

# **PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION AT KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE, LITHUANIA**

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# PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION IN LITHUANIA

## 3 major Public Health Schools and annual enrollment of students:

- **Kaunas:** Faculty of Public Health (FPH), Kaunas University of Medicine:
  - Bachelor studies (n=40)
  - Master studies (n=88)
  - PhD studies (n=3-4)
  
- **Vilnius:** Institute of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University
  - Bachelor studies (n= 40 approx.)
  - Master studies (n=10-30 approx.)
  - PhD studies (n=3-4 approx.)
  
- **Klaipeda:** Department of Public Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, Klaipeda University
  - Bachelor studies (n=22+15 approx.)

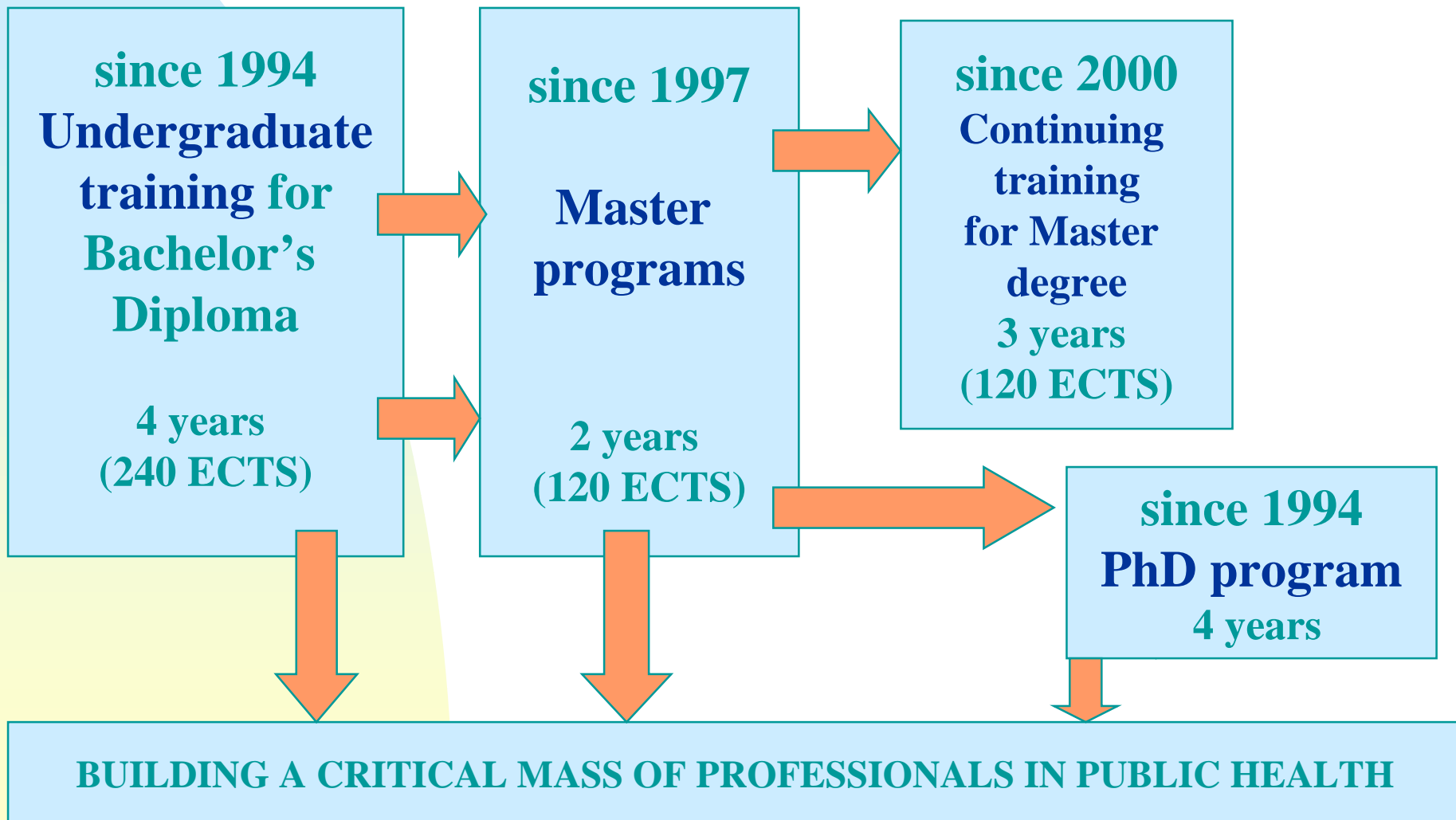
# FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE

- FPH of Kaunas University of Medicine - a major center of public health training and research in Lithuania was established in 1994.
- Consists of four departments and one clinic:
  - Department of Preventive Medicine
  - Department of Social Medicine
  - Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences
  - Department of Environmental and Occupational Health
  - Family Medicine Clinic
- Provides training of modern new public health disciplines. Has strong body of young lecturers trained abroad. Continues bold research traditions (has 7 research units). Offers training in national language and English.

