



Zagreb – Vukovar, 15 – 19 November 2004

1ST CONGRESS OF CROATIAN SCIENTISTS FROM THE HOMELAND AND ABROAD

CONCLUSIONS BY THE HUMANITIES SCIENCES SECTION

All science fields mutually supplement each other during man's realisation of the world and of himself and without anyone of them; this realisation would not be complete. A particular value of this Congress is that it connected all these fields. This is evident from the perspective of humanities sciences. All scientific thought emerged from them. Philosophy gave birth to all sciences. Today humanities sciences combine the most diverse science fields just like *spiritus movens* inspires new ideas and new realisations.

1. To motivate debates resulting from this Congress, about the role of humanities sciences amongst other sciences, of their role in society and their task to broaden knowledge about the Croatian culture and language must continue in the future with constant forms of co-operation.
2. We support co-operation between the homeland and immigration in the spirit of a «worldwide (global) Croatia», spiritual, intellectual and interest groups for all Croats around the world for everyone's well being.
3. We wish to motivate co-operation in networking Croatian humanities scientists from all continents with those in the homeland and with each other. We will create a Croatian information system across all borders.
4. We propose that our colleagues working in the field of the Croatian culture and art, seek foreign partners while co-operating with humanities scientists in the homeland; to initiate international projects and to assist in searching for foreign funding for such projects. We call on our colleagues abroad to co-operate as reviewers of university programmes, science projects and other work in Croatia. In this way, they could contribute to fortifying international standards in evaluating university and scientific work in the homeland as well as helping to achieve excellence in these fields.
5. We propose that a National Foundation for Humanities be founded which would be formed by delegates from the Diaspora and Croat immigrant communities to act as a liaison with possible sponsors.
6. We seek that the Croatian Sabor (Parliament) legislatively protects Croatia's cultural heritage and natural environment for the sake of national interest so that we can be all the more prepared to access the EU and so that culture and an untouched natural environment can become a registered trademark for our tourism and economy.
7. We ask that institutions in the Republic of Croatia work on founding and developing Croatian language, literature and editing studies, departments and faculties around the world.
8. We consider that it is our duty to work loyally towards spreading well founded and well thought out announcements about Croatia's Mediterranean and central-European culture within the framework of each humanities science in Europe and the world – within the framework of history and archaeology, the science of literature, history of art, anthropology and ethnology (with folklore studies), philology and linguistics, theology and philosophy – as elements of an appropriate and complete picture of Croatia in world science and for the wider public.
9. We support the founding of and support for international research centres in Croatia and Croatian cultural centres in the world.

We seek that research in all scientific fields respect high ethical standards and that ethical and bio-ethical commissions regularly include representatives from humanities, particularly philosophy and theology where the discipline of ethics belongs.