

PROTOCOL
of the Second Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological
Co-operation between the Republic of Slovenia and Romania
held in Bucharest, May 5 and 6, 2005
(Working Programme for the years 2005 - 2007)

According to the article 2 of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of Romania, signed at Bled on May 12, 2000, the Second Meeting of the Slovene-Romanian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological co-operation was held on May 5 and May 6, 2005, in Bucharest.

Ms. Dagmar Szilagyi, Acting Director of the Office for International Co-operation and European Affairs in the Ministry for Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia, was the Chairman of the Slovene Delegation and Ms. Iulia Mihail, Director, Department of European Research Programs in the Ministry of Education and Research of Romania was the Chairman of the Romanian Delegation.

List of participants of both delegations is enclosed as **Supplement 1**.

The institutions responsible for cooperation in science and technology between the two countries are:

In Slovenia:

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Both Parties agreed on the following agenda:

1. Presentation of the national policies in the field of science and technology.
2. Joint cooperation in the field of science and technology.
3. Evaluation and selection of joint projects for the period September 2005 – September 2007.
4. Closing remarks:
 - 4.1. Recommendations for future actions: setting the date for the next Call for Proposals.
 - 4.2. Joint fields of S&T cooperation.
 - 4.3. Place and date for the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

Ad 1/

Both Parties presented their recent policies on S&T activities, their plans for international cooperation and their participation in the FP6 and FP7 of the EU.

Ad 2/

The scientific cooperation between the Parties will be implemented by means of:

- exchange of scientists for carrying out research, training and exchange of experiences;
- bilateral seminars, symposia and workshops on issues of mutual interest;
- exchange of information concerning science policy and organisational aspects of scientific research in the two countries;
- common use of R&D facilities and scientific equipment.

Ad. 3/

Project proposals for the period of cooperation between September 2005 and September 2007 were submitted for the Joint Programme using the Slovene and the Romanian application forms.

With regard to the expenses for short stays, not exceeding 15 days, the following rules and regulations apply:

- the sending Party covers the travel expenses between the two capitals.
- the receiving Party covers the accommodation, subsistence and local travel expenses.

- a) the Slovene Party covers the costs of stay of the Romanian researcher in the amount of 4400 SIT per diem as a daily allowance and the cost of accommodation in the House of Postgraduate Students and Visiting Professors.
- b) the Romanian Party covers the costs of stay of the Slovene researcher in the amount of 60 Lei per diem as a daily allowance and the cost of accommodation (according to the internal legislation in force).

The sending side shall inform its researchers, who perform exchange visits on the basis of this Protocol of the necessity to arrange adequate insurance for emergency, illnesses or accidents for the time of their stay in the receiving country, prior to their departure.

The Slovene-Romanian Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Co-operation approved funding of 15 projects for co-operation in the period September 2005 - September 2007. The list of approved projects, number of visits and length of stays per project and per year are enclosed as **Supplement 2**.

At the end of the first year the mid-term report on the progress made during the year, signed by both of the project leaders, shall be submitted to the responsible institutions, by December 2006 at the latest.

If the mid-term report is not submitted in due time, the responsible institutions will not fund the project for the second year of cooperation.

At the end of the project the final report on the results achieved, signed by both of the project leaders, shall be submitted to the responsible institutions by November 2007.

In the next meeting the Joint Committee shall analyse the cooperation, based on the final reports submitted to the responsible institutions.

Ad 4.1/

The Joint Committee agreed that the Slovene and the Romanian Parties shall launch the next Call for proposals for the period 2008-2009 by the beginning of September 2007, with the deadline for submission of project proposals by October 31, 2007.

The applications will have to be sent by the Slovene project leaders to the Slovene responsible institution (Slovene Research Agency / Ministry for Higher Education, Science and Technology) and by the Romanian project leaders to the Romanian responsible institution (Ministry of Education and Research) respectively (see ad. 3.3 for addresses).

Both Parties agreed to stimulate bilateral cooperation, which could be the basis for joint participation in projects under the FP6 and FP7 of the EU and other multilateral programs.

Ad. 4.2/

Parties will jointly agree upon the priority fields of S&T cooperation by means of electronic communication.

Ad. 4.3/

The next meeting of the Slovene-Romanian Joint Committee will be held in Slovenia by December 2007 at the latest, in order to analyse the cooperation, create favourable conditions for further cooperation and select new projects for the years 2008-2009.