# **THE MISSION OF THE FPH IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO HEALTH IMPROVEMENT IN THE POPULATION BY:**

- Providing high level of training in public health, developing professional skills and competencies.
- Stimulating public health research.
- Active participation in health strategy development, policy implementation and evaluation.
- Engaging with other organizations with the view to education, planning and research in public health or health management for responding to society's needs.

# PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING AT FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH



# **BACHELOR PROGRAM AT THE FPH, KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE**

## **Bachelor of Public Health**

**- Annual enrollment – 40 students**

# MASTER PROGRAMS AT THE FPH, KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE

- **Master in MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (TEMPUS project, 1997)**
  - Annual enrollment – 25 students
- **Continuing Master program in MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (2000)**
  - Annual enrollment – 34 students
- **Master in PUBLIC HEALTH (1998) with possible specialization in:**
  - health ecology
  - health educology
  - children and youth health
  - public health and nutrition
  - Annual enrollment – 29 students

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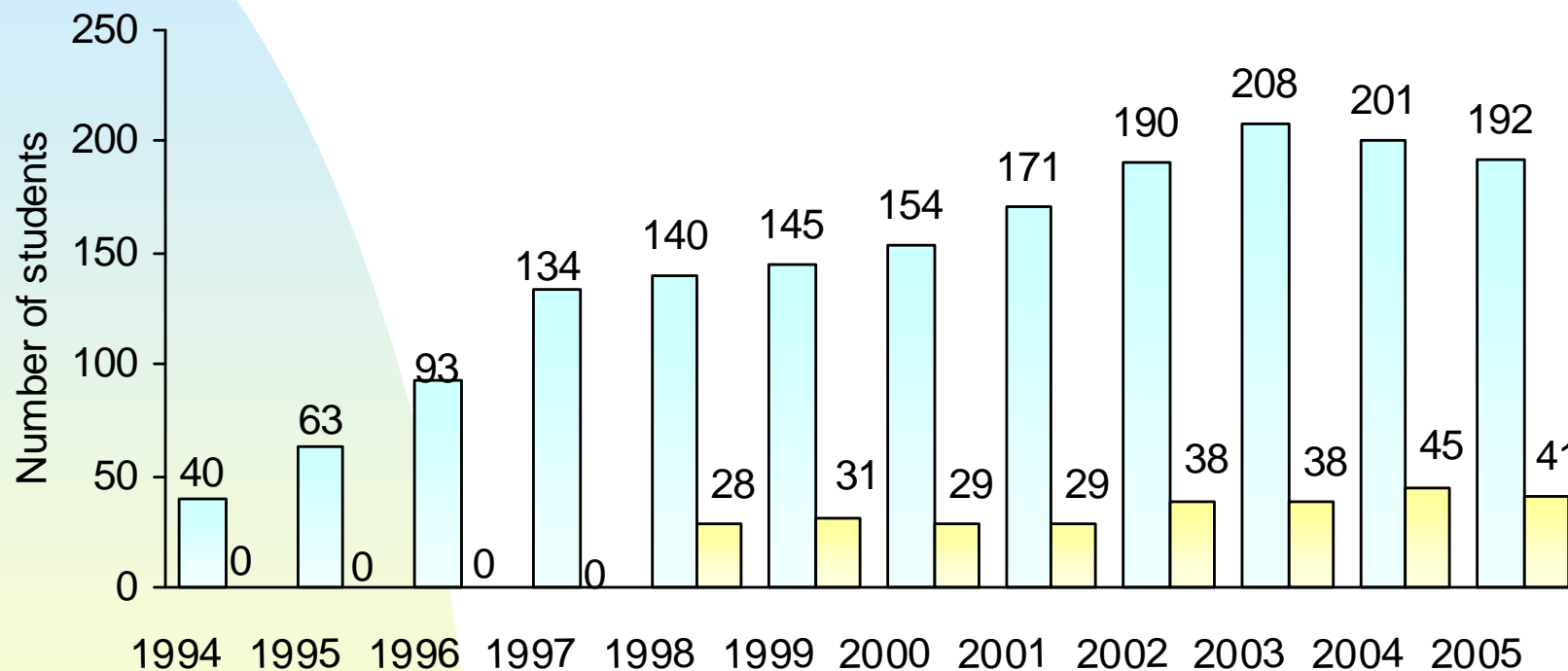
## **Master in PUBLIC HEALTH for foreign students (2004)**

- Annual enrollment – 5-10 students**

# NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND TEACHING STAFF AT THE FPH, KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE

