

Study 10 / 2016

A national comparison of the academic publication output of the Czech Academy of Sciences: quantity vs quality and co-authorship¹

JUNE 2016

ŠTĚPÁN JURAJDA, STANISLAV KOZUBEK, DANIEL MÜNICH, SAMUEL ŠKODA

Summary

- This study maps out in detail the contribution made by the Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS) to the publication output of the Czech Republic for journals listed in the *Web of Science* (WoS) database. The comparison covers not only the share of the total publication output, but also the share of the excellent publication output, i.e., publications in top-tier journals of respective fields enjoying the most academic prestige.
- A comparative look at the period 2010-2014 shows that in the vast majority of scientific
 fields with representation from the CAS scientific teams, the CAS is significantly more
 focused on publishing in the most prestigious international journals of the WoS database
 than are others in the Czech Republic.
- Research cooperation by the CAS in the form of co-authorship takes place at the national level in various fields with differing levels of intensity, as well as differing in the qualitative focus of such cooperation.
- The sources for this study include the unique bibliometric data processed during the 2015 exercise, the 'R&D Evaluation of CAS units for 2010-2014'.2

¹ The study was made possible thanks to the support of the CAS as part of the Strategy AV21. The authors are grateful to the CAS evaluation organizers for making available their bibliometric data and to Ing. J. Kovařík for his help in obtaining information from the WoS as well as to many colleagues for their comments at the draft stage. Any inaccuracies, omissions or errors are however down to the autohors.

²The CAS evaluation findings are here: http://www.cas.cz/veda_a_vyzkum/hodnoceni-pracovist/hodnoceni-vyzkumne-cinnosti-pracovist-av-cr-za-leta-2010-2014.html