



REGULATIONS

On establishing and functioning of International Research Centre for Early Language Learning of the Faculty of Education in Jagodina, University of Kragujevac, Serbia, and the Department of Primary Education of the University of Western Macedonia, Greece

Article 1

An announcement is made in relation to establishing the transnational Research Center titled “*International Research Centre for Early Language Learning*” in accordance with the Acceptance of Collaboration No. 259 of 11th November 2019 issued by the Department of Primary Education of the University of Western Macedonia, Greece. The International Research Centre is founded at the Faculty of Education in Jagodina, University of Kragujevac, Serbia. The Department of Primary Education of the University of Western Macedonia, in Greece, is a founding partner of the Centre.

Article 2

International Research Centre for Early Language Learning (hereinafter referred to as International Research Centre) is an organisational unit of the Faculty of Education, without legal personality.

International Research Center has its office in the premises of the Faculty of Education, at 14, Milana Mijalkovica Street, Jagodina, Serbia.

Article 3

The Research Center aims at:

- (a) *Researching on issues related to:*
 - i) teaching a second/foreign language to young language learners,
 - ii) assessing young learners by using alternative tools,
 - iii) bilingual and multilingual education.
- (b) *Training teachers of a second/foreign language* on approaches and methods for teaching languages to young learners and assessment methods and techniques.

Article 4

The Research Center is specifically concerned with following:

1. Research on learning a second/foreign language at an early stage.

2. Conduct a variety of advanced interdisciplinary research initiatives.
3. Research on learning languages in multilingual contexts in South –Eastern European Countries and beyond
4. Support training seminars/courses for language teachers
5. Encourage innovation in language teaching and language assessment
6. Develop educational materials
7. Cooperate with governmental, scientific and social institutions that deal with issues of early language learning and assessment.
8. Cooperate with universities and institutes in the cofounding countries and abroad to achieve the goals and objectives of 1,2,3 paragraphs from Article 4.
9. Cooperate with individual researchers/scholars/academic who deal with early foreign language teaching/learning and bilingualism/multilingualism.
10. Organise scientific lectures, seminars, conferences, summer courses and other scientific events related to Early foreign language instruction and assessment and bilingualism/multilingualism
11. Invite scholars of recognized prestige from Serbia, Greece and abroad for the development of collaborations on issues of language teaching, early bilingualism.
12. Publishing the results of International Research Centre in printed and electronic forms.

Article 5

The Staff of the Research Center consists of the following strands of specialization upon their application submission and the approval of the Scientific Committee:

- a. Academic Staff Members of the University of Kragujevac, Serbia
- b. Academic Staff Members of the University of Western Macedonia, Greece
- c. Academics and Scientists from Serbian universities
- d. Academics and Scientists from Greece
- e. Academic Staff Members of Collaborative Universities from other countries
- f. Postdoctoral researchers, PhDs, doctoral candidates and postgraduate students being engaged in procedures of researching or teaching young language learners.

Article 6

The Research Center is administered by a five to seven member Scientific Committee that is composed of two early language learning experts as representatives of the Faculty of Education in Jagodina, University of Kragujevac, and one early language learning expert as a representative from the Department of Primary Education of the University of Western Macedonia, as follows:

1. The first member is from the Faculty of Education, University of Kragujevac
2. The second member is from the Faculty of Education, University of Kragujevac

3. The third member is from the Department for Primary Education, University of Western Macedonia

The Scientific Committee nominates two more academic members/associates of the International Research Centre, one from each university .

Upon nomination by the majority of the members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Committee may also include early language learning experts from other partner institutions or from independent researchers of early language learning, members of the International Research Centre, as additional collaborators.

The Scientific Committee elects a president and a vice president from the members of the Scientific Committee.

Membership in the Scientific Committee terminates upon personal request or by the decision passed by a majority of the members of the Scientific Committee.

The following activities are assigned to the Scientific Committee of the Research Center:

- a) deciding on acceptance of new members (institutions and individuals) to International Research Centre
- b) deciding on acceptance of new members to the Scientific Committee
- c) electing a president and vice president (upon the president's nomination) of the Scientific Committee, among the Scientific Committee members
- d) developing an activity programme – three-year and operational – on the basis of project proposals submitted by members.
- e) coordinating research initiatives and activities.

Professional, administrative and technical services needed to be performed for the International Research Centre shall be done by the non-teaching staff of the Faculty of Education in accordance with the terms established by a general act on job classification.

Article 7

The president/head of the International Research Centre is nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Education from the full-time academic staff of the Faculty with expertise in early language learning, and is elected by the Academic Council of the Faculty.

The mandate of the president/head of the International Research Centre is three years.

The same person may be reelected as the president/head of the International Research Centre for several times consecutively.

The responsibilities of the president/head of the International Research Centre include:

1. organizing the work on performing the activities of the International Research Centre
2. convening and chairing the meetings of the Scientific Committee
3. preparing an annual report on the activities of the International Research Centre.

Article 8

International Research Centre operates throughout the academic year in accordance with its Operating Regulations.

Article 9

The resources of the International Research Centre come exclusively from its own resources and are not charged to the budget of the University of Kragujevac and the University of Western Macedonia.

In particular they come from:

1. The implementation of research and training (national, European, international) programmes on own or on behalf of third parties.
2. Donations, legacies, inheritances and other financial aids.
3. The dissemination of results of research programs, editions of educational or teaching material
4. The financing or co-financing of research programmes by Ministries or Public Sector Entities
5. Revenue from any other source from public or private sector.

Article 10

The title of the International Research Center is *International Research Centre for Early Language Learning* and is printed on each of its prints along with its logo. All agreements and other documents made between the International Research Centre and the third parties are signed by the official/authorised representatives of both cofounding institutions and bear the stamps of the cofounding institutions. Operating documents and certificates may be issued by each cofounder independently, bearing the signature of the authorised person and a stamp of the respective cofounder.

Article 11

International Research Centre on Early Language Learning is established and the Regulations enter into force on the day of their approval by the Academic Boards of the Faculty of Education, University of Kragujevac, Jagodina, Serbia, and by the Department of Primary Education of the University of Western Macedonia, Greece.

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Regulations were published on the notice board of the Faculty of Education, University of Kragujevac, on 17.01. 2020 and came into force on the same day.



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