

**INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION OF  
S. TORAIGYROV PAVLODAR STATE UNIVERSITY:  
SCIENCE WITH NO BOUNDARIES**

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One of the major tasks of Kazakhstani higher school at the current stage of development is the integration of education and science into the broader world educational space, in which the principles of the Bologna process are being implemented. . Kazakhstan has been a full participant in the Bologna process since 2010, thus indicating its intention to modernise and optimise higher education and to bring its higher educational institutions into conformity with international higher educational norms and practices. The significant amount of international activity of Kazakhstani institutions of higher educational is one of the major indicators of their innovative development.

For S. Toraigyrov PavLodar State University (PSU), which within fifty years turned from peripheral technical university into state-of-the-art multifunctional and extremely innovative university, international collaboration has been a major undertaking.

When the higher school system was being reformed, the university stepped into world educational space having signed the Charter of Bologna in Italy, the 'Great Charter' of the world university community.

Today PSU is making good progress in collaboration internationally. The international activity of the biggest university of the region is directed to active integration of the university into world educational processes, providing its participation in international scientific and educational programmes, building bridges with the world's higher educational institutions, and training specialists who are able to meet international professional and scientific requirements.

The major indicator of the international activity of the university is how international experts estimate this university. In their opinion, PSU meets all major criteria characterizing innovative universities. High ratings of the university are indicative of this. PSU received high appraisal of the German international accreditation agency ACOUIN when it decided to accredit six specialties of the University in March of 2012: Auditing and Accounting, Economics, Management, Finance, Public and Local Administration, and Tourism. Accredited as well were master's degree programmes in the Faculty of Finance and Economics and the Faculty of Chemical Technologies and Natural Science.

Owing to this successful accreditation, the diplomas of graduates of PSU in these specialties are acknowledged both nationally and internationally.

In addition, PSU was one of the first Kazakhstani higher educational institutions which acquired a certificate of conformity of its quality management system to ISO 9001:2000 international standard requirements.

The University became an experimental ground for many successful pioneering ideas and approaches. This was acknowledged when PSU received a special award "For Training