

A STUDY TOUR TO EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROGRAM TEMPUS-VERITAS



In the framework of the program **TEMPUS-VERITAS**, from November 14 -29, 2015, the lecturers of the chair of *Economics and Management* Professor A. Tshughuryan and Associate Professor A. Avetisyan paid a visit to four European Universities, namely:

KTH Royal Institute of Technological (Sweden), BATH-SPA University (England), Gerona University (Spain), Heidelberg University (Germany).

The goal of the visit was the survey of the experience of the doctorate management in the above-mentioned Universities within a three-day period at each University.



-from 14 to 18 of November, the institute of post-graduate supervision was surveyed at KTH Royal Institute of Technological, by analyzing the criteria of the activities of the scientific supervision.

-from 18 to 22 of November, the experience of the doctorates' participation in research programs was very

instructive; it was presented not only by the scientific advisors but also the post-graduates of the given University.

-from 22 to 25 of November, the experience of the management of techno-parks, as well as that of interrelating science and production, was of great value which enabled to sell the scientific novelties of the post-graduates of the University to business representatives, thus acquiring opportunities of generating financial resources in the doctorate at Gerona University.

-from 25 to 28 of November, the experience of the quality surveyence of post-graduates' admission and their research was very instructive at Heidelberg University; here a post graduate does not merely write a dissertation; he is a paid employee engaged in a certain program, being set certain assignments and respectively paid for the performed work.



The results of the study tour to the above-mentioned Universities were introduced to the academic staff of Northern University; they were followed by several conclusions drawn in connection with the improvements in the post-graduate education:

1. To take measures to make the post-graduate education more market-oriented, trying to sign agreements with employers to carry out research at their request.
2. To engage, as much as possible, the post-graduates of the University in the research reservation-programs, signed by clients.
3. To develop projects which will enable to implement the experience of joint supervision of dissertations, that is not by one but several co-supervisors.
4. To take measures to improve the current surveyence of post-graduate research quality results.

