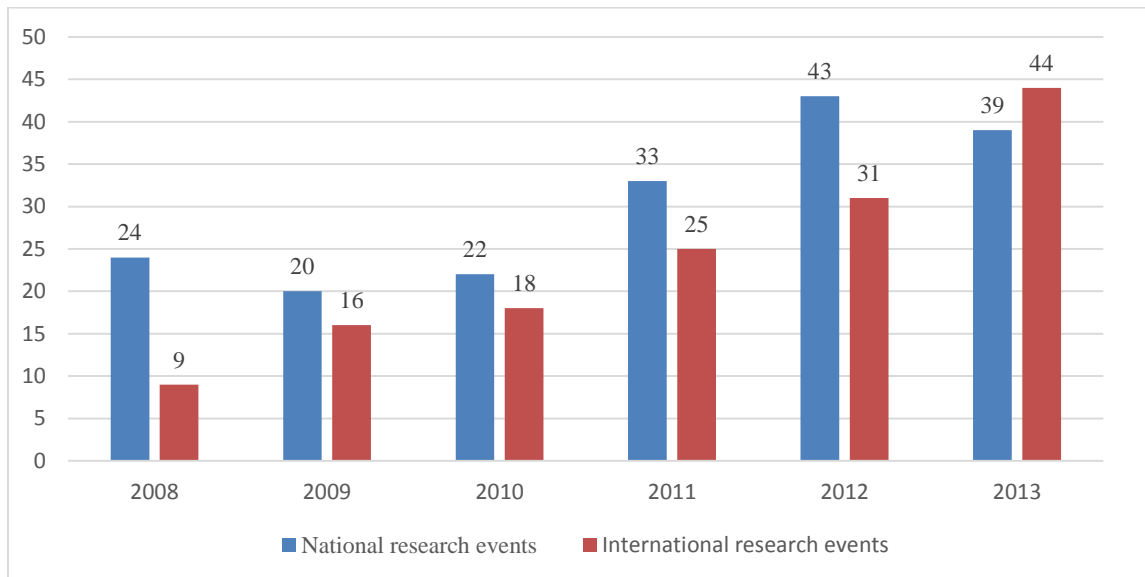


## ACADEMIC EVENTS OF MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY IN 2008-2013

Research events serve as important means of disseminating research results and bring together researchers from different research areas, public and private sector leaders and different societal groups. Each year MRU organizes about 40 international and 40 national research events.



**Chart 1. Dynamics of the number of research events in 2008-2013**

### **International MRU research events that had the biggest impact on international research community in 2008-2013:**

On 23-24 September 2013 an **international Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union conference Horizons of Social Sciences and Humanities** was organized by MRU.

The event was devoted to the discussion of the relationships of social sciences and humanities (SSH) with other fields of science and research policy and in particular with the upcoming EU Research and Innovation Funding Programme Horizon 2020. The conference was organized under patronage of the President of the Republic of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė. The conference partners: European Commission, Ministry of Education and Science, Research Council of Lithuania.

The event was attended by Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General of DG Research and Innovation, prof. dr. Helga Nowotny, President of the European Research Council. as well as over 400 leading European researchers, representatives of universities, research policy institutions, research funding agencies, associations, business companies, non-governmental organizations and media.

In order to define *status quo* of SSH in Europe, needs and aims consultations with European researchers research institutions and funding agencies took place before the conference

The first day of the conference covered the following themes: 1) similarities and differences (what obstacles and problems are encountered by SSH communities? What are structural difficulties of SSH? How to make SSH more open to the society?), 2) Evaluation (how to evaluate SSH research?), 3) Education and improvement of the qualification (how to improve the qualification of researchers

at a later stage of their academic career? How to make their international mobility smoother and more natural?).

The second day of the conference held a discussion on how SSH could help overcome challenges outlined in Europe's Growth Strategy Europe 2020: health and demographical changes, safe food and sustainable agriculture, sea research and bioeconomics, safe energy and smart transport, climate change and sparing of natural resources, innovative and safe society. Conference participants also discussed on the place SSH will be given in Horizon 2020.

On the basis of consultations and conference results Vilnius Declaration was signed which is used to model the future of the European research policy.

The event was funded by the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of the European Commission and the Research Council of Lithuania. More detailed information is available on the regularly updated [conference website](#).

