

Nomination for the title of Honorary Doctor of Vilnius University Mr. Otmar Seul, the Professor of the University of Paris, Ouest - Nanterre - La Défense focuses his scientific and educational activities on the development of international and interinstitutional relations, organization of international scientific events, such as summer law schools for the establishment of the academic multicultural communities of students, researchers and teachers. Since 1989 he founded over 40 Erasmus (Socrates) programs to ensure students 'and teachers' exchange not only among the French, German, Austrian, Swiss universities, but also to strengthen and provide the foundation to sharing of the good experiences with the Central, Southeast and Eastern Universities in Europe (eg. Poland, Turkey and the Baltic States). On the basis of these programs the Network of Cooperation in European Higher Legal Education (also known as Nanterre Network) was established in 1995. The professor is also the founder of bilingual French and German-language bachelor and master programs designed to provide the knowledge and skills of French and German legal systems, French and European law. Professor Otmar Seul is the organizer of at least ten French - German joint law doctorate projects. In 2007 he and other colleagues founded interdisciplinary multilingual research center at the Paris Ouest-Nanterre-La Défense University (Center de Recherches pluridisciplinaires multilingues), which mainly explores the legal and political culture of the European Union and its Member States. The long-lasting cooperation of professor Otmar Seul at Vilnius University are recognised with regard to the development of international communications law studies and science. In 2001 June thanks to Professor Otmar Seul, Vilnius University and the Faculty of Law were admitted to the aforementioned Nanterre network; at that time the annual Network meeting was held in Vilnius. Intensive exchange visits were launched between Nanterre -La Défense University and the Vilnius University. Together with the professor Otmar Seul and his Paris Ouest-Nanterre-La Défense University the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University has established a Centre of French law in 29 September 2003. The Center has sought to deepen the theoretical and practical knowledge of Lithuanian students and practitioners about the law and practice in France and the European Union. To this day there are intensive training courses, lectures, scientific events and cooperation with the French and Lithuanian institutions. Professor Otmar Seul often participates in the activities of the Center. It should be noted that in 2004 professor Otmar Seul has initiated and is actively involved in the establishment and development of the European Law Summer School, which is organized jointly by the Paris Ouest-Nanterre-La Défense University, J.W. Goethe university of Frankfurt am Main and University of Vilnius. The first European Law Summer School in was opened and held in Vilnius under the title "What is the right law for an enlarged Europe? A new area of activity for young Europeans?". Organized each year in Vilnius and up to now, European law summer school annually gathers Lithuanian, French, German law students and professors not only to discuss the legal issues of European integration, but also to learn about the history of Lithuania, the spectacular cultural and natural heritage of the country. The working languages of the European Law Summer School are German and French. The European Law Summer School in Vilnius later became one of the main examples of organizing similar summer law schools in other European countries, Balkans, Arabic or even South American countries. Professor Otmar Seul has also contributed to the initiation of the creation of the International Law PhD Network (International Network of PhD studies in Law) where four universities, namely Paris Ouest Nanterre la Défense, Lodz, Frankfurt and Vilnius partner to provide better opportunities for their PhD students. Professor Otmar Seul has been involved in all European law Summer Schools, lectures or seminars on various topics of labor law. In addition, he represents the home university during summer schools, in relationship with French and German ambassadors. It is important to note that Professor Otmar Seul contributes greatly to find the funding sources for the summer school of European law and other research projects. For all the merits of the scientist and the contribution to strengthening multicultural and scientific cooperation Otmar Seul was awarded the Order of the French Republic (Chevalier de l'Ordre National de Mérite) on 4 July 2011 in a ceremony at the French Embassy in Vilnius. Professor Otmar Seul has been a visiting professor at universities in various academic international institutions in Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. Professor Otmar Seul constantly

participates in a scientific conferences organized in Vilnius, prepares reports on labor law, helps to compile and publish collections of publications by French, German and Lithuanian scholars. Throughout his career, professor Otmar Seul has published numerous scientific articles, scientific books in both French and German, dedicated to the topics of labor law and the integration of legal cultures. He is an editor and member of editorial boards of several scientific journals member. For example, since 1994 he is editing the scientific review "Allemandjuridique / Langues et cultures juridiques et politiques européennes « (ISSN: 1634-22-59). Researchers of the Law Faculty of Vilnius University have also published their scientific articles in this journal. Professor's activities have contributed significantly to the implementation of new legal teaching methods, integrating international and European Union law subjects into national law study programs, developing an open comparative approach to the functioning of different legal traditions and systems, combining the experience of old Member States of the European Union and newcomers to Lithuania, contributing to the law solving the problems of harmonization, multiculturalism in science. The unique summer law school model proposed by the professor in the second decade is an exceptional way of analysing the sources of European law by studying the right to also know cultural diversity. Thanks to Professor Otmar Seul, Vilnius University has succeeded in establishing and still developing academic, scientific and cultural relations with renowned German, French law scientists and universities, as well as the implementation of various exchange programs, francophonic and Germanic law training and study projects. not only students from Vilnius University, but also other members of the public are involved. It should be emphasized that the partnership is particularly important in the context of Lithuania's membership of the European Union, as the new cooperation ties established since the beginning of cooperation strengthen the potential of law scientists, open up opportunities for joint activities on the harmonization of national and European law. Partnership with experienced scientists in this field is important for the Lithuanian legislative and legal system development processes. Authoritative Professor Otmar Seul performs leading role in developing the academic, multicultural relations of Vilnius University, France and Germany, strengthens national partnership of law scientists, doctoral students and students, contributes to the continuity of institutional cooperation with French and German diplomatic representations in Lithuania. Joint academic activities have been successfully implemented more than a decade. Not only do they promote the name of Vilnius University in Lithuania, France, Germany and other countries and continents, but it also strengthens the position of Vilnius University Faculty of Law at international level and underlines the role of the University in the region. The significant achievements of the professor's activities in cross-border relations were confirmed by state awards. For all its merits in law and cultural diversity, in addition to the above-mentioned award, Professor Otmar Seul was distinguished with two other awards from the French Republic - Chevalier dans l'ordre des Palmes académiques de la République française in 2002 and Chevalier dans l'Ordre national du Mérite de la République française in 2006). In 2002 m. Potsdam University in Germany awarded honorary doctor name (Doctor der Rechtswissenschaften honoris causa (Dr. iur . hc). In 2009 Professor Otmar Seul was awarded the Cross of Merit of the Class I of the Federal Republic of Germany (Bundesverdienstkreuz I. Klasse ).