

# Faculty of Education

## Annual Activity Report 2001

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In 2001, the Faculty of Education focused primarily on the streamlining of its economic activities, getting accreditation for its degree programmes and enhancing the creative achievements of its academic staff. All of these objectives were met. A reduction in the number of employees by almost 50 people and increased income (mainly thanks to the grants obtained) by more than 33 million CZK helped the FoE achieve good financial results. Those steps checked the negative development of the previous period and brought the Faculty back in the black at end the year. They also laid the basis for further effective development of the Faculty.

The focus of the Faculty's scientific, research and artistic activities is defined by the main mission of the Faculty, i.e. to train teachers. In 2001, work on the research project "Teachers and Health" (psychological approach) continued and the client (MoE) expressed appreciation of the progress made. The FoE worked on a number of other projects: seven projects of the Grant Agency CR, 21 projects of the Higher Education Development Fund, 3 research projects for the MoE, 1 project of the Ministry of Health (Health Support) and 53 developmental projects of the MoE. The Faculty staff also participated in the following projects as co-authors: 3 projects of the MoE, 2 projects of GA CR, 2 projects of GA Academy of Sciences CR, 1 project of HEDF, 1 project IGA MoH CR and 2 projects from abroad (1 project of the German Academy of Sciences and 1 VEGA project from Slovakia). Specialist activities were further enhanced by the participation in the projects of OSF Prague (1), VNJH (3) and AKTION (4). The international co-operation and mobility were funded from programmes of the NATO, KONTAKT, CEEPUS, SOCRATES, PHARE, LEONARDO DA VINCI, Jean Monnet Project, etc. The Faculty subsidized 25 projects from its own resources. Compared with 2000, the number of external projects awarded increased 2.5 times, and the number of projects submitted also increased significantly (from 124 in 2000 to 321 in 2001).

The Faculty traditionally organized specialised seminars and scholarly conferences. One of the most significant was the international conference Teachers and Health IV (organized as part of a research project) and Computer Based Learning in Science organized by the department of didactic

technologies and attended by specialists from Australia, Canada, USA, New Zealand, Great Britain, Germany and other European countries.

A number of departments organized student scholarly conferences. An integral part of their work was the organisation of courses, seminars and lectures for teachers at schools and other interested public.

Artistic activities thrived mainly at the Departments of Music and Art Education. The most significant events organized by the Department of Art Education were the international symposium PAPER '01, the scholarly conference on Multimedia in the arts education with a symposium and a workshop, and the traditional co-operation with the refugee camp in Zastávka u Brna. The department staff organized 6 one-man exhibitions and participated in 25 collective exhibitions (of which 4 were abroad). Another interesting event was the preparation and shooting of a 16 mm film PYLON in England, and the preparation and organisation of the international competition "Phenomenon: The Book". Teachers of the Department of Music performed at 81 concerts in the Czech Republic and 36 abroad (Poland, Italy, Luxembourg, Germany, Spain, Austria, Slovenia, etc.), made 13 recordings (4 abroad for Slovak radio, Radio classic Espanol, CDs in Austria and Germany), performed at 5 recitals and 4 big orchestral events (e.g. Prof. M. Košut's opera IFIGENIE in the National Theatre in Brno). Another important event were the performances in the Czech Republic and abroad of the GAUDEAMUS choir (with A. Vacek as choirmaster) that represented not only the Faculty of Education but also the entire Masaryk University.

In the academic year of 2001/2002, post-graduate studies had a total of 128 students in 5 fields and in 2001, 13 students completed their studies. The Academic Council of the Faculty approved the materials that accompanied the request for the accreditation of the post-graduate programme in special pedagogy. In 2001, four associate professorship and one full professorship proceedings were commenced, and two associate professorship and one full professorship proceedings were held before the Academic Council.

In 2001, the Central Library of the FoE registered 5195 users, 64 thousands publications were lent out, and 26000 patrons made use of the study room. The Central Library and smaller libraries at various departments have a total of almost 160000 volumes. An important service of the library was to provide access to special electronic resources. Retrospective cataloguing of the CL holdings using the TinLib system also continued.

Publishing activities remained at about the same level as the year before but the number of lectures increased. For more data, see the university statistics.

