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### The Institute of Archaeological Sciences of the Pázmány Péter Catholic University (PPCU) in the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Project A Good Practice



Being a higher education institution of the Catholic Church, PPKE has been promoting cooperation between civilizations and cultures with special regard to the Near East. The Institute of Archaeological Sciences of PPKE has been especially active in the region having joint fieldwork projects in Syria, Lebanon, Iraqi Kurdistan and intensive scientific contacts with institutes of higher education of the region like Jordan and Egypt. The Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Program paved the way for the training of foreign students in our Institute. To comply the best way possible with the new opportunity the following measures were taken:

- a complete English language curriculum was made on both MA and PhD levels to accept students from our partner institutions
- the special curriculum focuses on Levantine archaeology and practical skills so that students returning to their homes get the most useful training
- a special library collection has been established for this subject
- students must choose research subjects from their native countries
- many SH students are offered the opportunity to join the Syrian and Lebanese archaeological missions of the Institute
- we created a wide interdisciplinary network of co-supervisors for the foreign students including internationally renowned professors from their mother universities (Damascus University; Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik; Lebanese University), from our Hungarian partner institutions (Budapest University of Technology and Economics; Hungarian University of Fine Arts) and from the rest of the western world (Sorbonne; Cardiff University; American Center for Oriental Research; Bonn University)
- a new dormitory was established for our SH students in the city centre
- a specially qualified staff was put in charge for the SH students in the International Office, their work helped by demonstrators who take care for the introductory programs



Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility exchange program for students and teaching staff of our Institute are also put to the service of the English language educational program:

- professors from the partner universities are invited in large numbers to keep contact with their former students now studying in our Institute
- our visiting professors have the opportunity to meet with potential SH applicants in their home universities
- students from our partner universities are invited to the Near-Eastern archaeological missions of our Institute to gain insight into the projects

In the past decade dozens of Syrian, Lebanese, Egyptian, Jordanian students studied in the Institute of Archaeological Sciences with the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Program and successfully obtained their degrees.

