

DECISION DOCUMENT
on co-funding Slovenian – Japanese joint projects
in FY 2021 (April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023)

Based on Memorandum of Understanding on Scientific Cooperation between the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia (MESS) and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) signed in April 2001, and on the Call for proposals for joint research projects, published by the Slovenian Research Agency (SRA) and the JSPS, respectively in 2020, the two sides realize that:

SRA received 16 (sixteen) proposals for joint research projects and JSPS received 15 (fifteen) proposals for joint research projects. Among them, both sides agreed to qualify 15 corresponding proposals for joint selection.

Through the comparison of peer review screening results concluded respectively and the following discussion by the email correspondence between MESS and JSPS, the two sides decided to jointly fund the following 4 (four) research projects in FY 2021 in the period from April 1, 2021 until March, 31 2022.

No.	Institution in Slovenia	PI in Slovenia	Institution in Japan	PI in Japan	Title of project	Duration
1.	University of Ljubljana	Klemen BOHINC	Chiba University	Hiroaki ITO	Phase separation in charged lipid membranes: Influence of ion valency	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
2.	Institute Jožef Stefan	Miran MOZETIČ	Osaka University	Katsuhisa KITANO	Promising eco-sterilization of pathogenic fungi on seeds using reactive species in gaseous plasma	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
3.	University of Ljubljana	Gregor TORKAR	Okayama University	Hiroki FUJII	Development of Indicator Frameworks for Whole-institution Approach in Teacher Education for ESD: Toward Achieving SDGs	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023
4.	National Institute of Chemistry	Janez PLAVEC	Konan University	Naoki SUGIMOTO	Development of stability prediction method of non-canonical structures of nucleic acids	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023

In Slovenia each of selected projects may use up to 6.000,00 EUR per fiscal year (up to 12.000,00 EUR in two years).

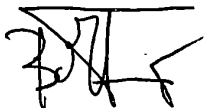
In Japan each of selected projects may use up to JPY 2,000,000 per fiscal year (up to JPY 4,000,000 in two years).

SRA will cover the costs of the Slovenian team, and JSPS will cover the costs of the Japanese team.

Regarding the joint projects selected for FY2019 (April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2021), the two sides agree, that, due to limited possibilities for implementation of project activities during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the funding period will be extended until March 31, 2022.

Due to the extension of funding period in FY 2019 to 31 March, 2022 and still uncertain sanitary situation worldwide, the two sides decided to publish the new call for proposals in June 2022 with deadline for submission of applications not later than September 2022. The funding period will be from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Priority will be given to research exchange proposals submitted by young PIs, who have been conferred a doctor's degree within less than 5 years.

Done in Ljubljana and Tokyo, respectively, in January 2021.



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