

AGREED MINUTES
**of the 8th Meeting of the Representatives of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science
and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia and the British Council**

**on the Co-operation Working Programme for the Period from
1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008**

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The meeting between the delegation of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia and the British Council, was held on 17 December 2007 on the basis of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Co-operation in Culture, Education and Science, in order to determine the Co-operation Working programme and to reach a decision on the selection of proposed projects for financing in the period from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008.

The Slovene delegation was headed by Ms. Alenka Kocjan, Head of the Department of Bilateral Cooperation, and the British Council was represented by Dr. Robert Monro, Director of the British Council in Slovenia.

The members of both delegations are listed in **Annex 1**.

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The two delegations adopted the following agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Implementation of decisions of the 6th Meeting
3. Selection and approval of the new project proposals (and extensions)
4. Financial support for the approved projects
5. Discussion of the Working Program for the Period 2009
6. Closing provisions
7. Signing of the Agreed Minutes

Ad 1. Introduction

Both Parties expressed their confidence that the implementation of the Cooperation Working Programme for the year 2008 will contribute significantly to the development of beneficial links between S&T institutions, universities and scientists of both countries.

The delegations agreed on the importance of co-operation between British and Slovene scientific and research institutions and of the exchange of researchers. They also agreed to encourage their researchers to jointly participate in EU projects.

Ad 2. Implementation of decisions of the 7th Meeting

The delegations stated that the majority of activities set forth in the Co-operation Working programme 2007 have been implemented.

Ad 3. Selection and approval of the new project proposals (and extensions)

Both sides examined 19 proposals for joint research projects submitted in accordance with the Call for proposals within the programme »Research Network Programme« (RNP), published by the Slovenian Research Agency in the Official Gazette, No. 67/2007 27 July 2007) and by the British Council on their web site on 27 July 2007.

The evaluation was performed separately by both institutions.

- A) The following criteria were observed by experts in the Slovenian Research Agency:
- scientific excellence
 - SCI index
 - COBISS
 - number of published articles in our and foreign professional publications mutually agreed fields of research
 - centralizing to applicative research and technology and less to the basic sciences
 - capability for marketing
 - priority to projects with possibility of seeking subsequent EU funding within EU science programmes
 - benefits for the Slovene and the British side
 - other possible sources of co-financing
 - supporting project co-operation also in different parts of the UK (Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England)
 - involvement of young researchers
 - technology transfer
 - new partnerships
- B) The following criteria were observed by the British Council:
- case presented by the researchers
 - reputation of the institutions involved
 - matching to the announced priority areas
 - innovativeness
 - likeliness to lead to future funding from other sources
 - demonstrable practical application
 - involvement of young researchers
 - relevance of the outcomes for both Britain and Slovenia
 - need for reciprocal visits by researchers
 - continuation of a previous partnership or a new proposal

Both sides' evaluation results were compared at the meeting. The selection of projects for funding followed on the basis of both parties agreeing on strong, medium or low importance of the proposed subjects, agreeing on supporting those with strong importance for both parties, up to the level of available budget for the scheme on the British Council's side: EUR 14,600 (GBP 10,000).

It was mutually agreed that the projects listed in **Annex 2** would be financially supported within the PSP – 2008 programme. The rejected projects are listed in **Annex 3**.

Ad 4. Financial support for the approved projects

The projects listed in Annex 2 will receive financial support from the Slovenian Research Agency and the British Council for the period from 1 January 2008 until 31 December 2008 as follows:

A)

The British Council will pay the British project partner or their institution a travel grant of cca €295 (GBP 200) when travelling from London to Slovenia, and a travel grant of cca € 369 (GBP 250) when travelling from elsewhere in the UK to Slovenia. The Slovenian Research Agency will cover the costs of accommodation and subsistence for the British project partners during their visit in Slovenia, up to the value of cca 591 € (GBP 400).

B)

The British Council will pay the Slovene project partner a grant of GBP 400 towards accommodation and subsistence costs for their visit to the UK. The Slovenian Research Agency will cover the costs of travel of the Slovene project partner to the UK up to the value of 369 € (GBP 250).

