. degree of the title of university associate professor or reader (*docent*).

#### **2. Who Qualifies as an Applicant**

The applicant for the 'DSc' degree must prove that he/she is a distinctive scientific personality and that his/her work has brought original scientific results that are utilised by scientists abroad or built upon in their work. The fulfilment of this requirement will be judged on the bases of studies published in reviewed foreign journals or in peer-reviewed contributions at top international conferences, citations in foreign journals, references in monographs, invitations to present lectures at international conferences, and the commission will therefore require all of these data.

The perspectives for the evaluation of the person of the applicant include also his/her share in the development of the field, surpassing the dimension of individual research activity, particularly participation in the formulation of the conceptions and directions of research and leadership of research teams, or co-workers.

Also other information completing the person of the applicant like awards of the scientific work of the applicant (awards, honorary doctorates, medals, honorary memberships) will be taken into account, i.e. whether the applicant has been the investigator of domestic or international grants or projects, the organisation of scientific conferences, membership in the editorial council of international journals, activity in the bodies of international scientific organisations, long-term scientific internship abroad, implementation of the results of scientific examination in work and so on. All of these facts are attested by the applicant in his/her scientific curriculum

vitae.

It is generally assumed that the applicant should be the author of at least thirty (30) original works in impact or reviewed international journals with at least 100 proven citation responses (excluding self-citations) while a minimum of fifty (50) of these responses will be listed in one of the international bibliographic and citation databases, namely Web of Knowledge or Scopus.

## **2. Materials Required for the Defence:**

### Materials listed in the 'Rules':

- a) proof of the successful completion of university education (diploma);
- b) proof of the granting of the academic title Ph.D. or proof of the granting of the scientific degree of Candidate of Sciences or proof of the granting of a title of the same standing;
- c) a curriculum vitae with an overview of the scientific work so far containing particularly:
  - personal data
  - data on studies and education achieved
  - professional development, category
  - foreign residences and internships longer than two (2) months (with the position labelled, e.g. post-doc, visiting professor and so on)
  - list of grant projects investigated with which the applicant is or was the principal investigator or co-investigator (since 1992) (Name of the project, Grant Agency/Science Foundation or sponsor, project number, length of the project and the total amount of financial support for the team led by the applicant)
  - pedagogical activity (lecture courses at universities, foreign universities, guidance of diploma theses and doctoral candidates, etc.)
  - membership in the editorial councils of professional journals
  - honours and other awards of the scientific work
  - further materials allowing judgement of the scientific and pedagogical activity of the applicant;
- d) a list of the publications that form the background materials of the dissertation (according to the requirements defined in the 'Rules');
- e) the theses of the dissertation in twenty-five (25) copies;
- f) the dissertation in five (5) copies;
- g) a statement of in what labour relation the dissertation was created;
- h) an expression of your own scientific contribution and share of the work if the scientific results listed in the dissertation were acquired with co-authors;
- i) written opinions of two Doctors of Sciences or Professors (See Art. III, Sect. 4);
- j) if the applicant presents a new dissertation in the same field in a new proceedings for the granting of a scientific title, a statement of who issued the denial decision, the title of the original dissertation and the definition of the differences between.

Besides the above-mentioned materials, the commission requires the presentation of the following supplementary materials:

- An abstract two pages in length at maximum emphasising the originality and main contribution of the submitted collection of works for the development of the field.
- A structured list of publications. The list is structured in the following way:
  - Monographs.

- Chapter in monographs.
  - Original scientific works:
    - **C1** Works published in professional journals issued abroad
    - **C2** Works published in professional journals issued in the Czech Republic
    - **C3** Works published in reviewed anthologies issued abroad
    - **C4** Works published in reviewed anthologies issued in the Czech Republic
- With journals from group **C1** (or **C2**), the impact factor if it exists can be listed after the citation.
- Other specialised works according to the consideration of the applicant (e.g. dissertations (rigorous *viva voce*), candidate, doctoral, habilitation etc.), contributions in anthologies (besides C3, C4), synopses and collective abstracts, anthologies (editor or co-editor), translations of popularisation works, textbook texts etc. Works of various character should be distinctly differentiated.
  - Invited lectures (*invited speaker*) according to the consideration of the applicant. Only the main lectures at important international congresses, conferences etc. are listed. Provide the full data on the conferences and if possible also a reference to the relevant citation of the contribution in the proceedings from the list of works by the applicant.
  - Review responses of the dissertation publications with a special emphasis on the foreign review responses.

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