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FAR-REACHING RESEARCH

By conducting pivotal research at modern, purpose-built facilities, the University of Presov in Slovakia has become a dynamic higher education institution whose influence can be felt across Europe





As the only state university in the region, the University of Presov in eastern Slovakia is of great importance to local life, yet its influence extends a lot further than that. 'The outcomes of our education and research programmes stretch significantly beyond the borders of eastern Slovakia,' explains Rene Matlovic, Rector of the university. 'Through bilateral agreements, we cooperate with 75 higher education institutions from more than 20 countries, while Presov students and teachers can spend time at one of more than 300 universities across Europe under the framework of the Erasmus programme. In addition, staff members present the results of their studies in articles that are published at home and abroad, as well as at various scientific events in countries such as Russia, South Africa, Singapore, Switzerland and the UK.'

CUTTING-EDGE FACILITIES

Though officially established in 1997, the University of Presov's roots can be traced back to a school that was founded in the first half of the 15th century and went on to become an important local educational institution. Today, the institution has 10,000 full- and part-time students and comprises eight faculties that focus on social, natural and theological sciences, sport, the arts, business management and healthcare. Among its priorities is research undertaken at its excellent purpose-built research centres. They include the Centre for Lingual-Cultural and Translational Interpretation, the Centre for Socio-historical

and Cultural-historical Research, and the Centre for Human and Animal Ecology.

'Research is an integral part of our institution, and the results of the related activities are implemented in our teaching processes,' explains Rene. 'For example, our latest research in the fields of anthropology, genetics or biology then becomes the subject of workshops and lab work for both bachelor and doctoral students.'

Because of the reach of its research, the University of Presov has established a Centre for the Commercialization of Research Results and Management of Mind Property. This will help to commercialise intellectual property and technologies created at the university, and to transfer them to other institutions. To this end, the centre has also become a member of organisations such as ProTon Europe, the European knowledge transfer association, and the Association of University Technology Managers, a non-profit association of technology managers and business executives who manage intellectual property.

CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

The University of Presov's outstanding Centre for Lingual-Cultural and Translational Interpretation uses its expertise to enhance the quality of translational studies. Its activities take place within five fields: phonetics and phonology; linguo-culturology; translation and interpretation; mass-media language; and child language. Meanwhile, the Centre for Socio-historical and Cultural-historical Research uses its hi-tech

information, communications and technology infrastructure to conduct analyses in three key areas: the study of the history of the church and religion; the history of demographic movements, population migration and settlement; and the documentation and preservation of cultural heritage.

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The Centre for Human and Animal Ecology, on the other hand, conducts various research activities in the fields of ecology, physiology and animal and human genetics. It boasts four cutting-edge laboratories that epitomise why the University of Presov has gained such a strong reputation as a leading higher education institution.

Throw in the fact that Presov, which is Slovakia's third-largest city and stands on the River Torysa, boasts charming scenery and historical architecture, and you have a great environment for undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD studies. 'Presov has been called "Athens upon Torysa",' says Rene, 'and with our university being very modern and dynamic, it is simply a great place to be.'