

Memorandum of Understanding

Under the cooperative action between China and Austria for developing joint scientific projects for the Fifth European Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration (FP5), an Austrian delegation led by Ms Chritine Buzeczki from the Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Culture visited China between October 30th and November 1st and conducted a Joint Workshop in Beijing.

In order to support a sustainable project preparation for FP5, both parties undersigned agreed to continue their support for the following project partnerships:

- Prof. Günter GRAMPP and Prof. Dr. ZHANG Qi-yuan in the field of “Kinetic Investigations of Energy and Charge Transfer Reactions in Solution” (working title)
- Dr. Alfred PITTERLE and Prof. Ju-Hongbo and Prof. CHEN Cungen and Prof. LIU Jiyuan and Prof. GUO Huadong and MSc YE Jingzhong in the field of “Investigation of Indicators for Assessing the Ecological Sustainability of Landscapes as well as Sustainable

Local Landuse in China by Utilizing Remote Sensing Data and GIS”
(working title)

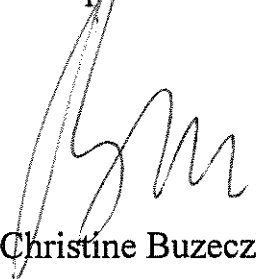
- Prof. Bernard PLATZER and Prof. YANG Fenglin and Prof. DAI Shugui and Dr. ZHU Aimin and Prof. WANG Liansheng and Dr. SUN CHENG in the fields of (a) “Screening of Drinking Water in the Liao-He River Basin for Halogenated Flame-Retardants and Triazine Herbicides” and (b) “Ultra-Trace Analysis of Organotin Compounds in Coastal Regions of the Bohai and Yellow Seas and in the Yangtze River: Sediments, Water, Fish and Shellfish” (working title)
- Dr. Ivica SMID and Prof. GE Changcun and Prof. LIN Chenguang in the fields of (a) “Advanced Hard Metal-Tools” (working title) and (b) “Advanced SiALON-Tools” (working title)
- Prof. Wolfgang WEINMEISTER and Prof. GAO Jiarong and Prof. CUI Peng in the field of “Risk Assessment of Hydrological National Hazards in China and Austria by Utilizing GIS” (working title)

It is envisaged that the Austrian project partners will receive a favourable treatment by the Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Culture to obtain necessary project preparation support according to the respective

budgetary situation. Moreover, the Ministry intends to be helpful regarding Visa issues for the involved scientists. In addition the Austrian National Agency for FP5, BIT-Bureau for International Research and Technology Cooperation, agrees to give best project preparation consulting to the above mentioned projects in order to support successful project submissions in course of the respective calls for proposals published in FP5.

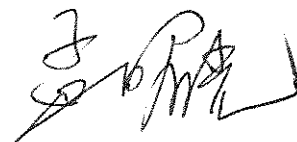
It is envisaged that the Chinese project-partners will receive full support from the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology in order to ensure the success in their future bid for FP5 projects. For this aim, a special office will be set up on the Chinese side to promote China's participation in the FP5. This Office is expected to give substantial assistance to the Chinese project partners.

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