On 24-26 June 2010, a conference **Ethics and Values in Higher Education in the Era of Globalisation: What Role for the Disciplines** organized by the International Universities Association and Mykolas Romeris University took place. The event was under patronage of the President of the Republic of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė. The aim of the conference was to discuss the concept of ethics and values in different research areas and cultures, to analyse how approaches of different research areas and cultures supplement and enrich each other, to contribute to the highest values based system of higher education and examine how global higher education community can build a universal code of ethics.

Over 300 leaders and researchers of the most influential universities in the world arrived to Lithuania. It was an excellent opportunity for Lithuanian universities to establish relationships with other universities of the world, to present Lithuanian higher education system and research achievements to the leaders of the international universities, to engage more actively in the global area of research and studies through joint research, research projects and networks of mega universities. More detailed information is available on the [conference website](#).

On 18-23 August 2009, the **14th European Conference on Developmental Psychology** was organized by Mykolas Romeris University and European Society of Developmental Psychology (ESDP) in Vilnius. About 700 researchers and practitioners of psychology, education, psychiatry and other areas from different countries of Europe, Asia and Northern America took part at the conference.

Issues related to development of children, juveniles and adults were analysed: social and economic conditions behind early child development, and changes in the society on human development, bullying and violence in family and at school, juvenile delinquency, suicides, mental health of children and adults and their development, factors influencing life satisfaction and personal psychological well-being.

As the data of the World Health Organization suggests, from 36 countries which took part in the survey, Lithuania is leading by the number of children being bullied. Daily bullying does not only frustrate children but also teaches them aggressive behaviour that is further transmitted to their families and environment. Actions at the national level - harassment prevention programme, education of society, different initiatives inviting attention to this painful problem Lithuania are needed in order to stop a vicious circle of violence -. It is suggested to reduce the scope of bullying by applying Norwegian experience and the renowned Olweus Bullying Prevention Programme. Dan Olweus, the author of the above mentioned prevention programme was invited to the conference. He and his colleagues did a workshop teaching to work with Olweus Bullying Prevention Programme. The conference also analysed the latest studies on difficulties experienced by children and juveniles, and the results were applied in practice and contributed greatly to solution of problems which are

particularly relevant to Lithuania: bullying and violence in school, youth crime, suicides, depression etc. A lot of attention was also paid to the analysis of the impact of social, economic and political changes in the society on the well-being of children and juveniles. More detailed information is available on the [conference website](#).

### Most significant international MRU research events in 2008-2013

Title of the event	Organizers / partners	Year
Lithuanian Presidency's of the Council of the Europe Union Conference Horizons of Social Sciences and Humanities	Mykolas Romeris University, European Commission, Ministry of Education and Science, Research Council of Lithuania	2013
European Social Cognition Network 2 ( ESCON 2) conference	Mykolas Romeris University, European Social Cognition Network	2013
Intercultural Social Communication	Mykolas Romeris University	2013
Volunteering and Mentoring in the Context of Cultural Cooperation	Mykolas Romeris University	2013
Criminalistics and Forensic Examination: Science, Studies, Practice	Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuanian Criminologists' Association and Lithuanian Forensic Examination Centre	2013
Impact of Fires on Ecosystems and Soil	Mykolas Romeris University, Barcelona University, Valencia University, Europe Soil Bureau Network	2013
Public Administration in Central Europe: in Search of Tradition	Mykolas Romeris University	2013
Whither our Economies	Mykolas Romeris University	2013
Practice and Research in Private and Public Sector	Mykolas Romeris University	2013
Dialects – European National Heritage	Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences, Faculty of Lithuanian Philology, and Institute of the Lithuanian Language	2013
Language of Speciality: Grammar and Logics	Mykolas Romeris University	2012
Legal Aspects of Consumer Protection in the European Union: Protection of the Consumer As an Agreement Party	European Consumer Centre in Lithuania Savoja University (France), Santiago de Compostela University (Spain)	2012
Social Innovations: Theoretical and Practical Insights	Mykolas Romeris University	2012
Social Technologies 12	Mykolas Romeris University	2012
Strategy and Practice of Sustainable Development	Mykolas Romeris University	2012
Prospects of the Health Care Development System	Mykolas Romeris University	2012
Interconnections of Discourses and Their Changes	Mykolas Romeris University	2012
Science and Practice in Private and Public Sector	Mykolas Romeris University, Riga Technical University, Kroc University, Belorussian State University, Tallinn University of Technologies, Warsaw School of Economics	2012
Experiences of Common Cohabitation: Traditions, Norms and Identities	Mykolas Romeris University	2012
Problems of Identity: Tradition and Innovations	Mykolas Romeris University	2012
Mediation in Europe – Experience and Challenges	Mykolas Romeris University	2011
Challenges of Globalization When Ensuring Public Security	Mykolas Romeris University	2011

