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Open letter from the Department of Geography and Sociology of the University of Lleida (Spain) in support of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences


The Department of Geography and Sociology of the University of Lleida wants to show its support for the scientific activity developed by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and more specifically by the Geographical Institute Research Center for Astronomy and Earth Sciences (GI RCAES HAS), with whom we have been able to work on several occasions. We recognize the Geographical Institute as an outstanding center for independent and rigorous scholarship and research in social sciences.

We understand that quality research, rigorous and objective, can only emerge from the freedom of researchers to carry out their work. For this reason, we consider that any political interference that cuts this freedom of thought attempts, first of all, against the same reason of being of the Academy.

At the same time, any attempt at political control of the investigation would suppose an attack against the general scientific progress and, in return, a diminution of the freedom of expression and the democracy in the Hungarian society.

We hope, therefore, that the professionalism of HAS researchers should be recognized by the Hungarian government and that will allow to increase its freedom of research without ideological limitations.


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