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| Abstract | The following document is a report on the current situation of the relationships UB has with the scientific diaspora |
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**Report on the current situation of the cooperation with scientific diaspora**

The University of Belgrade (UB) has a very long tradition in academic and cultural exchange, inter-university and international cooperation with universities within the country and abroad as well as with the Serbian scientific diaspora. As the oldest and largest learning community in this part of Europe, the UB has unique responsibilities and opportunities toward the society. Still, the cooperation with scientific diaspora does not follow any specific formal format. As a result of the globalization impact and different economic and political factors, a significant number of professors, scientists and researchers left Serbia and continued their work in the United States, Canada or Western Europe, where they found much better working options. In the last decade, the links with Serbian scientific diaspora were mainly supported by joint cooperation through different project programs. The other directions of cooperation with scientific diaspora include: participation in conferences/ scientific events, lecturing and visiting professorship, joint supervision of doctoral thesis. The UB has concluded the bilateral agreements of cooperation with more than 180 universities on every continent (Please find the full list of cooperation agreements between UB and other universities/ institutions attached). It has adopted the Strategy for the Internationalization in 2014 and an Action plan for the Internationalization in 2015 (Please find the document attached).

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The implementation of aforementioned bylaws has enabled more formal framework and improved the communication flow with diaspora. The UB has reinforced social network and valuable professional platform by founding the Alumni association in September 2008. The Alumni Association was established to promote the best interests of the University of Belgrade, enabling graduates to share the international and multicultural experience.

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