

Policy Statement 2007 -2013

The essential goal of The Institute of Hospitality in Prague (IHM) was to establish an educational and research college of hotel management and gastronomy which had not existed previously in the Czech Republic as well as to follow traditions of European education in this field.

IHM aspires to fulfill the university mandate with a broader focus, including doctoral level of studies and relevant programmes. The IHM aims at further expansion of study disciplines in correspondence with the principles of Bologna process.

IHM has its own research center, edits its own scientific magazine „Czech Hospitality and Tourism Papers“, research seminars and workshops are regularly organized. The IHM is the main coordinator of an annual conference the Czech Horeca Summit. The IHM organized the conference of the World Association for Education in the Hotel Industry and Tourism (AMFORHT) in Prague in the autumn 2006.

The IHM objectives and priorities for Erasmus Activities

- to develop the mobility of students, teachers, researchers in the frame of Erasmus programme as well as other relevant EU programmes available. To effort to enlarge the offer of bilateral agreements and to increase the number of out-going and in-coming students/teachers.
- to enlarge the activities of our research center
- to support the involvement and active participation of the teachers, researchers and students in the research tasks within the school projects as well as in the international project.
- to aspire for a doctoral level of studies and to introduce MBA programme
- to make an effort to create a study programme taught in English, which is to be offered to foreign and internal students
- to integrate the system of teaching and research into the European educational structures and simultaneously preserve specific features reflexing the historical and cultural traditions of the Czech Republic.
- to improve the presentation of IHM by means of multimedia information technologies, informative booklets, PR events and its participation in educational fairs,
- to support the participation of students and teachers in the international projects, dealing with the minorities problems and integration of the handicapped people. The education of students to racial and religious tolerance is an inevitable part of study programmes of IHM and the professional profile of its graduates.
- to ensure the performance of ECTS, transparency and flexibility of study programmes
- to create a voluntary student network with the aim to support the activities of the out-going and in-coming students.
- By means of alumni and partner clubs enlarge the placement offer and the integration with practice and ensure the professional guidance.
- to involve internal foreign students into the school activities and consequently to develop the multicultural environment.

IHM inputs regularly the actual information about the Erasmus programme activities on its websites and intranet sites, information is also available on plasma-screens and International Relations Information Board in the school corridors. There is information about Erasmus programme provided during the Open Days, informative meetings and student seminars.

IHM enables education to whatever applicant without any gender, racial, national or religion

discrimination.

There are about 13 percent of foreign students in the IHM, mainly from Slovakia, Poland and countries of the former Soviet Union.