Research and achievements of SSH at ZRC SAZU, Ljubljana

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Governance, reflectivity and utility

Balance between challenge-driven and curiosity-driven research.

Combining local, national and global perspective.

Does all research need to be relevant?

Isn’t excellence enough?

How can one define the impact of SSH beyond quantified indicators?

How to grasp a long-term impact, an impact that extends beyond EU financial frameworks?
Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

1934 Institute of Ethnomusicology
1945 Institute of the Slovenian Language
1946 Geographical Institute

1981 ZRC SAZU is established

1994
2008

National, cultural, linguistic, and geographical affirmation

Natural and cultural heritage

National perspective
Global perspective

Natural, cultural, linguistic, and geographical affirmation
ZRC SAZU
Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Institutes

Anton Melik Geographical Institute
Centre for interdisciplinary research
Fran Ramovš Institute of the Slovenian Language
France Stele Institute of Art History

Institute of Anthropological and Spatial Studies
Institute of Archaeology
Institute of Cultural History
Institute of Ethnomusicology

Institute of Musicology
Institute of Philosophy
Institute of Slovenian Ethnology
Institute of Slovenian Literature and Literary Studies

Ivan Rakovec Institute of Palaeontology
Jovan Hadži Institute of Biology
Karst Research Institute
Milko Kos Historical Institute
Neanderthal bone flute

Found in 1994 in northwest Slovenia

Possibly the earliest musical instrument in the world

Artistic expression of Neanderthals
Geographical position at the crossroads
Local versus global: karst phenomena

The cradle of karst studies
Karst Academy
Graduate karst studies program
UNESCO chair
Slovenian was the 6th language the Bible was translated into (year 1584).
**Publish or perish: no. of publications per researcher**

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% of publications published by:
- ZRC Publishing: 19% (11%), 31% (33%)
- Other Slovenian publishers: 28% (17%)
- Foreign publishers: 22% (11%)
- Top foreign publishers: 35% (22%), 45% (22%), 16% (17%), 3% (11%)
Research articles published in journals

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Getting the message across
EU-funded projects have skyrocketed

- National long-term projects (programs)
- National basic projects
- International projects

Bar chart showing trends from 1997 to 2017:
- 1997: National long-term projects, National basic projects, International projects
- 2007: National long-term projects, National basic projects, International projects
- 2017: National long-term projects, National basic projects, International projects

Supporting initiatives and programs:
- COST Action
- Interreg Va
- Interreg Vb
- Erasmus+
Training doctoral students in the young researchers’ program

ZRC SAZU Graduate School: Comparative Study of Ideas and Cultures.
Take-home message

It is vital that research policy and its implementation enable the SSH community to help knowledge grow and to create a meaningful impact.

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