

Communiqué

The Antall József Knowledge Centre (AJKC) operates as a private foundation, its founder is Mrs Klára Antall and its creator is Péter Antall, who takes part in the work of the organisation as director. The main objectives of the institution include education, research, and publication, in line with the Antall philosophy.

Since its inception until the end of 2020, AJKC organised 103 (mostly international) conferences, 189 lectures/panel discussions, and 112 talent management and innovation programmes. In 2021, it will realise another 12 conferences, 30 lectures, and 15 talent management and innovation programmes, mostly online. These can be found on AJKC's YouTube Channel.

As for its research activities, until the end of 2020 with each language considered separately, AJKC released 107 in-depth analyses, so-called AJRC analyses, 600 research blogs, and 21 issues of the quarterly *In Focus* magazine. In 2021, releasing another 45 analyses, 100 research blogs, 3 issues of the *In Focus* magazine is planned, most of which have already been published. You may read them on AJKC Digital.

Connected to its <u>publishing activities</u>, 78 books have been published, out of which 49 pieces are translated, 25 are original, and 4 are conference publications. Out of the 74 books, 63 were published in Hungarian and 11 in foreign languages (mostly in English), which include 35 professional publications, 18 textbooks, 9 autobiographical books, 7 books sharing views of great thinkers, and 5 books from the *Hungarian Memories* series. In 2021, AJKC will release another 7 books, collecting materials and preparations are well in progress.

AJKC has a vast amount of international connections and foreign activities, therefore, researchers and leaders of the Knowledge Centre regularly take part in conferences, professional events, and diplomatic meetings all around the world. AJKC have organised trips abroad strictly related to professional programmes and the institution's foreign policy strategy, always as per the rules of procurement and financial management. When selecting accommodation for delegations and organising programmes, AJKC considered the strict protocol of diplomatic meetings, as well as a secure environment.

Recently released articles that consciously besmirch AJKC and show its financial management and operation in bad light are considered a sad accompanying element of the upcoming election campaign. These articles extensively smear the name of the foundation and that of the Antall family, as well as depict its statements and activities in a false light; many times statements by AJKC are distorted, the documentation on its achievements provided by the foundation is consciously left out. AJKC management showed cooperation upon receiving the reporter's questions preceding the release of the article, documents asked for were provided in every case. Before publishing the article, the reporter did not send the finished article for review, despite a request by AJKC—which the reporter would have been bound to as per the Press law. Thus, the foundation, because of the reporter's malicious procedure, was hindered in its opportunity provided by law to not to consent to the release of the article quoting substantial change or distortion in its statements as a cause. Therefore, the foundation will make the necessary legal steps related to the original and any other article with a similar content.

Made in Budapest on 31 May 2021