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How much do we need to do for better doctoral education: an example from University of Zagreb

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❖ Some facts and figures

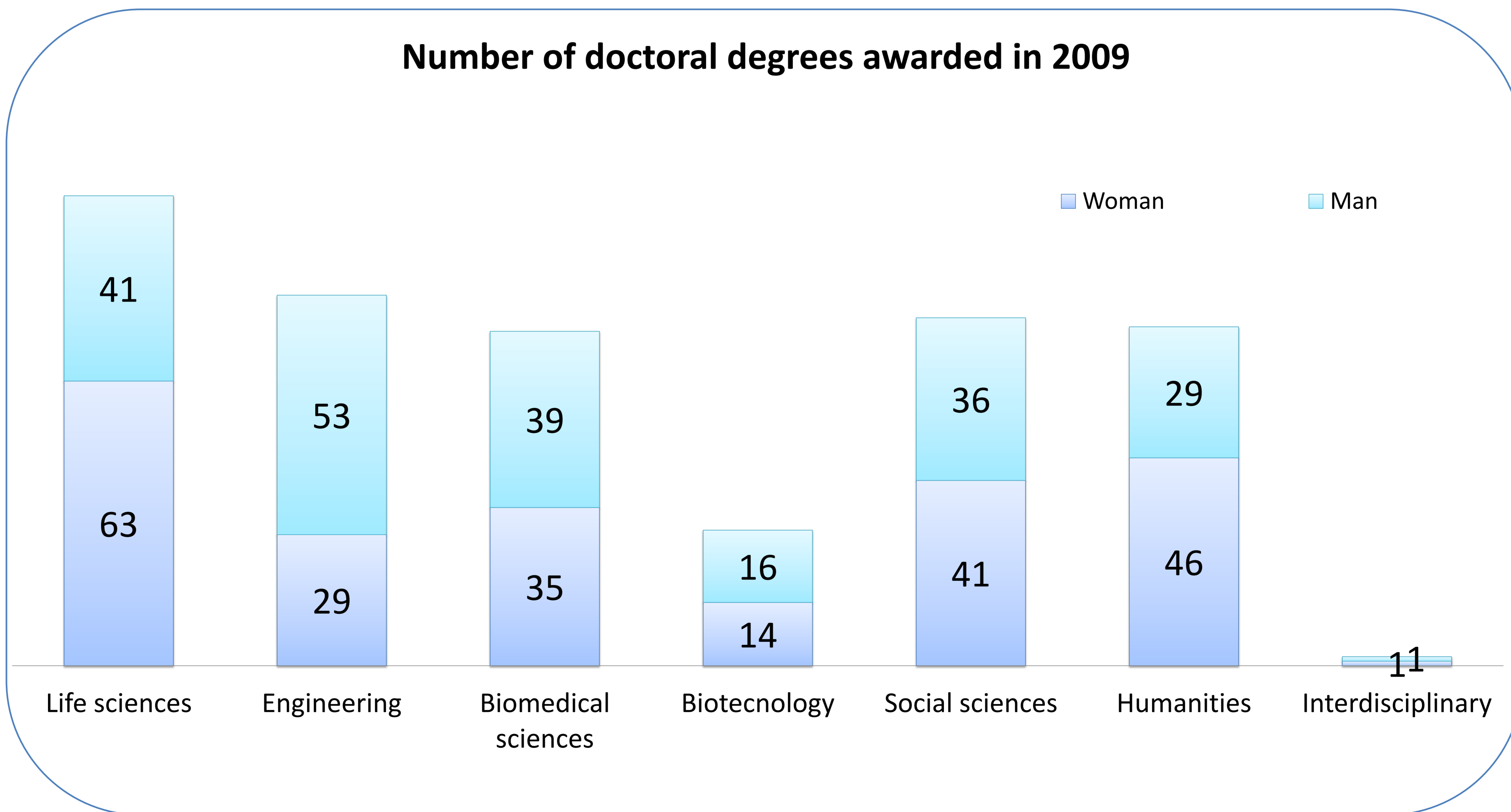
The University of Zagreb in a nutshell

- Established in 1669
- Consists of **33** units
- Over **70,000** full-time bachelors and masters students
- more than **5000** doctoral candidates (**82%** of all doctoral candidates in the country)
- over **85%** to the total university research output of the country



