**The PhD dissertation and its defending**

1. **The doctoral dissertation is the documentation of the objectives and methods of the research and the results achieved in the subject area. It’s a written paper, essay that proves the candidate’s ability to independently solve a scientific task measured by the degree requirements**

a) in the form of an independent writing written for this purpose, taking up a writing space of at least 50, but no more than 100 pages (one page = 32 lines, 70 characters per line) including the title sheet, the contents page and references (but not including the figures and tables!)

b) Outstanding performers (a minimum of three published or accepted first-author articles on the basis of the dissertation, > 1.5x expected IF) in the form of a written work linked to this text (10-20 pages introduction, special prints of articles, 10-20 pages discussion, one page conclusion)

c) For the in the interests of the high-quality appearance of both the dissertation (A4 size) and theses (A5 size), practices having been formed and developed by the National Board of Accreditation must be followed. Therefore, the Secretary of the DCHCMPhS must be consulted before the dissertation and the theses are prepared. Formal requirements are as follows:

- Candidates are to prepare the theses of their dissertation before defending it. These theses need to be more or less uniform, similarly to the previous candidates’ theses.

- The theses need to include (separately) a list of the research publications and conference abstracts lying in the basis of the dissertation. The theses, also prepared in English (in 31 copies), need to be forwarded to the DCHCMPhS at same time the dissertation is submitted, as they constitute part of the minutes taken at the defending.

- The dissertation needs to be prepared in A4 format. The title sheet needs to include the title and a note: “Doctoral (PhD) Dissertation”, the author’s name and, at the bottom of the page: University of Pécs, DCHCMPhS, Pécs and the year of preparation. On the title sheet, in addition to the previously listed items, the names of the program leader, sub-program leader and the supervisor must also appear.

- The dissertation also needs to include the list of publications and conference abstracts.

d) After having been defended one copy of the dissertation, as well as on copy of it either on a CD or a DVD must be placed in the library of the UPMS.

e) The dissertation must be submitted to the DCHCMPhS in 5 printed and bound copies, along with a copy on a non-rewritable CD or DVD, either at the time of submitting the application for the Doctoral degree acquiring procedure or within two years after the acceptance of the application. On submitting the dissertation, the participant makes a written statement that (s)he has not submitted the dissertation to another institution previously and that (s)he has not had a rejected application for the Doctoral degree acquiring procedure. The declaration shall be submitted with the signature(s) of the supervisor(s) (Appendix 8).

f) The dissertation must be accompanied by original publications that have been published or are in the process of being published. In the latter case, an editorial letter confirming acceptance of the communication.