

MINUTES
of the 1st Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological
Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Korea

Ljubljana, November 21, 2008

1. The Slovenian - Korean Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation held its first meeting in Ljubljana on November 21, 2008. The meeting was convened under Article 4 of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Korea, signed in Seoul on May 30, 1994. The purpose of this Agreement is to strengthen relations between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Korea while advancing the state of science and technology to the benefit of both countries.

The delegation of the Republic of Slovenia was headed by Mr. Peter Volasko, M.A., Head, Office of International Cooperation and European Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology.

The delegation of the Republic of Korea was headed by Mr. Un Woo Lee, Ph.D., Director General, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

The list of participants is given in Annex 1.

The Joint Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening remarks and introduction of the members of both delegations
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Introduction on S&T policies of both countries
4. Results of calls for proposals for joint projects and approval
5. Other suggestions:
 - A. Joint workshop in the field of materials science
 - B. Slovenian-Korean Green Technologies Event
 - C. KIST international R&D Academy
 - D. EU FP7 support program cooperation
6. Plans for operation of the Joint Committee
7. Signing of the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Korea
8. Signing of the MOU between KIMS and IJS
9. Closing provisions

Ad 1. Opening remarks and introduction of the members of both delegations

The meeting was convened with welcoming remarks from Heads of both delegations, Mr. Peter Volasko, M.A., and Mr. Un Woo Lee, Ph.D. Both stressed the importance of international cooperation in science and technology and expressed their satisfaction that both countries are willing to become not only good bilateral partners in science and technology, but also to jointly participate in the multilateral programs and projects, especially those of the EU.

Ad 2. Adoption of the agenda

The Agenda of the Joint Committee Meeting was adopted without remarks.

Ad 3. Introduction on S&T policies of both countries

The representatives of the Slovenian and Korean delegations presented the latest developments in the R&D sector and policies in their respective countries. Both sides expressed their confidence that the 1st Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Korea will contribute significantly to the development of beneficial links between S&T institutions, universities and scientists of both countries. Both sides agreed to encourage their researchers to jointly participate in EU projects.

Ad 4. Results of calls for proposals for joint projects and approval

The Joint Committee established that 15 (fifteen) project proposals had been submitted on the Slovenian side and 12 (twelve) project proposals on the Korean side. The project proposals were peer-reviewed by both sides according to the procedures of each country. The Joint Committee decided to co-fund the following joint project for the period from December 1, 2008 to September 30, 2011 in the amount of 70.000 EUR (for three years) from the Slovenian side (the missing funds up to 120.000 EUR will be covered from national projects or programs funds) and up to 120.000 EUR (for three years) from the Korean side:

Title of project: Synthesis of Piezoelectric Thin Films and Magnetoelectric Composites by a Layer-by-Layer Self Assembly

Slovenian institution and principal investigator:

Jožef Stefan Institute, Dr. Danilo SUVOROV

Korean institution and principle investigator:

Korea Institute of Materials Science, Dr. JEON, Jae-Ho

The Slovenian side decided that the difference between the exchange visits costs and funds available according to the Slovenian call for proposals shall be used for the Joint Workshop in the Field of Materials Science.

Ad 5. Other suggestions:

A. Joint workshop in the field of materials science

The Joint Committee discussed the organization of a joint Korean-Slovenian Workshop in the field of materials science and decided that the workshop be organized in 2009 in Slovenia by the Jožef Stefan Institute and Korea Institute of Materials Science.

B. Korean-Slovenian Green Technologies Event

The Slovenian side proposed the organization of a joint Green Technologies event (seminar or workshop) in the Republic of Korea where the researchers from public and private sector will meet each other. The details will be decided by diplomatic channels.

C. KIST International R&D Academy

The Korean side presented the activities of the KIST International R&D Academy and invited Slovenia to participate in its programs. The Slovenian side agreed to consider the invitation positively and welcomed the Korean side's initiative to offer up to five scholarships for postgraduate students.

D. EU FP7 support program cooperation

The Joint Committee discussed the possibilities of joint participation of Korean and Slovenian partners in the projects and programs of the 7th Framework Program of the EU.

The Joint Committee expressed its belief that further development of bilateral cooperation between Korea and Slovenia may form a firm ground for future joint participation in the EU programs.

The Korean side invited Slovenian institutions and scientists in the EU FP7 Forum of Korea in 2009 (within KESTCAP project – Korea EU Science and Technology Cooperation Advancement Program). The Slovenian side accepted the proposal in order to establish joint participation in the EU FP7.

Ad 6. Plans for operation of the Joint Committee

The Joint Committee agreed to announce the next call for proposals for scientific and technological cooperation for the period 2011 - 2013 in the first half of 2010. The decision on the selection of joint projects for funding will be taken by the Joint Committee in 2010. The approved projects will start on January 1, 2011.

Regarding the exchange visits of scientists the Joint Committee agreed on the following financial provisions:

- the sending side covers the costs of the international airfare
- the receiving side covers the accommodation costs and per diem
- the scientists who perform exchange visits should arrange adequate insurance for emergency, illness and accidents for the time of their stay in the receiving country, prior to their arrival to the receiving country.

The Joint Committee agreed to hold its next meeting in the second half of 2010 in the Republic of Korea.

Ad 7. Signing of the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Korea

The Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Korea was signed by Mr. Peter Volasko, M.A., Head, Office of International Cooperation and European Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia, Head of the Slovenian delegation, and Mr. Un Woo Lee, Ph.D., Director General, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Korea, Head of the Korean delegation.

Ad 8. Signing of the MOU between IJS and KIMS

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Korea Institute of Materials Science and the Jožef Stefan Institute was signed by Prof. Jadran Lenarčič, Ph.D., Director of the Jožef Stefan Institute and Mr. Byoung-Kee Kim, Ph.D., President of the Korea Institute of Materials Science. The MoU, anticipating cooperation in the areas of development of joint research projects, exchange of researchers, joint use of research facilities and the exchange of scientific and technological information will further strengthen the existing cooperation between the two institutions.

Ad 9. Closing provisions

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