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Synthetic review of the research production and activity of the Center for Lusophone and European Literatures and Cultures – CLEPUL of the Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon in the year 2010

As a member of the International Team for External Evaluation of CLEPUL, I am pleased to note that the process of both scientific consolidation and specialization of this Centre continued successfully, even with an increasing scientific production, that could be compromised due to the period of transition from FCT to FLUL and various financial cuts in 2010. Instead, I notice, after becoming familiar with report of Relatório Científico CLEPUL 2010, also the growing specialization in its structure, as in 2010 CLEPUL was composed of 6 Research Groups: Portuguese Literature and Culture; African Literatures and Cultures; Brazilian Literature and Culture; European Literatures and Cultures; Iberian and Slavonic Literatures and Cultures and Brasil - Portugal: Culture, Literature, Memory. The six main lines of CLEPUL are clearly separate, maintaining, however, cooperation relations and methodological interaction among themselves.

In 2010 the Centre grew considerably, indicating a total of 324 members, including 60 foreign collaborators, 82 (non PhD) members with two researchers holding their PhD degree. Moreover, in 2010 CLEPUL created more scientific jobs including 5 Scholarships for Research Initiation (Groups 3, 4, 5). I may not underline here the importance of the fact that this tendency included the new rapidly expanding field of Iberian-Slavonic Studies, I am particularly accompanying within the CLEPUL activity - represented by the Research Group 5 – Iberian and Slavonic Literatures and Cultures, coordinated by Dr. Beata Elzbieta Cieszyńska.

The Centre foments a scientific dialogue and cooperation with other national and international institutions (Associations, Societies, Research Institutes, Centers and Departments, Universities), including the world-wide growing network of associate researchers. In such way CLEPUL conquers the leadership of its scientific area. The Centre's international profile became improved through new strategic partnerships and greater and leading participation in international events, projects and organizations.

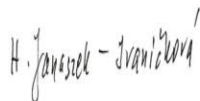
In 2010 CLEPUL fulfilled its mission to promote wide debates reflecting the Portuguese, Lusophone and European experiences organizing three international scientific events that were included in the official program for the commemorations of the 100th anniversary of the 1st Portuguese Republic: The 4th International Conference of the series "Iberian and Slavonic Cultures in Contact and Comparison" entitled "*Res Publica(s)*", FLUL/Camões Institute, 13-15 May; International Congress "Religious Orders and Congregations in Portugal: Memory, Presence and Diasporas (Signaling the first centenary of the Expulsion of the Religious Orders by the First Republic)", Lisbon, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, 2-5 November, with 500 participants and on line transmission and Int. Colloquium "Around Two republics: 15 Nov.1889 - 5 Oct. 1910", 15-16 Nov, FLUL.

That aim marked also the considerable part of the published and prepared for publishing works, including the 2 subsequent thematic dossiers of its launched in 2010 Literary Journal LETRAS COM VIDA, its own scientific Periodic, being the part of the wider project with the same denomination. I consider very significant that for the year 2010, besides LETRAS COM VIDA CLEPUL prepared four more periodicals, mostly worked out within international partnership. In such context I would like to stress the case of the Yearbook *IberoSlavica*, that besides the Group CLEPUL5, is promoted by CompaRes – International Society for Iberian-Slavonic Studies and CISCRI-ICS – Commission for Iberian-Slavonic Comparative Research at the International Committee of Slavists.

The main activity of the Centre reveals always the involvement of various international partners, above all from Brazil and other Lusophone countries, but also with German Colleagues (Institute of European Studies, Chemnitz University), Scottish Slavists (CRSEES, Glasgow University), and Spanish Slavists (Spanish Association of Slavists and Spanish Society for Iberian-Slavonic Studies).

On the basis of not only known to me from reports, but autopsy (a personal participation or involvement in few international conferences organized or co-organized by Clepul, where I performed as one of main speakers, and in 2007 I had the honor to attend in Lisbon the birth of a great International Society for Iberian-Slavonic Studies CompaRes ,I want to note what impressed me the most and what the present day I highly appreciate .It is: 1) the strength and dynamism of the CLEPUL 2)focus attention not on the contributory research, but on the great intellectual and political issue such as opening in the Central and the Eastern Europe dominated by the Slavs , such as restoration of republican tradition of Europe particular the Portuguese ,as Ideas for Europe and also the ratio of nations in European Union .I admire also the ability to focus around the projects, scientists from many countries and thus create a synergy of international team in the unknown to me range in other European countries .

. For all above mentioned reasons I fully recommend the continuing support for the expanding activity and productivity of such dynamic Centre as CLEPUL, being a very important factor in creation of dialogues of the Portuguese Culture and Humanities in Europe and worldwide, including the Iberian-Slavonic perspective.



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