

## MINUTES

### ON THE THIRD MEETING OF THE AUSTRIAN – SLOVAK JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION Bratislava 13.11.2008

Implementing the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Slovak Republic on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 18 February 2004, in accordance with Article 5, the Joint Committee for scientific and technological cooperation held its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Bratislava on 13 of November 2008 to examine and define the present state and the future development of Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the two countries as well as to approve the Working Programme for the years 2009 - 2010.

The Austrian delegation was led by Mr. Hans-Martin Windisch-Grätz, Minister, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs.

The Slovak delegation was led by Ms. Andrea Danková, Director, Department of International Cooperation in Research and Development, Science & Technology Division, Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic.

The list of the members of both delegations is included in Annex 1 of the Minutes.

The Joint Committee held its meeting according to the following agenda:

1. Exchange of information on topic of mutual interest (objective of bilateral cooperation, the main areas of cooperation, current situation and bases of the governmental policy on science and technology in the two countries)
2. Adoption of the Work Programme and selection of project proposals for the period 2009 - 2010
3. Next call for proposals for the period 2011 – 2012 as well as date and place of the Fourth Joint Committee meeting
4. Creation of a working group
5. Closing provisions

**1. Exchange of information on topic of mutual interest (objective of bilateral cooperation, the main areas of cooperation, current situation and bases of the governmental policy on science and technology in the two countries)**

The two sides exchanged information on scientific and technological policies and priorities as well as on the content and directions of mutual international scientific and technological cooperation.

The sides put particular emphasis on the role of international cooperation for the further development of the science and technology system in their countries. The two sides have reached an understanding to recognize the growing importance of science and technology for the economic, social and cultural development of the two countries. They expressed their confidence that the implementation of the bilateral program will further contribute to development of beneficial links between scientific institutions and scientists of both countries and will enable them to use their scientific potential more efficiently and fruitfully in regional as well as multilateral projects.

The two sides also reached an understanding to pay serious attention that the projects lead to cooperation in international and European multilateral research and development programs and especially in the European Union's Framework Program for RTD.

The Joint Committee has reached an understanding upon holding additional bilateral meetings to settle strategic questions should they arise.

## **2. Adoption of the Work Programme and selection of project proposals for the period 2009 – 2010**

The Joint Committee has reached an understanding to continue to implement the terms of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Slovakian Republic on Scientific and Technological Co-operation in the form of providing mobility funds for Slovak-Austrian cooperation projects in the field of science and technology.

Therefore the Joint Committee adopted the following Work Programme for the period 2009 – 2010.

### *2.1 Institutions responsible for the implementation of the Work Programme*

Responsible for the implementation of the Work Programme are as follows:

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## 2.2 *Administrative conditions of cooperation*

Researchers of both sides are required to present annually to the Austrian Exchange Service and to the Slovak Research and Development Agency, respectively a comprehensive report dealing with joint work performed within each project during the given year according to the requirements of the responsible institutions.

Upon termination of the project a final report of the results achieved will be submitted to both sides.

Regarding the publication of the achievements of the joint work and on the possible registration of the intellectual property rights, decisions will be made in conformity to the law and rules in effect in both countries, on the basis of mutual agreements reached in due time by participating institutions.

## 2.3 *Financial conditions of cooperation*

For the approved projects financial support can be granted under the Work Programme to cover traveling and daily allowances.

International travel costs between the capitals of the sides, as well as insurance will be covered by the sending side. The receiving side will cover the costs of internal travels necessary for the implementation of the approved cooperation project. The receiving side will provide allowances and accommodation costs.

The Austrian side will provide the following rates for the visiting Slovakian scientists:  
For short-term stays of up to ten days planned in the framework of approved projects, the following rate in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

- € 73,- per day

For stays of up to a maximum of one month planned in the framework of approved projects, the following monthly rates in Euro (€), including overnight costs, will be granted:

- € 1.200,- per month for scientists of more than 35 years of age
- € 1.040,- per month for graduates of more than 30 and up to 35 years of age
- € 940,- per month for students and graduates of up to 30 years of age

The Slovak side will provide the following rates for the visiting Austrian scientists:  
Short-time stays:

- daily allowances from 759 up to 966,- Sk/day (32 €/day) (max. 20 days/year)
- accommodation up to 2000,- Sk/day (66 €/day) (max. 20 days/year)

Long-time stays:

- in case long-time stay (max. 30 days/year) the whole amount for one month include daily allowances and accommodation:
- 25 000,- Sk/month (830 €) – for researchers older than 35 years
- 20 000,- Sk/month (664 €) – for PhD students in the age from 30 to 35 years old
- 14 000,- Sk/month (465 €) – for PhD students and students younger than 30 years

Travel expenses in Slovakia during short-time stays maximum 2x10 days/year or long-time stays (max.30 days/year)

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## 2.4 *Approved projects*

The project proposals were peer-reviewed by both sides according to the procedures approved in the previous meetings of the Joint Committee. Based on their scientific merits the Joint Committee selected 17 projects listed in Annex 2 for financing mobility costs in the years 2009 – 2010.