❖ Some facts and figures

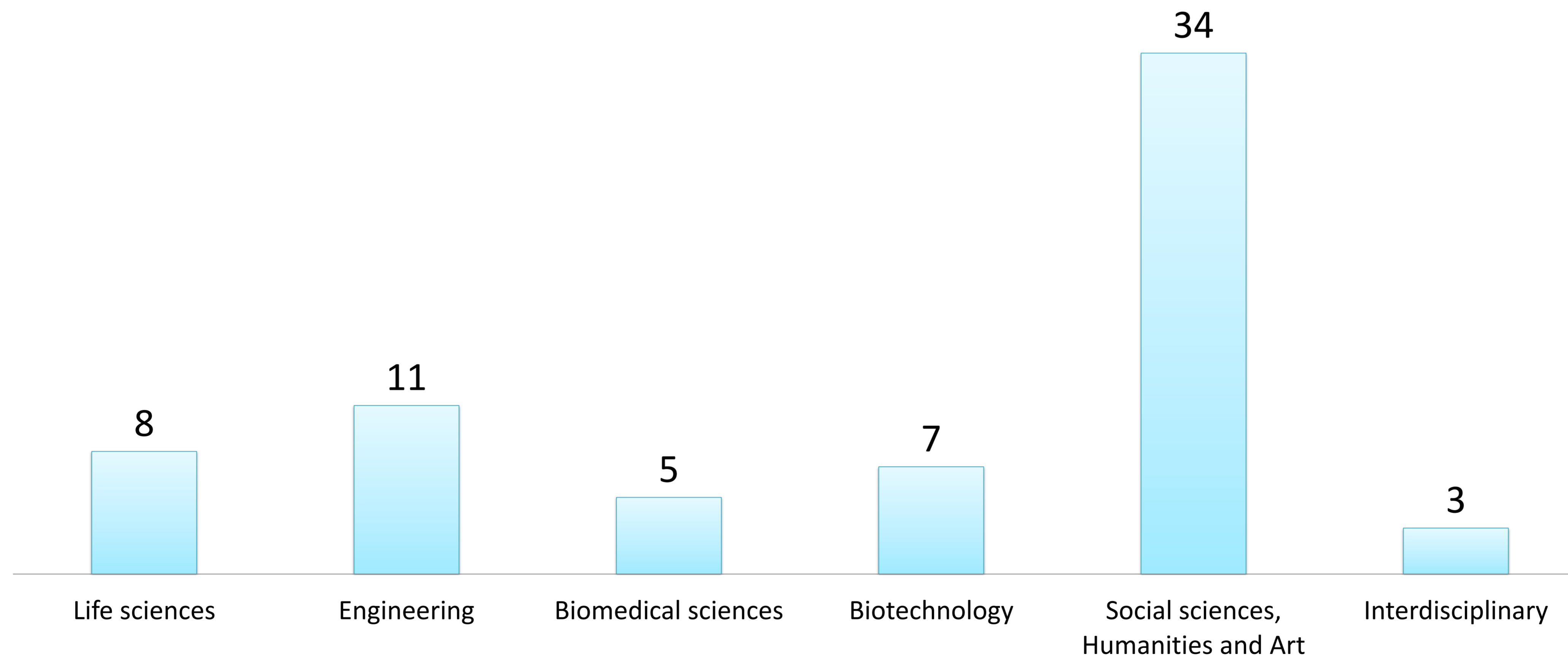
Number of doctoral degrees awarded in 2009





❖ Some facts and figures

Number of doctoral programmes





❖ Quick glance over the shoulder

Before 2003

Unstructured doctoral education

- Undefined responsibilities and duties
- Only recordings of awarded doctoral degrees
- One-to-one supervisor-doctoral candidate relationship
- Non-existing university code of practice



❖ What have we done so far?

Until 2008

Overstructured programmes

- Implementation of 3-2-3 scheme
- Large number of doctoral programmes (cca 70)
- Too many tough courses
- Still too high drop rate
- All three parties (institution – supervisor – doctoral candidate) sharing responsibilities and duties, but unbalanced

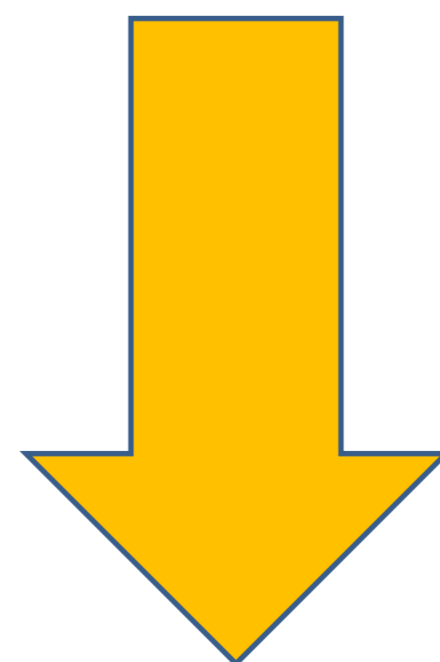


❖ Where are we going?

2008 – until now

Restructuring overstructured programmes

- University level regulations – code of practice
- Balanced responsibilities and duties among institution – supervisor – doctoral candidate
- Supervision gained special emphasis
- Regular monitoring of the process – defined quality assurance procedures
- Regular workshops on transferable skills, career development, etc.





❖ Where are we going?

Glance in the near future

- Re-evaluation of existing doctoral programmes
- Decrease of number of doctoral programmes
- Establishment of doctoral schools
- Balanced role of all parties (institution – supervisor – doctoral candidates)



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Thank you!