C)

Funding will be available for one visit of up to 7 days to the UK by the Slovene partner and one visit of up to 7 days to Slovenia by the UK partner. Young researchers' visits are encouraged in place of project leader's visits. One month's notice of travel is required for payments by the British Council. Reports are required within a month after each visit and a Final Report by end of February 2009 to the British Council on British Council forms, and copied to the Slovenian Research Agency.

D)

The above grants are fixed, no receipts are required, only evidence that the visit took place has to be prepared, i.e. report after the visit.

The procedure on the Slovene side is governed by the Slovene law, which requires reimbursement of actual costs to the level agreed above.

Ad 5. Program for 2009

The Director of the British Council informed the meeting, with regret, that because of changes in the way that the Council is working in Europe it will not be able to support a bilateral programme in 2009.

Ad 6. Closing provisions

The Slovenian Research Agency will inform all Slovene partners of the outcome of the meeting, and the British Council will inform all British partners of the results, positive or negative: the British Council will also ask partners from both sides for their bank details so that it can make payments to them.

Both the British Council and the Slovenian Research Agency will ask the researchers to undertake a public event during their stay in each country. This could include a lecture to under- or post-graduate students, a press interview or publication in some research magazine.

The public event need not be related to the subject of the research but could include the raising of awareness of Slovenia in the UK, developments in academic management, etc.

These minutes were signed in Ljubljana on 17 December 2007.

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Ministry of Higher Education, Science
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British Side:



Dr Robert Monro

Director

The British Council

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Ms. Alenka MIHAILOVSKI	Secretary, Department of Bilateral Cooperation Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology
Ms. Petja STANOVNIK	Slovenian Research Agency, Department of International Cooperation

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1	Univerza v Novi Gorici Vipavska 13, p.p.301 5001 Nova Gorica	Valant Matjaž	Imperial College London	Anna-Karin Axelsson	Novo energetsko učinkovite tehnologije ohlajanja	New energy-efficient cooling technologies				
2	Univerza v Ljubljani - Biotehniška fakulteta Jamnikarjeva 101 1000 Ljubljana	Humar Milna	Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine	Sam Amartey	Uporaba mikroorganizmov za proizvodnjo bio-goriv iz odpadnega lesa	Microbial bio-fuel production from pretreated waste biomass				
3	Nacionalni inštitut za biologijo Večna pot 111 1000 Ljubljana	Brancoelj Anton	Queen's University of Belfast, UK	Christopher Harrod	Globalno segrevanje – vpliv na biodiverzitetu v prostoru in času.	Global warming – effects on biodiversity in time and space				
4	Univerza na Primorskem - Znanstveno-raziskovalno središče Koper Garbaldjeva 1 6000 Koper	Škof Lenart	Swansea University - School of Humanities	Mark Evans	Demokracijski eksperimentalizem in medkulturna filozofija	Democratic experimentalism and intercultural Philosophy				
5	Univerza v Mariboru - Fakulteta za elektrotehniko, računalništvo in informatiko Smetanova 17 2000 Maribor	Heričko Marjan	Staffordshire University - Faculty of computing, engineering and technology	Lorna Uden	Vpeljava storitvene znanosti v visokošolske študijske programe	Introducing services science in higher education curriculum				
6	Univerza v Mariboru - Fakulteta za kemijo in kemijsko tehnologijo Smetanova ulica 17 2000 Maribor	Krajnc Peter	University of Durham	Neil Cameron	Organski katalizatorji immobilizirani na poroznih polimerih	Organocatalysts immobilised onto porous polymers				

