

MINUTES

of the Fifth Meeting of the Austrian-Slovak Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological
Co-operation implementing the Agreement between
the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Slovak Republic
on Scientific and Technological Co-operation

Bratislava, 17 January 2013

Implementing the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of Slovak Republic on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 19 February 2004, in accordance with Article 5, the fifth meeting of the Austrian-Slovak Joint Committee for scientific and technological co-operation took place in Bratislava on 17 January 2013.

The Austrian delegation was headed by Hans-Martin WINDISCH-GRÄTZ, Minister (Gesandter) in the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria.

The Slovak delegation was headed by Róbert SZABÓ, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic.

The set-up of the two delegations can be found in Annex 1.

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

1. Welcome and exchange of information.
2. Adoption of the Minutes/Work Programme and selection of project proposals for the period 2013-2014 and conditions of the financing of the selected projects.
3. Next call for proposals for the period 2015-2016 as well as date and place of the Sixth Joint Committee meeting.
4. Signing of the Minutes.

Ad 1 Exchange of information

The two parties 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 parties put particular emphasis on the role of international cooperation for the further development of the science and technology system in their countries. The two parties 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 Slovak party has expressed its interest in future strengthening of mutual science and technology cooperation through the financial support of whole selected joint research projects. For this purpose the Slovak party will provide a draft version for a probable additional agreement.

The two parties 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.

Ad 2 Adoption of the Work Programme and selection of project proposals for the period 2013-2014

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 Slovak Republic on Scientific and Technological Co-operation in the form of providing mobility funds for Austrian-Slovak cooperation projects in the field of science and technology.

Therefore the Joint Committee adopted the following Work Programme for the period 2013-14. Both Parties are entitled to submit proposals or recommendations for the modification and changing of the cooperation Work Program.

2.1 Institutions responsible for the implementation of the Work programme:

In Austria: Austrian Exchange Service (OeAD-GmbH)
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2.2 Administrative conditions of cooperation

Researchers of both parties are required to present annually to the Slovak Research and Development Agency 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 parties, the Slovak Research and Development Agency and the Austrian Exchange Service.

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

Financial support for the approved projects can be granted under the Work Programme to cover travel costs and daily allowances.

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

The Austrian party will provide the following rates for the visiting Slovak scientists:

For short-term stays of up to ten days planned in the framework of approved projects, the following rate 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 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 party will provide the following rates:

Stays:

Daily allowances up to € 34,86 per day.

Accommodation up to € 100,-- per day.

Each party will provide funding for a maximum of € 2.000,-- per year/per project.

In case that either of the parties is not able to provide financial support for certain year, the party in question will inform the other party of this situation in writing.

2.4 Approved projects

On the basis of the call of proposals adopted on the occasion of the 4th meeting of the Joint Committee with the deadline on 11 June 2012 the proposed projects were peer-reviewed by both parties. Based on their scientific merits the Joint Committee selected 16 projects listed in Annex 2 for financing mobility costs in the years 2013-2014.

Ad 3 Next Call for proposals for the period 2015-2016 as well as date and place of the Sixth Joint Committee meeting

The two parties have reached an understanding that a new call for proposals will be published in the 2nd quarter of 2014 for 2 months simultaneously. The exact date of publication and the exact wording of the call will be cleared through correspondence by the institutions which are mentioned in 2.1. 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 Horizon 2020. Both parties have reached an understanding to encourage the involvement of young scientists.

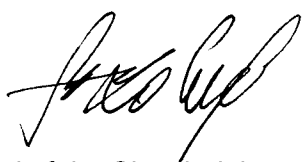
The two parties agreed to exchange the English texts of their respective calls for proposals 30 days prior their publication. The Parties also agreed to send the list of eligible proposals received on their side within 20 working days from the closure of the call.

Both parties have reached an understanding to hold the 6th Meeting of the Joint Committee in Vienna in the last quarter of 2014. The exact date will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

Ad 4 Closing Provisions

These minutes including the Work Programme will become effective upon signing by both parties and will remain effective until 31 December 2014. They will be effective beyond this date but at the longest for one year until new minutes become effective.

