

PROTOCOL

of the 3rd Session of the Joint Cyprus - Slovenia Committee on Research and Development

The Joint Cyprus - Slovenia Committee, established in accordance with Article 2 of the Protocol of Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on Research and Development signed in Ljubljana on the 15th April 2005, held its Third Session in Nicosia, Cyprus on the 29th October 2009, for the selection and approval of the joint research projects submitted in the Joint Research Cooperation Programme.

The delegation of the Republic of Cyprus was headed by Mr Costas Iacovou, Director of the Competitiveness and Research Directorate of the Planning Bureau and the delegation of the Republic of Slovenia was headed by Mr Peter Volasko, Head of the International Cooperation and European Affairs Office of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology. The members of the two delegations are listed in Annex I, attached to the present Protocol.

The Third Session of the Joint Cyprus - Slovenia Committee on Research and Development was characterised by constructive discussions between the two delegations and by their genuine desire to find practical and feasible means for the further development, expansion and diversification of bilateral cooperation in the fields of science and research.

The Heads of the two delegations exchanged information on the state of research in their respective countries and reviewed briefly recent developments as well as the potential for future growth. They reiterated

their decision to further encourage and support the co-operation in the field of research and development on the basis of mutual benefit, according to the provisions of the present Protocol and the laws and regulations of each Party.

The discussions covered the following areas:

Article 1

Launching of a Joint Research Cooperation Programme

1. The Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus and the Slovenian Research Agency launched in June 2009 a Joint Research Cooperation Programme and invited the submission of joint research proposals by Higher Educational Institutes, Research Centres, enterprises, public and private organisations engaged in research and development activities established in the two countries.
2. The Programme's main aim was the implementation of joint research and development projects, including the exchange of results and the exchange of scientists, researchers and technical experts. The Programme could also include the organisation and participation in meetings, conferences, symposia and workshops.
3. The Programme covered all the thematic areas.
4. Five proposals were submitted to the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus and four to the Slovenian Research Agency. The evaluation procedure was organised by the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus and the Slovenian Research Agency with

evaluators assigned by each side. The evaluations were based on evaluation criteria agreed by the two parties.

5. Following the discussion of the evaluation results, the Joint Committee selected the three research projects to be funded. These projects are listed in Annex II.

6. Specifically, the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus will grant to Slovenian researchers the amount of 155 euro per day for short-term stays (up to two weeks) and for longer duration the daily allowance will be reduced by 20%.

7. Respectively, the Slovenian Research Agency will cover costs of stay of up to 100 euro to Cyprus researchers per day for short-term stays (up to two weeks) and up to 1,252 euro per month for long-term stays (up to three months), additionally to 21.39 euro per diems.

8. During the implementation of the projects the terms described in the Call for Proposals will prevail.

Article 2

Next Joint Cypriot – Slovenian Programme on Research and Development

1. The Joint Committee agreed that the next Joint Cypriot - Slovenian Programme on Research and Development will be launched in two years time (Spring 2011).

2. The thematic priorities and the funding conditions to prevail in the next Joint Programme will be mutually agreed six months prior to the launching of the Programme.

Article 3

Networking of Researchers

The two parties will further promote the networking of their scientists, researchers and technical experts for collaboration in European and other Research Programmes.

Article 4

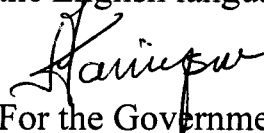
Implementation of Protocol

1. The activities described in this Protocol will be implemented by the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus and the Slovenian Research Agency.

2. Any issues relating to the interpretation and implementation of the Protocol shall be settled through consultations within the Joint Committee or between the Contracting Parties.

Both sides agreed to hold the Fourth Session of the Joint Committee in Ljubljana in 2011.

Done and signed in Nicosia on the 29th October 2009, in duplicate in the English language.



For the Government

of the Republic of Cyprus



For the Government

of the Republic of Slovenia

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ANNEX II

Title	Scientific Field	Cypriot Host Organisation	Slovenian Host Organisation	Principal Investigator in Cyprus	Principal Investigator in Slovenia	Trips to Slovenia	Trips to Cyprus
Influence of volume expanders on fluidity of blood through arteries and other blood vessels	Life Sciences and Biotechnology	University of Cyprus Department of Mathematics and Statistics	University of Ljubljana Faculty of Chemistry & Chemical Technology	Giorgos Georgiou	Zupanic Andreja	4x10 days 2x30 days	5x5 days
Study of methylation patterns of breast tissues from Cyprus and Slovenia	Life Sciences and Biotechnology	The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics Nicosia	Institute of Oncology Ljubljana	Hatzisavvas Andreas	Srdjan Novakovic	4x10 days	4x10 days
Anthocyanins in Cypriot and Slovenian Fruit Juices as a tool for their Authenticity confirmation	Life Sciences and Biotechnology	State General Laboratory Ministry of Health Nicosia	Slovenian Institute for Hop Research and Brewing, Zalec	Kokkinofia Rebecca	Kosir Izlok Joze	4x5 days	4x5 days