



# PROGRESS REPORT ON STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONALISATION

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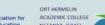
























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# KEY OBJECTIVES OF STRATEGIC PLAN

- Support for internationalization of curricula, including courses in English
- Coordination & supporting international research activities
- Establishing international academic partnerships and networks







## STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

# Support for internationalization of curricula, including courses in English

- Courses in English MA Organizational Development and Consulting (2 in 2014-2015)
- Development of Pedagogy and Content Action research on culture- sensitive learning and teaching: data collection, data analysis, dissemination and implementation of recommendations;

#### Coordination & supporting international research activities

- international conferences/submission of joint research/projects proposals and joint international publications
- Establishing international academic partnerships and networks
  - further development of existing research centers and establishment of new international research/training centers (e.g., Center for Diversity and Intergroup Relations Studies – DIRS); development of summer programs/schools







# PROGRESS MADE IN 2014

- Support for internationalization of curricula, including courses in English
  (areas of satisfactory progress and indicators of achievements)
  - Design of 2 courses, approval by the academic administration, inclusion in the MA program/curriculum, approval of support for students by the Unit for English; pending opening of courses (registration of 10 students)
  - Research on Culture sensitive teaching and learning: completion of data collection phase 1, in progress data analysis, presentation of initial findings at International Conference on Diversity
- Coordination & supporting international research activities
  - Increase in rate of submission of proposals by faculty, including international funding agencies with international partners; international publications; support provided to academic staff
- Establishing international academic partnerships and networks
  - Updated mapping of international partnerships in research/projects, hosting of international researchers and students at YVC; teaching experiences of faculty abroad; first summer school at the Galilee Center for Jewish-Christian Relations; further development of English YVC website







### **CONSTRAINTS OR INHIBITORS**

- Coordination & supporting international research activities
  - Slow progress in rates of submissions with international partners
    - Heavy teaching load of academic staff at YVC
    - Limited support for academic staff (financial and professional)
    - Inadequate technologic devices (data base of foundations, etc.)
- Establishing international academic partnerships and networks
  - Slow progress in developing the English Website of YVC
    - Inadequate resources (HR and financial)
  - Slow progress in establishing summer programs
    - · Ambiguity and bureacraucy re: transfer of credits
    - Organizational Constraints: inadequate HR and ambiguity re: areas of responsibilities
  - Slow progress in expanding networks and research/training centers
    - Based mainly on individual initiatives rather than collective mandate, joint YVC actions and support of management







#### WAYS TO OVERCOME CONSTRAINTS

- Continued Championship (YVC/IRIS team members)
- Negotiation with YVC Management
- Pooling resources within YVC (improving internal coordination of internationalisation-related activities)
- Partnering with Israeli academic institutions (partners in IRIS and others) and submission of proposals to continue and expand extant activities
- **Learning** (good practices, success, coping with challenges): Reflection within YVC and with IRIS partners







# QUESTIONS TO THE GROUP

- How to optimize negotiation outcomes concerning support from the college management?
- How to overcome organizational constraints in establishing IR team/staff for the long run?
- How to work more efficiently and effectively in developing an English website?
- How to motivate students to participate in IR programs?





