ABSTRACT

FEMINISATION IS THE NEW TENDENCY IN UKRAINIAN SCIENCE

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Analytical and statistical study of the situation in the scientific-research sphere in Ukraine has revealed the increasing of women – scientists professional and civil activity and strengthening of feminisation tendency during the last ten years. But the detailed analysis shows that the number of women involved in science is increasing not because patriarchal consciousness is changed, androcentrism is overcome or gender equality is established. The modern tendency of the science feminisation is connected with economic conditions and demographic changes in the scientific sphere. Today Ukraine is loosing opportunities to master new scientific methods and to apply operatively new technologies. Because of the low salary in scientific institutes the prestige of the scientific work in Ukraine is lost. Under these conditions part of the men-scientists have changed their professional orientation, a great number of men-scientists have emigrated from Ukraine to the West countries. Among those who have lived scientific institutes the number of men is 2-fold higher than of women. In those fields of science where men are traditionally prevailing the global reduction of the staff took place, while in those field where women compose 50% and more the percent of the women engaged is even increased.

In conditions of economic crisis when people are disintegrated the new ways of joint scientific activity are needed. It Ukraine women can play an important role in consolidation, because, as distinct from feminisation traditions in Europe, women’s activity in Ukraine has social orientation and is directed on realisation of inherent maternal function - to make society more humane and to integrate the interests of all members.