



### **QS World University Ranking 2016/17**

The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the QS World University Ranking, published on 6 September 2016, points to a dramatic drop in the University of Crete's listing, from 501-550 in 2015-16 to 651-700 this year.

In part this can be attributed to the University's poorer showing on the indices measured by QS, primarily in terms of academic and employer reputation surveys (given 50% of the total weighting), and hence the QS rankings may well be reflecting damage inflicted by the prolonged recession. In part, however, it is also due to changes in the 'pool' of universities participating in the rankings, with the increased competition for places by well-funded South East Asia institutions displacing many European universities in the listings.

In these circumstances it is noteworthy that research output and impact, as measured by SCOPUS indexed publications and citations, indicate a remarkably steady performance by University of Crete scholars and scientists: citations per faculty of 38.1 in 2016 (for 4980 publications in the period 2011-15) compared with 33.1 in 2012 (for 4553 publications in the previous 5-year period, 2007-11).

University of Crete researchers are to be congratulated on this consistently high achievement and the fact that by this indicator the University is ranked 270 worldwide in the 2016 QS league tables as a research-intensive university. Similarly, it is noteworthy that in the QS Subject Ranking for 2016/17 the University is listed #251-300 for Medicine.

Improvement in the league tables overall is to be expected with the implementation of the University's new strategic plan.