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7	Univerza v Ljubljani - Biotehniška fakulteta Jamnikarjeva 101 1000 Ljubljana	Petkovič Hrvoje	University of Strathelyde	Paul Hoskisson	In vitro transpozonska mutageniza skupine genov za biosintezo poliketida Tipa-II v genomski knjižnici producenta Amycolatopsis sp.	In vitro transposon mutagenesis of a Type-II polyketide gene cluster from an Amycolatopsis sp. genomic library
8	Univerza v Ljubljani - Fakulteta za družbene vede Kardeljeva ploščad 5 1000 Ljubljana	Svetlik Ivan	University of Nottingham	Julia Evetts	Visoko šolstvo kot generator strateških kompetenc (teorične perspektive)	Higher Education as a Generator of Strategic Competences (Theoretical Perspectives)
9	Institut Jožef Stefan Jamova cesta 39 1000 Ljubljana	Simonovski Igor	The University of Manchester	James Marrow	Modeliranje medkristalnih poškodb v polikristalnih materialih	Modelling of Intergranular Damage in Polycrystalline Metals
10	Univerza v Mariboru Fakulteta za strojništvo Smetanova 17 2000 Maribor	Drstvenšek Igor	Loughborough University, Dept. Of Design and Technology	Robert Ian Campbell	Uporaba hitre izdelave kot metode za vzpodbujanje obilkovaiske ustvarjalnosti	Using Rapid Manufacturing as a Method for Releasing Design Creativity
11	Univerza v Ljubljani - Filozofska fakulteta Kongresni trg 12 1000 Ljubljana	Vidmar Horvat Ksenija	University of Sussex	Gerard Delany	Dileme medkulturnega dialoga	The predicament of intercultural dialogue
12	Univerza v Ljubljani - Visoka šola za zdravstvo Poljanska cesta 26a 1000 Ljubljana	Rugelj Darja	Kings College London	Matthew Charles Morrissey	Priprava znanstvenih publikacij in raziskovalnih projektov	Preparation of scientific publications and research projects
13	Univerzitetni Klinični center Ljubljana Zaloška 2 1000 Ljubljana	Zidar Janez	Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London	Peter Nigel Leigh	Živčno upravljanje dihanja	Neural control of breathing

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1	Institut Jožef Stefan Jamova cesta 39 1000 Ljubljana	Rečnik Aleksander	University of Sheffield	Thomas Walther	Raziskave defektov v polprevodniških materialih z uporabo metod transmisijske elektronske mikroskopije in spektroskopije na atomarnem nivoju	Atomic resolution investigation of defects in semiconductor structures by means of transmission electron microscopy imaging and spectroscopy
2	Univerza v Mariboru Fakulteta za gradbeništvo Smetanova 17 2000 Maribor	Korošak Dean	University of Nottingham	Sacha Jon Mooney	Novi pristopi k modeliranju nastajajoče mejne plasti med cementom in temi	New approaches to modelling the evolving soil-cement interface
3	Univerza v Mariboru Fakulteta za kmetištvo Vrbanska 30 2000 Maribor	Cencic Avreljia	University of Greenwich - Natural Resources Institute	Richard Fuchs	Varnost hrane v luči klimatskih sprememb	Food safety in the light of climate changes
4	Znanstvenoraziskovalni center SAZU Novi Trg 2 1000 Ljubljana	Šprajc Ivan	The Institute of archeology and Antiquity - University of Birmingham	Vincent L. Gaffney	Uporaba lidarskega daljinskega zaznavanja v preučevanju preteklih kulturnih pokrajin	The application of lidar remote sensing in the study of past cultural landscape
5	Urbanistični inštitut RS Trnovski pristan 2 1000 Ljubljana	Golčnik Barbara	University of Sheffield	Kevin Thwaites	Z empiričnim znanjem do trajnostnega urbanističnega nachtovanja: Izkustvene krajine & zemljevidi dinamičnih vedenjskih vzorcev uporabe prostora	Urban Sustainability through Empirical Knowledge: Experiential Landscape & Dynamic Behaviours Mapping
6	Univerza v Mariboru - Fakulteta za elektrotehniko, računalništvo in informatiko Smetanova 17 2000 Maribor	Družovec Marjan	City University, School of Engineering & Mathematical Sciences	Panos Liatsis	Proučevanju modela v diagnostiki – Področje Informacijska tehnologija in obnovljivi viri	Study of a diagnostic model – Field Information Technology and renewable sources