



PTE DOK DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

Summary of the most important topics mentioned on the PTE
DOK meeting

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Personal matters

Róbert Pónusz, President of the Organization, said that an important element of advocacy is that foreign doctoral students can get information about issues affecting them in a timely and credible way, therefore Ala' Salem, PhD student at the Doctoral School of Pharmacy – in order to achieve the above – will work in the Organization until 30 June 2019 as a presidential commissioner.

In addition, at the Presidential meeting held on January 7, the Presidency elected Bence Závodi, delegate of the Doctoral School of Earth Sciences, to be a rapporteur responsible for strategic tasks. His current assignment is to organize the dormitory tendering system and to settle the issues related to the summer dormitories of the doctoral students.

Modification of the Remuneration and Benefit Policy

The amendment was proposed by the Doctoral Student Association due to the deregulation of the complex examination fees. The Legal Department, as well as the Central Studies Office, supported the deregulation. Under the amendment, those who have already paid the fee will be able compensated during the payment of their defense fee.

The Senate discusses the issue at its February meeting. Róbert Pónusz submits the proposal to the University Doctoral Committee in order to reach a full consensus.

Report on the Family Support Brochure

The year 2018 was a year of families, and on this occasion, one of the most prominent commitments of the Doctoral Student Association in the past six months was related to this. The Organization has produced a publication entitled Family Support, which aims to help PhD students navigate through the support system, which can sometimes cause many difficulties for those who do not know these opportunities in depth. The brochure has been published and is available to everyone on the [website](#) of the Doctoral Student Association.

Information on the language courses to be implemented in the spring semester

Dr. Patrícia Dominika Niklai, chief of the Cabinet of the Organization, said that in the next semester, students will have the opportunity to attend foreign language courses. This can be done in two ways. According to the base idea, independent doctoral groups start when there is a sufficient number of doctoral students for each languages and levels. If there is not enough staff to start the groups, the interested doctoral students will be able to join the work of the groups initiated by the Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Teacher Training and Rural Development. In both cases, the costs and the number of hours are the same: 2 hours a week, which means a total of 50 hours in the semester, and the price is 25.000 HUF.

Which languages and at what level they start will depend on the number of students. The application period runs until 25 January 2019.

For a group start, a minimum of 8 people is required to attend, applying to learn either English or German languages. Ranking examinations are expected to be held on 4th February 2019.

Information on the organization of IDK 2019

The 2019 Interdisciplinary Doctoral Conference will be held between 24 and 25 May 2019, in building of the Faculty of Law, just like last year. What changes compared to

previous years is that there will be no possibility to apply for accommodation during registration. The working language of the conference will be English and Hungarian. Dr. István Kónya, an economist, will be asked to join the conference as a plenary speaker, because of the fact that last year there were 3 sections for economics at the conference, and they believe that this year they can expect a great deal of interest from this area of science.

Róbert Pónusz, President of the Organization, said that a printed abstract volume will be prepared for the conference if PTE DOK receives support from outside sources. Otherwise it will only be published in an electronic form.

Consultation on dormitory rooms for PhD students

The issue concerns nearly 20 PhD students, which in this case can be considered a high number. The University Student Council is constantly negotiating on this matter. In the established scoring system doctoral students would also gain training points based on completed credits. If the student earned at least 30 credits, he or she would receive 50 training points. In the case of first-year doctoral students, the master's or undivided training results would, of course, count in the usual order. The form is available in PDF format with content that is also applicable to graduate students at the time of application.

Negotiation on the possibility of a dormitory doctoral student equality scholarship

Funding for dormitory care may be a problem in the summer, as the allocation of accommodation for this period gets out of jurisdiction of the University Student Council and placed on a market basis. Accordingly, the prices will be adjusted to market conditions. Many PhD students have difficulties in paying for significantly increased service fees, so the Doctoral Student Association would like to provide support to those who are thus endangered by this situation. The plan is to create a new scholarship of the Organization's own budget, bearing the title of Doctoral Student Equality Scholarship. The application would be published in May each year in parallel with the possibility of submitting an application for summer dormitories. Payments would be based on a credit-based approach, just like on the previous Doctoral student excellence scholarship.

Announcement of the outstanding public scholarship for the 2018/2019 spring semester

Outstanding public scholarship: PTE DOK Articles of Association Article 3 (1):

For the performance of the activities required for his or her specific tasks, the outstanding public scholarship may be awarded to PTE DOK officials, chargé d'affaires or university students or doctoral candidates that have an active student status at the University of Pécs.

The tender is available on this [link](#).

Deadlines for the spring semester are as follows:

February 2019 - February 1, 2019

March 2019 - March 5, 2019

April 2019 - April 2, 2019

May 2019 - May 7, 2019

June 2019 - June 4, 2019

July 2019 - July 3, 2019

August 2019 - August 6, 2019

If you have not submitted your application by the deadline, the Presidency will discuss its application next month.

Consultation on the possibilities of advertising the „Travelling Ambassador’s” tender to PhD students

The University of Pécs „Travelling Ambassador’s” tender is available to researchers and trainers who are in a civil servant legal relationship with the University. They can receive financial support for participation in scientific conferences, art or sports events. It emerged at the Foreign Affairs Committee meeting that this competition could be extended to doctoral students.

Róbert Pónusz, President of the Organization, said that this year, PTE DOK will not be able to provide scholarship funds from its own budget resources in the case of an

extended application, but – if other sources are available – the Doctoral Student Association can take part in the evaluation of the applications and tasks related to the tender. Following a unanimous sympathy vote, the Delegates Assembly provides support to this proposition.

Other

Dr. Orsolya Horváth, Vice President for Foreign Affairs of the Organization said that every year an “Innovation Day” event is organized, so they would like to continue the tradition this year. The scheduled date of the event is 20 March 2019. Last year there was a doctoral student special award, which they would like to give to a doctoral student at this year's event again. The special prize would be a grant of HUF 40,000 to the winner.

Dr. Bence Kis Kelemen, General Vice President of the Organization, said that the mandate of the members of the Supervisory Committee is about to expire, so a new application is required to fill the positions. This is a presidential mandate.

Róbert Pónusz, President of the Organization, defines the deadline for receipt of applications in 1 February 2019. He indicated that candidates for membership of the Supervisory Committee will be heard in person by the Delegation Assembly. He said that those who have the right to vote are not excluded from the list of candidates, but that the membership of the Supervisory Committee is incompatible with any other position, so that in the event of a possible election, the person must decide in which position he or she wishes to continue working in the organization.

The competition is available on this [link](#).