



Solidarity with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences – Pleading in Favour of Fundamental Research

The Romanian Academy, the highest cultural and scientific forum of Romania, having an activity of 152 years focused on two main fields of fundamental research for society – research and creation – is expressing its deep concern regarding the critical situation the Hungarian Academy of Sciences is facing as a consequence of the drastic funding reduction for the year 2019, by 70%, which is bound to affect the optimum activity of the institution and the development of the research plans.

Like most of the European Academies, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences is an autonomous institution having the right to coordinate scientific research, especially fundamental research, a scientific activity of the highest intellectual level, indispensable for applied research and creating the preconditions of innovation, progress and development. The present situation puts at risk the autonomy and freedom of academic life, threatening with the disappearance, merging or restructuring of important fundamental research institutes in Hungary.

Fundamental research is in most European countries under the coordination of the academies and, as its own name suggests, lies at the basis of vast projects developed in the long run, according to coherent and consistent strategies and plannings covering tens of years, while the results of this research is the innovative source of applied research.

For many years the Romanian Academy has been developing common projects with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences within the framework of academic exchanges, members of the Romanian Academy have worked with members of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in many bilateral and international scientific committees, and researchers from Romanian Academy institutes collaborate with researchers from the Hungarian academic system.

We express our hope that judgement, responsibility and equilibrium in decisions will take precedence over scarcely underpinned administrative initiatives, proving a narrow scientific horizon. The Romanian Academy, alongside with the other European Academies, asserts its solidarity with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, being confident that the mission of the Academies is to be the highly responsible voice of the states they represent.

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