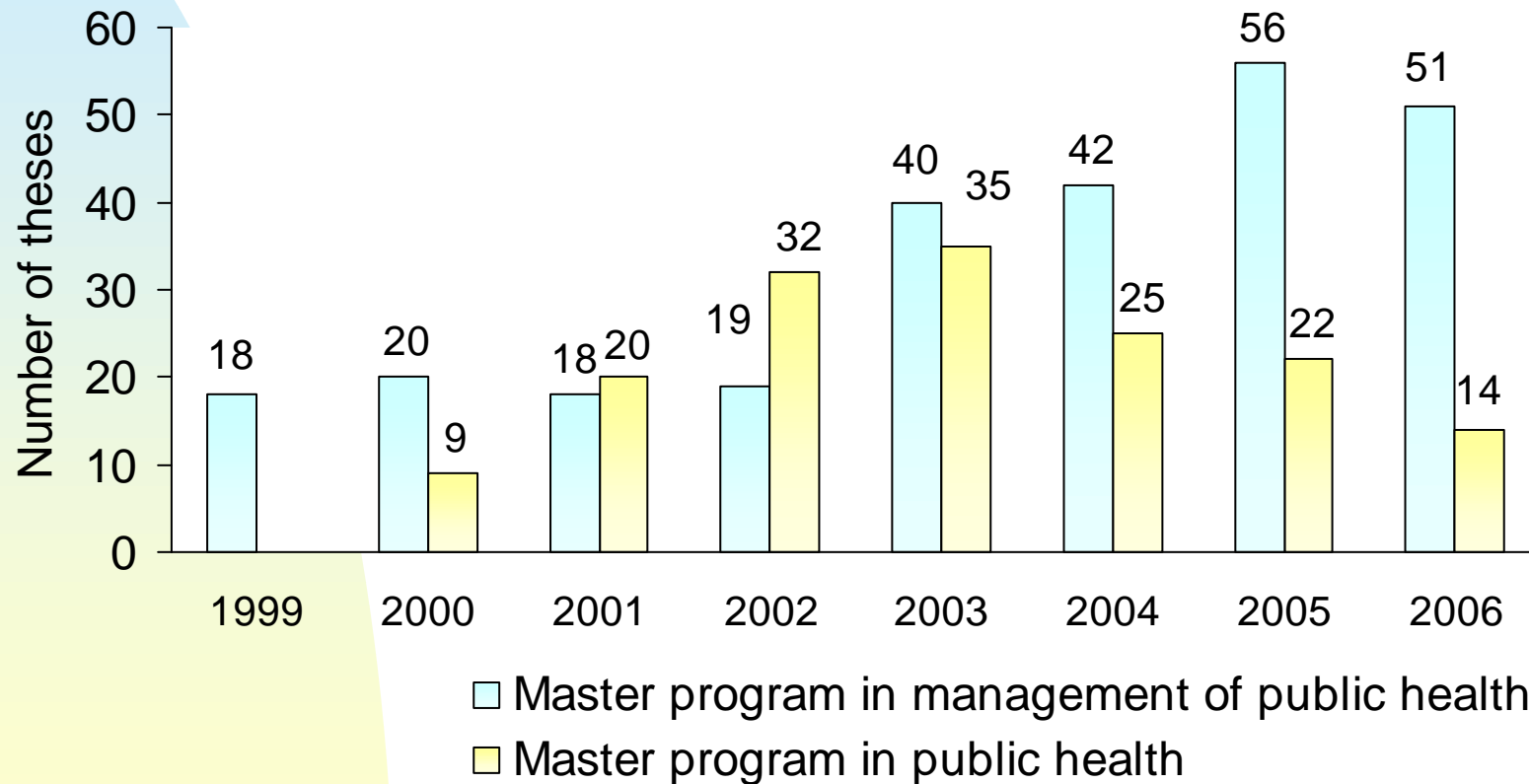
<b>Level 1 Bachelor's studies</b>	<b>- 178</b>
<b>Level 2 Master's studies</b>	<b>- 111</b>
<b>Continuing Master program</b>	<b>- 122</b>
<b>Foreign students</b>	<b>- 7</b>
<b>Level 3 Doctoral students</b>	<b>- 18</b>
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>436 students</b>
<b>TEACHING STAFF:</b>	<b>14 professors</b>
	<b>26 associate professors</b>
	<b>73 lecturers</b>

# NUMBER OF BACHELOR STUDENTS AT THE FPH, KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE



- Total number of bachelor students
- Number of graduates from bachelor

# NUMBER OF MASTER THESES DEFENDED AT THE FPH, KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE



# **FPH, KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE: PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

## **Local and National level:**

- **Networking of collaboration of academic institutions on the local and national scale in public health training.**
- **Strengthening links with professional PH organizations and NGO's**

## **Baltic Regional level:**

- **Collaboration and networking with the countries of the Baltic Sea Region (BalticHealthTrain, Nordic dimension)**

## **European and international collaboration:**

- **Continuing active involvement in ASPHER activities.**
- **Participating in EU projects (PHETICE, Leonardo, MOCCA, etc.)**
- **Involvement in international activities in establishing SPH in NIS countries**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION!  
LOOKING FORWARD FOR  
THE FURTHER  
COLLABORATION!**

