

President

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Professor László Lovász
President
Hungarian Academy of Sciences

B u d a p e s t

Dear Professor Lovász, *Dear László,*

Polish scientific community has been observing with great concern the recent situation in the Hungarian research sector. We fully support the position of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and we advocate for freedom and autonomy of science and academia.

Our Academy participated actively in issuing the statement on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences by the Partners of the Visegrad Forum last year and we supported strongly the campaigns led by ALLEA.

Now we would like to inform you that a number of research units of our Academy prepared some proposals for our Hungarian colleagues – we summed them up in the enclosure to this letter.

To discuss the possibilities of our collaborative activities in the future, a high-level delegation of the PAS is ready to come to Budapest at your earliest convenience to meet and support the authorities and the researchers of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. If you are interested in holding such a meeting, please let us know.

In anticipation of your response, I remain

With best personal regards,

Jerzy Duszyński
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**Proposals for Hungarian colleagues submitted by research units
of the Polish Academy of Sciences**

Institute of Agrophysics (Lublin):

- free guestrooms in 2019
- co-financing of registration fee for the participation in 2020 International Conference on Agrophysics organised by the Institute

Institute of Pharmacology (Cracow):

- financing of participation of 5 young Hungarian scientists or PhD students in „4th Central European Biomedical Congress”, Cracow, 19 – 22 May 2019
- the invitation to give lectures in the Institute of Pharmacology (with the covered costs of travel and accommodation) for 3 Hungarian scientists
- possibility of employing a post-doc specialising in bioinformatics in the Department of Molecular Neuropharmacology of the Institute of Pharmacology within an open competition.

Institute of Political Studies (Warsaw):

Proposal to organise a call for a study visit of an employee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences conducting research in the fields of political science, sociology or recent history. A grant for the above mentioned study visit would cover a free accommodation in Warsaw for a month, place of work in the Institute (including the access to its scientific resources), the reimbursement of the costs of international travel (up to 600 PLN) and a maintenance allowance. A candidate, with a good command of English, will be requested to present a project to be carried out during the study visit (possible topics: Hungarian, Central European or European policy) including an abstract in English containing up to 600 words. A study visit would be concluded with a seminar, during which the grant holder would present the results of his/hers research. He or she would also have a chance to publish the text about the results achieved in one of the scientific journals of the Institute of Political Studies.

The Centre for Historical Studies (Berlin):

- proposal to establish cooperation with Hungarian historians
- possible topics: all aspects of the history of Polish-German relations (including the relations of Poland with German-speaking countries), also the history of Central and Eastern Europe with a special emphasis on modern history (16th-18th centuries), the history of 19th century (the years 1789-1928) and contemporary history (since the year 1918 till the beginning of 21st century)
- offer of a free room for one Hungarian scholar for a period of up to three months (with a possibility of extension) and free office facilities in the headquarters of the Centre.