Implementation of Juvenile Justice: Socioeducational Aspect	Mykolas Romeris University, Ministry of Education and Science of RL, Special Pedagogy and Psychology Centre	2011
Peculiarities of Family Cases Investigation and Execution of Court Decisions	Mykolas Romeris University, Supreme Court of Lithuania, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania and Lithuanian Court of Appeals.	2011
Safe Childhood in a Global World	Mykolas Romeris University	2011
International Transparency International Summer School	Mykolas Romeris University, Transparency International Lithuania, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, Finnish and US Embassies in Vilnius, Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania	2011
Academic Integrity and Improvement of University Management	Mykolas Romeris University, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Applied Ethics Centre; Lomonosov Moscow State University; Comenius University in Bratislava;	2011
Private and Public Sector: Practice and Studies	Mykolas Romeris University, Belorussian State University, Riga Technological University, Kroc University (Ukraine), Tallinn University of Technologies and Warsaw School of Economics	2011
Representation of the Child's Rights: Theoretical and Practical Aspects	Mykolas Romeris University	2011
Problems of Implementing the Right to Judicial Defence: Length of the Procedure and Factors Determining It	Mykolas Romeris University	2010
Challenges of the Dynamics of the Contemporary World for the Humanities	Mykolas Romeris University	2010
Lithuania's Integration in the European Union: Problems and Prospects	Mykolas Romeris University	2010
Social Economics and Reduction of Poverty in the EU	Mykolas Romeris University	2010
Training of Social Workers. Prospects and Challenges of Implementing Supervision	Mykolas Romeris University	2010
Problems of Business Psychology	Mykolas Romeris University	2010
Ethics and Values of Higher Education and in the Era of Globalization: What Role of the Disciplines	Mykolas Romeris University, International Association of Universities	2010
Integrity and Economic Crisis	Mykolas Romeris University, International McIntyre Research Association	2010
12th International European Adolescence Research Association's Conference	Mykolas Romeris University, European Adolescence Research Association	2010
Social Exclusion of Senior-Aged People: Response to the Crisis	Mykolas Romeris University	2010
Legal Changes of the European Union Law: Trends and Problems	Mykolas Romeris University	2009
European Union and its New Neighbourhood: Membership or Neighbourhood?	Mykolas Romeris University	2009
Trends of the Contemporary Law Development	Mykolas Romeris University	2009
Models of E-Government Scenarios	Mykolas Romeris University	2009
E-Business Development Challenges	Mykolas Romeris University	2009
Adult Education: Creativity and Innovations	Mykolas Romeris University	2009
14th European Developmental Psychology Conference	Mykolas Romeris University, European Society of Developmental Psychology	2009
Creativity and Novelties in Social Work	Mykolas Romeris University	2009
Paradigm of Internationalization: Historical and Present Contexts	Mykolas Romeris University	2009

Effectiveness in Public Sector: How Can Management Theories be Applied and what can Practitioners Advise?	Mykolas Romeris University	2009
Higher Education under Market Conditions: Theory and Practice	Mykolas Romeris University, OECD	2008
Three Years of Lithuania's Membership in the European Union: Experience and Expectations	Mykolas Romeris University	2008
Criminalistics and Forensic Examination: Science, Studies, Practice	Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuanian Forensic Examination Centre Lithuanian Criminologists' Association	2008
Ways of Defending Civil Rights and Procedural Forms	Mykolas Romeris University	2008
Migration, Refugees and National Minorities: European and National Prospects in the „New“ Europe	Mykolas Romeris University,	2008
Administrative Law as a Specified Constitution	Mykolas Romeris University	2008
Relevant problems of Applying Criminal Code of the RL	Mykolas Romeris University	2008
Participation of Children in Decision Making	Mykolas Romeris University	2008
Methodology and Latest Data Analysis Methods of the Investigations Carried out in Baltic and Northern Countries	Mykolas Romeris University, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Jyväskylä, Stockholm, Orebro universities	2008
Multicultural Paradigm in Social Work	Mykolas Romeris University	2008