

Protocol of the Sixth Session of the Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the People's Republic of China

I.

The Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) held its sixth session at Bled, Republic of Slovenia, on June 1, 2005.

The Slovenian delegation was headed by Mr. Janez Možina, Ph.D., State Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia and the chairman of the Slovenian part of the Committee.

The Chinese delegation was headed by Mr. Li Xueyong, Vice Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China and the chairman of the Chinese part of the Committee.

The list of the two delegations is given in Annex I.

The Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Briefings on the Scientific and Technological Developments in the Republic of Slovenia and in the People's Republic of China;
2. Reports on the implementation of the decisions of the fifth session of the Committee by secretaries of the Committee;
3. Discussion on the new project proposals submitted to the Committee by the Slovenian and the Chinese sides;
4. Determination of the date of announcement of the next call for proposals and place and date of the seventh session of the Committee.

The session was convened with welcoming remarks from Mr. Janez Možina, Ph.D., State Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia and Mr. Li Xueyong, Vice Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China.

Both delegations praised the significant contributions of the Sino-Slovenian Science and Technology Program to each country's development and expressed a desire to continue cooperative activities in science and technology in the future.

Both delegations agreed to encourage their scientists to jointly participate in the 6th Framework program of the European Union. Both sides will encourage mutual cooperation especially in the fields of engineering and high technologies. New projects can be added in the future programs of cooperation if both sides agree.

II.

Ad 1.

The Committee heard presentations on current developments in science and technology in the Republic of Slovenia and in the People's Republic of China.

Ad 2.

The Committee heard and accepted the reports on implementation of the decisions of the fifth session of the Committee, given by the secretaries of both sides.

The Committee agreed that the deadline for implementation of the projects approved at its fifth session on March 13, 2003, is June 30, 2005.

The Committee agreed to grant a no-cost extension until September 30, 2005 to the project No. BI-CN/2003-2004/15 – P05:15, Research of Flavonoids in Buckwheat, principal investigators prof.dr. Ivan Kreft, University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty and prof. Zhang Zheng, Shanxi University, Institute of Biotechnology.

Ad 3.

The Committee reviewed the new project proposals received by both sides. The Committee approved for co-funding 22 new projects for the period July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007 and agreed that two visits in each direction per project will be co-funded in the two years period, the total number of persons and duration of each visit not exceeding 4 persons and 15 days. However, the duration of the visit may be prolonged at the expense of the number of persons. The list of approved projects is given in Annex II.

The two sides considered four additional projects, two of which were recommended by the Slovenian side and two by the Chinese side. The Commission agreed to approve the four projects. The list of approved projects is given in Annex III.

The Committee welcomed the willingness of both sides to deepen the cooperation on the Project "Recultivation and Revitalization of Karst Region under sustainable conditions".

Ad 4.

Both sides agreed that the next call for proposals would be launched simultaneously in both countries in December 2006 with the deadline April 30, 2007 and that the seventh session of the Committee would be held in the People's Republic of China in the first half of 2007.

Signed in two versions on June 1, 2005 at Bled, Republic of Slovenia, in the English language, Annex I, II, and III being inseparable parts of the Protocol. The Protocol comes into force on the date of signature.

On behalf of the Slovenian side of the
Committee

On behalf of the Chinese side of the
Committee

Janez Možina

Li Xueyong