

DECISION DOCUMENT

on co-funding of Slovenian - Brazilian joint research projects in the period from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2012

Based on the Framework Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, signed on July 29, 1998 in Brasília, on the Agreement between the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia (MHEST) and the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development of the Federative Republic of Brazil (CNPq), signed on July 19, 2007 by correspondence and on the call for proposals for joint research projects announced by the Slovenian Research Agency and the CNPq respectively in July 2009, the two sides realize that:

The Slovenian Party received 8 (eight) proposals for joint research projects and the Brazilian Party received 7 (seven) proposals for joint research projects.

Seven project proposals were peer reviewed by both Parties, as one of the proposals, received by the Slovenian Party was not submitted to the Brazilian Party.

Five project proposals were considered for co-funding, as one of the proposals, submitted to both Parties did not meet the requirements of the Call for proposals and one project proposal was not recommended by the Brazilian side for funding.

Based on the results of the evaluation of the project proposals both Parties came to an agreement that according to the peer review screening 5 (five) projects listed below shall be jointly funded in the period from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2012.

No.	Project title	SI PI	SI Institution	BR PI	BR Institution
1	Biogeochemistry of Mercury in Contaminated Coastal Environments; Coastal Lagoons in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil and the Gulf of Trieste, Northern Adriatic	Milena HORVAT	Jožef Stefan Institute	Gilberto FILLMANN	University of Rio Grande - Rio Grande
2	Neutron Activation Analysis on the Assessment of Arsenic Resistant Plants from Santa Bárbara Region, Iron Quadrangle, Brazil	Radojko JACIMOVIĆ	Jožef Stefan Institute	Maria Angela de Barros CORREIA MENEZES	Nuclear Technology Development Center/Brazilian Commission for Nuclear Energy, Belo Horizonte



3	Pentatomidae Communication and their Implications to Soybean Pest Management	Andrej ČOKL	National Institute of Biology	Miguel BORGES	Embrapa Genetic Resources and Biotechnology, Brasilia
4	Application of probiotic/protective cultures of lactic acid bacteria in food safety in the agri-food chain	Avrelija CENČIČ	University of Maribor, Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Bernadette Dora Gombossy de MELO FRANCO	University of São Paulo, São Paulo
5	Biophysical models and phylogeography of medusozoan (Cnidaria) keystone species in the shelf system of Slovenia and Brazil	Alenka MALEJ	National Institute of Biology	Andre CARRARA MORANDINI	University of São Paulo, São Paulo

Financial support to the approved projects will be granted by both Parties according to the 6th Clause of the Agreement between the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia (MHEST) and the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development of the Federative Republic of Brazil (CNPq), i.e. each Party will cover the costs of its researchers' visits to the other Party. The Slovenian side will cover the costs of up to 18,000 EUR per project for the whole duration of the project. The projects may be prolonged on the request from both Coordinators; on the Slovenian side the prolongation may only be granted till 15.10.2012.

Done in Ljubljana and Brasília, respectively, in March 2010.

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Science and Technology of the Republic of
Slovenia:


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