

PROTOCOL
of the 14th Meeting of the Joint Board for Scientific and Technological Co-operation
between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Hungary

1. Introduction

Based on the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Hungary on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, signed in Budapest on the 28th of April 1994, on the Protocol of the 13th meeting of the Joint Board for Scientific, Technological and Higher Education Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Hungary (hereinafter: Joint Board), signed on October 16, 2009 in Budapest and on the call for proposals for joint research projects announced by the Slovenian Research Agency and by the National Office for Research and Technology of the Republic of Hungary respectively in March 2010, the Joint Board agreed on the following:

2. Implementation of decisions of the 13th Meeting of the Joint Board

The Joint Board stated that the Slovenian-Hungarian joint scientific and technological projects, approved at the 13th meeting of the Joint Board for the period 2009-2010 are being implemented without problems.

3. Evaluation of joint Slovenian – Hungarian project proposals

The Slovenian side received 23 (twenty-three) proposals for joint research projects and the Hungarian side received 22 (twenty-two) proposals for joint research projects.

The project proposals were peer reviewed by both sides. One project proposal, received by the Slovenian side was rejected for formal reasons as the Slovenian principal investigator does not fulfil the conditions for project leader. One project proposal was submitted only to the Slovenian side and was eliminated from further procedure.

21 (twenty-one) project proposals were thus considered for co-funding.

4. Approval of joint Slovenian – Hungarian projects for funding in 2011 - 2012

Based on the results of the evaluation of the project proposals the Joint Board came to an agreement that according to the peer review screening 17 (seventeen) projects listed in Annex I, which is an integral part of this Protocol, shall be jointly funded in the period from December 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012.

The implementing institutions in charge of management of cooperation in science and technology between the two countries shall administer the exchange of scientists, i.e. travel and accommodation costs in accordance with the following mutually agreed provisions:

4.1 Travel costs to and from the receiving country shall be covered by the sending side.

4.2 The costs of accommodation and daily allowances shall be covered by the receiving side as follows:

In Slovenia

In case of short (up to 14 days) and long term visits (from 15 days to 3 months) of the Hungarian researchers to the Republic of Slovenia the Slovenian side shall pay accommodation at the House of Postgraduates (exceptionally a three-star category hotel) according to internal regulations and daily allowance in accordance with the Slovenian law on reimbursement of travel expenses (currently 21,39 €) to cover the living expenses;

In the Republic of Hungary

In case of short term visits (maximum 12 days): 20.000.- Ft/day (~ 75 Euro/day). In case of long term visits (more than 12 days) 250.000.- Ft/month (~ 900 Euro/month). These amounts will cover the costs of accommodation and daily meals.

4.3 The amounts of daily allowances may be adjusted by the receiving side according to the internal regulations in force.

4.4 The participants of the exchange visits on the basis of this protocol should arrange for and cover the costs of their insurance for the time of their stay in the receiving country and for their travels to and from this country.

5. Other forms of cooperation

5.1. The parties agreed to encourage the cooperation of young scientists especially at the postdoctoral level.

5.2. The parties agreed to encourage the cooperation between the Slovenian technology centers, clusters and technology networks and their Hungarian equivalents.

6. Institutions in charge of the implementation of this Protocol are:

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7. Date and Place of the 15th Joint Board Meeting

The Parties planned to launch a joint call for proposals in 2012. The exact date of the call will be agreed by both parties.

The 15th Meeting of the Joint Board on Scientific and Technological Co-operation will be held in the Republic of Slovenia. The exact date of the meeting will be fixed by correspondence.

The stipulations of this document shall come into force upon its signing and shall remain in force until the signing of the Protocol of the 15th Meeting of the Joint Board.

8. The Hungarian partner will submit this Protocol for final approval to the responsible decision maker.

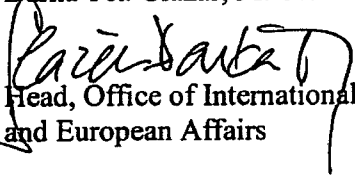
The present Protocol was signed by correspondence in October 2011, in two copies in English language.

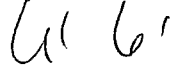
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Place and date:

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Ljubljana, 20.10.2011

Budapest, 25.10.2011.