Signed in Bratislava on 17 January 2013, in two copies in English.



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	Project Title	AUSTRIA			SLOVAKIA		
		Name	Institution	Name	Institution		
1.	Collaborative approach to a new nutritionally enhanced cereal products development - Evaluation of quality and safety aspects	Murkovic, Michael	Institut f. Biochemie / AG Chemie funktioneller Lebensmittel	Ciesarova, Zuzana	VUP Food Research Institute, Department of Chemistry and Food Analysis		
2.	Plasma diagnostics of EIT waves and flares on the Sun	Veronig, Astrid	Inst. f. Physik / Institutsbereich Geophysik, Astrophysik u. Meteorologie (IGAM)	Gömöry, Peter	Astronomical Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences		
3.	Parallel Algorithms and software for GPU and WSN	Rupp, Markus	Institut f. Nachrichtentechnik u. Hochfrequenztechnik	Farkaš, Peter	Pan European University		
4.	Numerical and experimental analyses of non-uniform torsion of beam structures.	Mang, Herbert	Institut f. Mechanik der Werkstoffe u. Sturkturen	Murín, Justin	Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology of Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava		
5.	Elektronische Struktur von Koordinationsverbindungen	Arion, Vladimir	Institut f. Anorganische Chemie	Fronc, Marek	Faculty of Chemical and Food Technology, Slovak Technical University		
6.	Ancient Greek cultural heritage in the central Danubian region in the 15th and 16th centuries	Gastgeber, Christian	Institut für Byzanzforschung, Zentrum Mittelalterforschung	Škoviera, Daniel	Philosophische Fakultät Institut für Klassische und Semitische Philologie, Comenius University Bratislava.		
7.	Diagnostics of tumor markers by atomic force microscopy and DNA aptamers	Ebner, Andreas	Institut für Biophysik	Hianik, Tibor	Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Comenius University Bratislava		
8.	Melatonin and blood pressure control: identification and characterization of melatonin receptors in vessels of rats	Ellinger, Isabella	Institut f. Pathophysiologie u. Allergieforschung / FG Pathophysiology of the placenta	Zeman, Michal	Faculty of Natural Science, Comenius University Bratislava		
9.	A comparison between mechanical and electrical degradation of photovoltaic devices after forced ageing	Schlosser, Viktor	Abteilung Elektronische Materialeigenschaften	Šály, Vladimír	Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, Slovak University of Technology		
10.	Study of the properties of photonic components using various design tools (PHOTO-COM).	Seyringer, Dana	Forschungszentrum Mikrotechnik	Uherek, František	International Laser Centre		
11.	Synthesis rate of isoprene in the periphery of the human body	Amann, Anton	Institut f. Atemgasanalytik	Witkovský, Viktor	Institute for Measurement Science, Slovak Academy of Sciences		

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12.	Advanced SW Engineering Education - Methods and Tools - AdSEE	Bollin, Andreas	Institut für Informatik-Systeme	Samuelis, Ladislav	Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics, University of Kosice
13.	„Interaction of Beryllium and Tungsten wall surfaces with gases at fusion conditions“)	Probst, Michael	Institut f. Ionenphysik u. Angewandte Physik	Urban, Ján	Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Comenius University Bratislava
14.	Implementation of nanometrological process management model into cutting tool edge assessment in precision machining	Durakbasa, Numan M.	Institut f. Fertigungstechnik u. Hochleistungslasertechnik / Abteilung Qualität u. Fertigungsmesstechnik	Maňková, Ildoko	Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Technische Universität Kosice
15.	Uniform distribution, copulas and applications	Tichy, Robert	Institut f. Analysis. u. Computational Number Theory (Math A)	Strauch, Oto	Mathematical Institute
16.	Palaeogeographic and geodynamic reconstruction of the Alpine-Carpathian orogen during the Mesozoic	Gawlick, Hans-Jürgen	Lehrstuhl Prospektion u. Angewandte Sedimentologie	Plašienka, Dušan	Faculty of Natural Sciences, Comenius University Bratislava