

St. Elizabeth University of Health and Social Sciences, n.o.

St. Elizabeth University of Health and Social Sciences (hereinafter St. Elizabeth University), n.o. was founded as non-profit organization, registered at 21.October 2002 at Bratislava District Office under No.: **OVVS-673- /54/2002-NO**.

The founders of the new non-profit **St. Elizabeth** University were private persons in cooperation with Pedagogy and Education Development Foundation based at the Health and Social Affairs Faculty on Trnavian University in Trnava, founded and registered according the Foundation Act at Ministry of Interior of Slovak Republic. **St. Elizabeth** University was founded as corporate entity according paragraph 2 of legal form as non-profit organization providing general beneficial services. According paragraph 2, the corporate entity is entitled to act as private higher university institution on the base of a state approval granted by Government of Slovak republic with resolution No.: 891 from 24.September 2003, with legal power since 24. September 2003.

As a long-time intent of **St. Elizabeth** University is to assist within the process of Slovak Republic integration to European Union in the field of social and sanitary workers support in the **inclusion of marginalization communities** of inhabitants to society. **St. Elizabeth** University acts in the spirit of Christian humanism focused on the basic principles of Christian sanitary ethic and larger message of St. Elisabeth, the Bratislava native; to serve to a sick patients and those who are **social excluded without distinction of race, nationality** a religious orientation. **St. Elizabeth** University provides education, scientific pedagogy and **scientific research, as well as students practical activities** in all three levels of university education. It leads the students and teachers to values of Christian ethic and humanism, with message to protect a life from the beginning to dignified natural death, and so fulfilling the heritage of St. Elisabeth, big personality of European health–care and social work.

A scientific activity and research of St. Elisabeth University was in former academic year realized in various forms, many national and international scientific projects (VEGA, UNDP, MATRA, ABS, etc.), but also the institutional grants were implemented. Unique valuation have a SCI publications and SCI quotation, of which has University in academic year 2006/2007 number of 31 quotations and 1522 SCI quotations. On the other hand the production of scientific monogaphes and text-books is lagging behind.

There was increasing number of invitations for lecturing and membership in scientific and editor's boards as a part of St. Elisabeth University other registered appreciation:

1. non SCI national publications: 179,
2. non SCI foreign publications: 108,
3. SCI foreign: 889.

Total of quotations: 1176.

Since the year 2006 there is an accumulation of University's affiliated journals, which are as their's priority focused on publication activities of all scientific and pedagogic operatives at University:

1. **Neuroendocrinology letters**, Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Journal incl. Neuroscience, Neurophysiology, Neuropsychopharmacology, Psychoneuroimmunology, Reproductive Medicine, Chronobiology, Human Ethology and related fields, general editor Peter Fedor Freybergh, ISSN 0172-780X.
2. **International journal of prenatal and perinatal psychology and medicine**, Journal of Early Childhood, general editor Peter Fedor Freybergh, ISSN 0943-5417.
3. **Biogenic amines**, International journal of stress and neuroprotection, general editors Hasan Parvez a Peter Fedor Freybergh, ISSN 0168-8561.
4. **Activitas nervosa superior**, general editor Peter Fedor Freybergh, Journal for neuroscience and cognitive research, ISSN 1802-9698.
5. **Clinical Social Work Practice**, general editor Michal Oláh.

In the same time, there is a trend of cooperation development between introduced journals: a Journal of Pineal Research, Journal of experimental and Clinical Assisted reproduction, Medical Science Monitor, American Journal of Case Reports (Peter G. Fedor Freybergh, Associate Editor), Thyroid Research (Peter G. Fedor Freybergh, Editor), Journal of Pharmacology and Physiology.

Since the year 2007 the scientific activity and research cooperation and preparation for planned long-term cooperation is in progress between St. Elisabeth University and Center for neuropsychiatric research on traumatic stress at Psychiatric clinic of 1st Faculty of Medicine at Charles University, with Pharmacology Institute of 3rd Faculty of Medicine at Charles University, with Psychiatric clinic of Faculty of Medicine at Masaryk University in Brno, with research institutes of Slovak Academy of Science (hereinafter SAV) and Czech Academy of Science (hereinafter CAV), between others with Institute of experimental pharmacology of SAV, Institute of normal, pathologic and clinic physiology SAV, with Institute of physiognomy CAV and individual institutes of Faculty of Medicine at Comenius

University in Bratislava, with Institute of endocrinology at University of Medicine in Lodza (Poland), with Institute for neuroscience at state University in New York (SUMY), with Alfred Fressard Neuroendocrinology Institute for neuroscience in French National Research Center, CNRS in Paris (France) and with Holland Institute for brain research in Amsterdam (Holland), cooperation with University in Maastricht in developing a common research objectives within EU. Cooperation with Danube University in Krems (Austria) and with affiliated Center for preventional medicine. Scientific and research cooperation with Institute of neuroendocrinology at San Antonio University in Texas (USA).

In May 2006 the Rector of St. Elizabeth University founded at St. Elisabeth University of Health and Social Sciences an Institute of prenatal and perinatal psychology, medicine and social science as the first Institute at University ground in the world with professor Peter Fedor Freybergh as the director of Institute. The aim of this Institute is science, research, pedagogic and organization. Within the frame of scientific and research activity of Institute it is necessary to mention the organization of an international conferences focused on prenatal and perinatal medicine, psychology and social sciences (in Nitra 2006, in Bratislava 2007), the foundation of Slovak magazine for **prenatal and perinatal psychology, medicine and social sciences, the preparation of Slovak and Czech text-book for prenatal and perinatal psychology, medicine and thematic monographs.** **From the research part, the Institute aims mainly on research of the problem of non-wanted child, autism** (genetic, biochemic and psychologic mechanism), and research of ADHD.

From the long-term view, the Institute aims to has overall covering of mother and child care as well as the whole family in pregnancy period including preconcept education and optimalisation of human life during prenatal period with accent to competency of prenatal child and its family.