In 2001, the number of international contacts increased. These were made possible mainly by grant projects, invitations from abroad and international programmes (SOCRATES/ERASMUS, Aktion, CEEPUS, etc.) and, to a smaller extent, through partnership agreements between MU and foreign universities, Ministry of Education and AIA quotas or via individual contacts. Altogether 172 visits were made to a total of 22 countries, involving 241 research and/or teaching staff members. The countries most frequently visited were Slovakia (46 trips/76 employees), Austria (35/60), Germany (27/31), Poland (21/24), followed by France, Hungary, Lithuania, Ukraine, USA, etc. The most frequent reasons for the visits were study stays and co-operation requirements, field trips, artistic or sporting events (96/135) and participations in congresses, symposia, conferences and seminars (68/98). A number of the visits provided an opportunity to a lecture, a seminar, or classes for Austrian students. Eight FoE staff members took part in sessions of expert commissions or academic councils. In 2001, a total of 156 students travelled abroad to participate in study stays, seminars, conferences, trips and courses.

Foreign research workers visited the Faculty of Education either as participants in expert meetings, members of joint projects, as lecturers, guest speakers or sometimes for short study stays (55 guests at 29 events). They came mostly from Germany, Slovakia and Poland. The most important events with foreign participation were: international conferences "Genre contexts in literature for young people", "The role of physical education and sports in the transforming countries of the Central European region", and the 5th International conference on computer-assisted teaching and the use of computers world-wide, an international workshop and exhibition organized by the department of art education.

In 2001, 26 agreements on teacher and student exchange projects within the Socrates – Erasmus programme were signed. Under these agreements, students from the Netherlands, Germany, Finland and France came to study at the Faculty. For 2002, 22 new agreements were negotiated.

An important event for the Faculty was the accreditation proceeding. In the absolute majority of cases, the Faculty was accredited to organize degree programmes on the current scale. A major change was the prolongation of all Master's programmes for teachers to five years. In accordance with the Bologna Declaration, the FoE management decided to prepare new five-year two-tier degree programmes of teacher training. These programmes will be submitted for accreditation in 2002.

Following the amendment of the Higher Education Act, the Faculty extended the scope of currently organized life-long education programmes. A new parallel programme of life-long education in special pedagogy was introduced. The Faculty was thus able to satisfy more than 200 applicants interested in this field of study. The number of students in life-long education programmes increased to 951.

Besides teacher-training programmes, the Faculty offered also degree programmes not intended for teachers, particularly in the combined type of study area. They were mainly in the social pedagogy and special pedagogy branches in the Pedagogy degree programme. At the end of 2001, 1168 students were registered in degree programmes not designed for the training of teachers.

At the Rector's request, the Faculty terminated the co-operation agreement with the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies Brno at the beginning of 2001. The Institute had until then organized the combined form of the Social Pedagogy discipline. Its role of study programme organiser was taken over by the newly established Department of Social Pedagogy, which started to work on new accreditation materials for its area of study.

Student activities thrived in 2001. A new student association (TIQ) was established at the faculty, the publication of student paper "Staff Room" resumed and a new student club "Basement" was opened.

**In 2001, prominent Faculty members were awarded the following medals or other distinctions:**

- Prof. Dr. Přemysl Hauser – Medal of the MoE of the Czech Republic, Second Class, for outstanding results in teaching.
- Dr. Michal Charvát, – Honourable Mention of the Czech Varsity Sports Association Committee for a successful leadership of the Czech team at the World Universiad 2001 in Peking.
- Assoc. Prof Dr. Lefteris Joanidis – Honourable membership in the Union of the Czech Visual Artists and Theorists of the UVA CR.
- Petr Kotyza – Honourable Mention of CAVS for the preparation and organisation of the International Varsity Championship in Athletics.
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Josef Pavlík, – letter of thanks and honourable mention of the Executive Board of the Czech Sokol Organisation for the preparation and organisation of the 13th national Sokol rally.
- Pavel Řehák, Ph.D. – MU Rector's Award for outstanding results in post-graduate studies
- Assoc. Prof Dr. Otta Říha – Medal and commemorative print of the FoEA MU in Brno for the contributions to the development of the FoEA MU
- Prof. Dr. Rudolf Šrámek – MU Rector's Award for his book Introduction to General Onomastics
- Alexandr Vacek – Golden Diploma for 1st place, LINDENHOLZHAUSEN – Germany.