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Charles University has confirmed its place amongst the top universities in the world, the only institution in the Czech Republic to do so. The Linguistics and Geography departments were rated in the top 100 in the World University Rankings by Subject, as composed by the British company Quacquarelli Symonds. A further five subjects were included in the top 200 and the university improved its ranking in the majority of evaluated fields.

Modern Languages, Philosophy, Pharmacy, Pharmacology and Mathematics were ranked amongst the top 150 in the world, with Sociology and English Language also placed amongst the top 200.

About the ranking:

This is the third time that Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) has published its ranking of academic subjects. The ranking table lists the results for only the top 200 institutions (i.e. around 1% of all universities) in the world. The comparison of results according to subject is a more precise measure of quality than the averaged placing of the university as a whole.

The published ranking table covers thirty subjects, grouped into five broad fields: Arts and Humanities, Engineering and Technology, Life Science and Medicine, Natural Science and Social Sciences and Management.

The ranking of individual subjects takes into account their specific natures, and the rated indicators are weighted differently according to subject. The evaluation team analysed 68 million references and almost 8,400 study programmes. A total of 2,858 universities assessed, with slightly less than a quarter (678) of these fulfilling all requirements.

The evaluation is based on surveys of academic employees and employers, evaluation of the frequency of quotation of publications by research teams in the given subject and, from this year, also according to their so-called *h*-index.

In order to be included in the evaluation process, institutions had to gain a sufficient number of positive ratings from academic employees and employers, produce a minimum stipulated number of academic publications within a five-year period and organise courses at graduate or post-graduate (doctorate) level.

The ranking table includes universities as well as specialised institutions not otherwise included in 'traditional' institutional rankings (QS World University Ranking).