

PROTOCOL
**of the 8th Meeting of the Slovenian-Polish Joint Commission for Scientific
and Technological Cooperation**

Warsaw, 18 January 2008
(Working Programme for the years 2008-2009)

The Joint Commission, established in accordance with the article 9 of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Poland, signed in Warsaw on 23 May 1996, held its 8th session in Warsaw on 18 January 2008, in order to implement the above mentioned agreement.

The Slovenian side was represented by H.E. Mr. Jožef Drogenik, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Republic of Poland.

The delegation of the Republic of Poland was headed by Ms. Iwona Jędrzejczak, Director of Department of International Co-operation, Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

The list of the two delegations is enclosed as **Annex 1**.

The Joint Commission adopted the following agenda:

1. Discussion on the implementation of decisions of the 7th meeting of the Joint Commission,
2. Selection and approval of the new and continued project proposals,
3. Financial support for the approved projects,
4. Preparation of the Working Program for the period 2010 - 2011,
5. Closing provisions.

Ad 1. Discussion on the implementation of the decisions of the 7th meeting of the Joint Commission:

The Joint Commission stated that the Slovenian – Polish joint scientific and technological projects, approved at the 7th meeting of the Joint Commission for the period 2006 – 2007, are being implemented without any problems. The Joint Commission agreed that the final reports of these joint projects should be completed by February 29, 2008.

Ad 2. Selection and approval of the new and continued project proposals:

The Joint Commission established that for the period 2008 – 2009 24 (twenty-four) project proposals had been submitted on the Slovenian side and 18 (eighteen) project proposals on the Polish side. The project proposals were peer - reviewed by both Parties. Based on their scientific merit the Joint Commission selected the projects listed in **Annex 2** for funding in the years 2008 and 2009, with the duration from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009.

Ad 3. Financial support for the approved projects:

Financial support means that the implementing institutions responsible for the management of the co-operation in science and technology between the two countries will cover the costs of the exchange of scientists, i.e. travel and accommodation costs, in accordance with the following mutually agreed provisions:

The travel costs to and from the receiving country shall be covered by the sending side.

The receiving side shall cover the costs of accommodation and the costs of living as follows:

In the Republic of Slovenia:

In case of short term visits (up to 14 days) accommodation at the House of Postgraduates (exceptionally *** category hotel) and daily allowance for meals in the amount of 15 € will be provided for.

In the Republic of Poland:

The reciprocal financial support from the Polish partner institute, which is necessary for the execution of the project activities, as described in the Polish application form, will come from the fund covering the statutory activities of the Polish institutes, including international scientific and technological cooperation resulting from intergovernmental agreements and executive programmes or protocols.

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

Ad 4. Preparation of the Working Program for the period 2010 – 2011:

The Joint Commission agreed to publish the next call for proposal not later than April 15, 2009 with the deadline for submission of project proposals not later than June 30, 2009. The funding decision will be taken by the Joint Commission in the fourth quarter of 2009. Projects approved by the Joint Commission shall start on January 1, 2010.

4.1. The co-operation between the Parties will be implemented through:

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

4.2. The priority fields of co-operation will be as follows:

- information and communication technologies (including computer science and informatics);
- advanced materials and nanotechnologies;
- biotechnology;
- complex systems and innovative technologies;
- natural sciences;
- environmental protection and research;
- humanities and social sciences.

4.3. The Parties agreed to encourage the involvement of young scientists into cooperation, especially at the postdoctoral level.

Both sides expressed their willingness to promote Slovenian - Polish ties in order to increase the number of exchanges among researchers.

4.4. The Parties agreed to encourage the cooperation between the Slovenian technology centres, clusters and technology networks and their Polish equivalents.

Ad.5. Closing Provisions:

Project proposals for the joint programme for the years 2010 – 2011 should be submitted simultaneously, using their respective (Slovenian and Polish) application forms duly signed by the Slovenian and Polish project leaders and institution directors.

The applications should be submitted to the Slovenian Research Agency by the Slovenian partner and to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education by the Polish partner:

In Slovenia: Slovenian Research Agency
Tivolska 30, 1000 Ljubljana
Tel.: + 386 1 400 5912; Fax: + 386 1 400 5957
www.arrs.gov.si

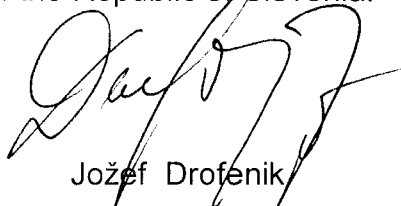
In Poland: Ministry of Science and Higher Education
Department of International Co-operation
Wspólna 1/3, 00- 529 Warsaw, Poland
Tel.: + 48 22 628 67 76, Fax: +48 22 628 35 34
www.mnisw.gov.pl

The Parties agreed to hold the next Joint Commission meeting in Slovenia, in the fourth quarter of 2009. The exact date of the meeting will be agreed upon by correspondence.

The stipulations of this document shall come into force upon its signing and shall remain in force until the next Joint Commission meeting.

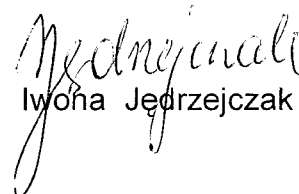
Signed in Warsaw, on 18 January 2008, in two copies in English.

On behalf of the Delegation
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Jožef Drofenik

On behalf of the Delegation
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Iwona Jędrzejczak

ANNEX 1

List of participants

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