### **3. Next Call for proposals for the period 2011- 2012**

The two sides have reached an understanding that a new call for proposals will be published in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2010. The exact date of publication will be cleared through correspondence. The Joint Committee has reached an understanding to favour project proposals with the potential to lead to future regional or multilateral cooperation especially within EU-FP 7. Both sides have reached an understanding to encourage the involvement of young and female scientists.

Both sides have reached an understanding to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Committee in Vienna in the last quarter of 2010. The exact date will be agreed upon by the two Executive Agencies. Both sides have reached an understanding that at least one representative of the Aktion Austria – Slovakia should participate as an expert.

### **4. Creation of a working group**

The Austrian side informs that the Austrian Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology is interested to create a Working Group to deepen the cooperation in the technology oriented, applied research sector and to explore the possibilities for a broader, technology related cooperation and to identify projects of common interest.

### **5. Closing Provisions**

These minutes including the Work Programme will become effective upon signing by both sides and will remain effective until 31 December 2010. They will be effective beyond this date but at the longest for one year until new minutes become effective.

Signed in Bratislava, on 13 of November 2008, in two copies in English.



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List of participants of the 3rd Joint Slovak – Austrian Committee

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## List of the Project Proposals Slovak – Austrian Bilateral Cooperation 2009 - 2010

Slovak / Austrian project No.	Project Name	Investigator – Slovakia	Investigator – Austria
SK-AT-0001-08 / No. 09	Finite (Ring) Geometries: Where Qudits Meet Black Holes	RNDr. Metod Saniga, CSc.	prof. Hans Havlicek
SK-AT-0002-08 / No. 13	Semiempirical molecular dynamics study of pi-conjugated systems	doc. Ing. Vladimír Lukeš, PhD.	prof. Annie-Marie Kelterer
SK-AT-0003-08 / No. 01	Statistical toolbox for analysis of exhaled breath data	doc. RNDr. Viktor Witkovský, CSc.	prof. Anton Amann
SK-AT-0004-08 / No. 23	Diagnostics of Solar Flares and Microflares by Combined Spectroscopy and Imaging	RNDr. Ján Rybák, PhD.	Dr. Astrid Veroning, PhD.
SK-AT-0005-08 / No. 07	Stratigraphic, palaeogeographic and tectonic correlation of the Slovakian Carpathians and Austrian Alps	prof. RNDr. Dušan Plašienka, DrSc.	prof. Dr. Hans-Jurgen Gawlick, PhD.
SK-AT-0008-08 / No. 14	Mechanisms of regulation of virulence and susceptibility of pathogenic yeasts to antifungal compounds	RNDr. Silvia Borecká, PhD.	prof. Karl Kuchler
SK-AT-0010-08 / No. 10	Assessment of spontaneous mutagenesis in yeast cells expressing the human DNA ligase IV proteins found in LIG4 patients	Mgr. Miroslav Chovanec, PhD.	prof. Erich Heidenreich
SK-AT-0011-08 / No. 22	New dynamics into the projects on knockout mice and embryonic stem cell cultivations	doc. Ing. Peter Chrenek, DrSc.	Dr. Pavel Uhrin
SK-AT-0012-08 / No. 11	Micro-/nano- technological processes for micro-, opto- and bio-electronic devices with utilization of UV-, DUV- and EB lithography	Ing. Ladislav Matay, PhD.	Dr. Peter Hudek
SK-AT-0013-08 / No. 12	Active corrosion management in automotive industry: Assessing of corrosion activity of bimetallic coatings through hyphenation of ANN with ENM	Mgr. Maroš Halama, PhD.	Ing. David Jerolitsch
SK-AT-0014-08 / No. 02	Determination of fatty acid composition [in ingested food and blood membrane phospholipids] as additional information for exhaled breath analysis	prof. Ing. Ladislav Soják, DrSc.	prof. Anton Amann
SK-AT-0015-08 / No. 19	Hydrogen-beryllium and hydrogen-tungsten clusters in fusion plasma	prof. RNDr. Ján Urban, DrSc.	prof. Michael Probst

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<b>SK-AT-0016-08 /</b> No. 08	Electron-Transfer Induced Processes in Technology and Biology. Reactivity and Structural Aspects	Ing. Dana Dvoranova, PhD.	prof. Georg Gescheidt-Demner
<b>SK-AT-0018-08 /</b> No. 03	Electronic Structure of Coordination Compounds	doc. Ing. Jozef Kozíšek, CSc.	prof. Vladimir Arion
<b>SK-AT-0020-08 /</b> No. 05	Multivariate dependence models in hydrology	Ing. Tomáš Bacigál, PhD.	Dr. Fabrizio Durante
<b>SK-AT-0024-08 /</b> No. 16	Design of aggregation and encapsulation processes for improved biocatalyst preparation	Ing. Jozef Nahalka, PhD.	prof. Bernd Nidetzky
<b>SK-AT-0025-08 /</b> No. 17	Vacuum-UV laser ablation and plasma spectroscopy for element analysis of polymer materials	prof. Dr. Pavel Veis, CSc.	prof. Johannes D. Pedarnig

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