The stipulations of this Protocol shall come into force upon its signing and shall prevail until September 30, 2007.


Supplements 1 and 2 are integral parts of this Protocol.

Signed in Bucharest, May 6, 2005

**Chairman of the
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**Chairman of the
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Ms. Dagmar SZILAGYI



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**LIST OF THE ROMANIAN-SLOVENE ACCEPTED PROJECTS
FOR THE YEARS 2005-2007**

ID. no.	Title	Romanian Leader	Romanian Institute	Slovene Leader	Slovene Institute	Visits /project /year
1.	Environmental management by nanomaterials using for nodulation enhancement in common bean landraces and evaluation of common bean germplasm originating from Central-Eastern part of Europe	Prof.dr. Gallia BUTNARU	Banat University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Timisoara	Dr. Jelka SUSTAR-VOZLIC	Agricultural Institute of Slovenia	2x5 days
2.	Biotechnology for textile wastewater treatments	Prof.dr. Michaela Dina STANESCU	Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad	Ass. Prof. Vanja KOKOL	University of Maribor, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	2x7 days
3.	The prediction of protein degradation characteristics of ruminant feedstuffs by the means of near infrared reflectance spectroscopy (NIRS) or on the basis of fibre bound protein	Catalin DRAGOMIR	Institute of Biology and Animal Nutrition, Balotesti	Dr. Joze VERBIC	Agricultural Institute of Slovenia	1 x7 days
4.	Extension of the present apple assortment by testing new disease resistant cultivars with long storage period in control environment in the ecopedological conditions...	Dr. eng. Ioan PLATON	Fruit Growing R&D Station, Bistrita	Eng. Kmet godec BOSTJAN	Agricultural Institute of Slovenia	2x7 days
5.	Use of Juglans and Prunus germplasm resources for breeding new cultivars and rootstocks	Dr. Mihai BOTU	Fruit Growing R&D Station, Valcea	Dr. Anita SOLAR	University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty	2x7 days

6.	Influence of disorder on critical phase behavior (focus mainly on systems constituted by nanoparticles of aerosols dispersed in liquid crystals)	Prof. dr. Vlad POPA-NITA	University of Bucharest, Faculty of Physics	Prof. dr. Samo KRALJ	Jozef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana	2x7 days
7.	Information processing for multimedia and engineering data	Prof. dr. eng. Inge GAVAT	Politehnica University of Bucharest	Prof. dr. eng. Zarko CUCEJ	University of Maribor	1x3 days + 1x12 days
8.	Securing and optimising smart access control and personal identification systems with intelligent agents	PhD student Eng. Madalin Stefan VLAD	Politehnica University of Bucharest	Prof. Matjaz GAMS	Jozef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana	1x3 days + 1x12 days
9.	Nano and micro technologies for cultural heritage investigation & diagnosis	Dr. Roxana RADVAN	National Institute for R&D for Optoelectronics, Bucharest	Dr. Andrej DEMSAR	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering	2x7 days
10.	Development of a low-cost flue gas desulphurisation technology	Eng. Corina BOITA	Institute for Studies and Power Engineering, Bucharest	Dr. Andrej STERGASEK	Jozef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana	2x7 days
11.	Feature-based modelling, simulation and remote control of robot vision assembly	Prof. dr. Theodor BORANGIU	Politehnica University of Bucharest	Prof. dr. Noe DRAGICA	Technical University of Ljubljana	1x7 days + 1x14 days
12.	Qualification criteria for the joints of moment resistant steel frames of multi-storey buildings in seismic areas	Prof. Dr. Daniel GRECEA	Politehnica University of Timisoara	Prof. Darko BEG	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering	2x10 days
13.	Standing-up motion augmentation in paraplegia by means of fes and robot technology	Dr. Marian POBORONIUC	„Gh. Asachi” Technical University of Iasi	Ass. Prof. dr. Roman KAMNIK	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Electrical Engineering	2x7 days
14.	Modeling structure and properties of finite and infinite nanostructures	Prof. dr. Mircea DIUDEA	„Babes-Bolyai” University of Cluj, Faculty of Chemistry	Dusanka JANEZIC	National Institute of Chemistry, Ljubljana	2x7 days
15.	Biodiversity and ecology of fauna in percolating water of the karst caves	Oana Teodora MOLDOVAN	Institute of Speology, Cluj-Napoca	Dr. Tanja PIPAN	Karst Research Institute, Ljubljana	2x7 days