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Resolution No 3/2022

Doctoral Student Government
Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization PAS
of 24 October 2022

**on the opinion on the hologram expiration date on the doctoral ID card
at the GeoPlanet Doctoral School**

Based on §9 point 2 of the Regulations of the Doctoral Student Government of IGSO PAS, the Doctoral Student Government of IGSO PAS resolves the following:

§1

We are proposing to change the hologram expiration date on the doctoral ID card from September 30 to October 31 of a given calendar year, starting with the academic year 2023/2024.

§2

6 people entitled to vote took part in the voting, 6 people voted for the resolution, 0 against and 0 abstained from voting.

§3

The resolution will come into force on the date of its signing.

Justification for the resolution regarding the opinion on the hologram expiration date on the doctoral ID card at the GeoPlanet Doctoral School

The request is based on the fact that currently in force the hologram expiration date (September 30) on the doctoral ID cards coincides with the end of the academic year at the GeoPlanet Doctoral School, not giving the Doctoral School authorities and administration sufficient time to purchase and distribution of new holograms among the Institutes constituting the Doctoral School before the expiry of the previous ones.

Lack of a valid hologram deprives doctoral students of the possibility of using their statutory discount, e.g.: for reduced journeys by means of public collective transport in accordance with the Act of June 20, 1992 (Journal of Laws of 1992, No. 84, item 455, art. 4, paragraph 4b), despite meeting all the requirements contained in the Regulations of the GeoPlanet Doctoral School necessary to maintain the status of a doctoral student. It is additionally problematic due to the fact that a valid doctoral ID card is the only document confirming the right to use the above-mentioned discounts and cannot be replaced by a temporary certificate of having the status of a doctoral student. Due to the fact that the new hologram is often delivered by the School after the expiry of the previous one, the doctoral student is exposed to additional costs, including the need to suspend a long-term city ticket (if the doctoral student has one) and purchase regular tickets (100% of the price) during this period.

Our application does not contradict the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of September 21, 2018 (Journal of Laws 2018, item 1837), which does not specify the exact hologram expiration date on the doctoral ID card. In addition, October 31 is a commonly used hologram expiration date at the Polish universities in accordance with the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of September 28, 2018 (Journal of Laws 2018, item 1861 §21 section 3).

In the opinion of the Doctoral Student Government, the introduction of the proposed solution would give both doctoral students and school administration more time to complete the formalities necessary to extend the validity of the ID card and deliver the holograms on time, which would eliminate the above-mentioned problems.