

# **CROATIAN RECTORS' CONFERENCE**

Based on the article 105, paragraph 2, sub-paragraph 1 of the Act on the Scientific Activity and Higher Education («Official Gazette» 123/03, 105/04 and 174/04) and in accordance with the article 5, paragraph 2 of the Procedures of the Croatian Rectors' Conference and the Decision of the Croatian Rectors' Conference on the necessary requirements for evaluation of teaching and professional activity within the procedure for appointment to scientific-teaching titles, dated 19 July 2005, on its 9th session in the academic year 2004/2005 and by the consent of the National Council for Higher Education dated 5 October 2005, the Croatian Rectors' Conference reaches the following

## **DECISION**

### **ON THE FORM AND METHOD OF REALIZATION OF THE INAUGURAL LECTURE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SCIENTIFIC- TEACHING TITLES, ARTISTIC-TEACHING AND TEACHING TITLES**

#### Article 1

In addition to fulfilling the requirements defined by the Croatian Rectors' Conference, a candidate who is appointed for the first time to the scientific-teaching title, artistic-teaching or teaching title, has to obtain a positive assessment by the Committee of the Professional Council of a higher education institution on the inaugural lecture held in front of teachers and students.

Inaugural lecture is assessed by the expert committee appointed by the authorized professional council and consisting of at least three members affiliated with a candidate's scientific or artistic field.

Members of the expert committee have to be appointed to the same or higher level title to which a candidate is to be appointed.

#### Article 2

Expert committee, as determined in the article 1, paragraph 3 of this Decision, shall propose to the candidates the topic and date for the inaugural lecture. Suggested topic of the inaugural lecture has to correspond to the topics of regular teaching within the course referring to the field of candidate's appointment.

Expert committee, as defined in the above paragraph, suggests the determined topic and date of the inaugural lecture to the dean of a higher education institution that is in charge for completion of the procedure of appointment to the appropriate scientific-teaching, artistic-teaching and teaching titles.

The dean of a higher education institution, as defined in the paragraph 2 of this article, determines the date of realization of the inaugural lecture and announces it to the expert committee and to the candidate.

#### Article 3

Inaugural lecture has to be announced on bulletin boards and web pages of:

- a) a higher education institution that is in charge to implement the appointment procedure
- b) Rectors' office of the University

#### Article 4

Inaugural lecture is organized within regular teaching in presence of teachers and students of a higher education institution that has announced a call. Inaugural lecture can be attended by other persons too.

It is obligatory that the members of the expert committee, students and at least five university teachers who are members of the professional council of a higher education institution, at which the candidate is in the procedure of appointment, attend the inaugural lecture.

#### Article 5

Inaugural lecture lasts for one teaching hour, and it is performed by all candidates that have applied to the call, if they fulfill other requirements determined for the appointment to the title in question.

#### Article 6

After the inaugural lecture, attendees can participate in discussion and ask a candidate questions related to the inaugural lecture topic.

#### Article 7

After the inaugural lecture and discussion, as defined in the article 6 of this Decision, expert committee issues a written evaluation on the inaugural lecture that is an obligatory part of the report and proposal of a committee for appointment of a candidate to the appropriate scientific-teaching title, artistic-teaching or teaching title.

Evaluation of inaugural lecture must include a judgment of a candidate's skills relevant to:

- a) professional competence of a candidate, b) increasing interest in the subject,
- c) appropriateness of the matter and approach to the specific study group, d) speaking skills,
- e) use of teaching aids, f) other observations.

Evaluation and proposal are signed by all members of the expert committee.

#### Article 8

Candidate who does not obtain positive evaluation of inaugural lecture cannot be appointed to the scientific-teaching title, artistic-teaching or teaching title.

#### Article 9

The costs of the appointment procedure and of the inaugural lecture organization are covered by a higher education institution that announces a call.

#### Article 10

This Decision is an integral part of the Necessary requirements of the Croatian Rectors' Conference for evaluation of teaching and professional activity within the procedure for appointment to scientific-teaching titles and it is published in the »Official Gazette«.

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