

**PROTOCOL**  
**of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Board for Scientific and Technological Co-operation**  
**between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Hungary, held in Budapest,**  
**“ 9 ” January, 2008**

The Joint Board, established in accordance with the Article 9 of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Hungary and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia signed in Budapest on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 1994, held its eleventh session in Budapest on “ 9 ” January 2008, in order to implement the above mentioned agreement.

The delegation of the Republic of Hungary was headed by Ildikó KOVÁCS, Director general, National Office for Research and Technology.

The delegation of the Republic of Slovenia was headed by Mr. Ladislav Lipič, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Republic of Hungary.

The list of the two delegations is given in Annex 1.

The Joint Board adopted the following agenda:

1. Discussion on the implementation of decisions of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Board
2. Selection and approval of the new project proposals
3. Financial support for the approved projects
4. Preparation of the Working Program for the Period 2008-2009.
5. Closing provisions

*Ad 1. Discussion of the implementation of decisions of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Board*

The Joint Board stated that the Slovenian-Hungarian joint scientific and technological projects, approved at the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Board for the period 2007-2008 are being implemented without problems. The Joint Board agreed that the first year reports of the joint projects should be completed by the end of February, 2008.

*Ad 2. Selection and approval of new project proposals*

The Joint Board established that twenty (20) proposals had been submitted on the Slovenian side and twenty (20) project proposals on the Hungarian side. The project proposals were peer-reviewed by both Parties according to the procedures approved at the first meeting. Based on their scientific merit the Joint Board selected 16 projects listed in Annex 2 for financing in the years 2008-2009.

*Ad 3. Financial support for the approved projects*

Financial support means that the implementing institutions responsible for the overall management of the cooperation 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 Slovenia*

In case of short (up to 14 days) and long term visits (from 15 days to 3 months) paid accommodation at the House of Postgraduates (exceptionally \*\*\* category hotel) and daily allowance for meals in the amount of 15 € will be provided for as a contribution for covering the living expenses. Preference will be given to use the university/academic accommodation facilities.

*In Hungary:*

In case of short term visits (maximum 14 days: 15.000.- Ft/day (~ 60 Euro/day). In case of long term visits (more than 14 days) 210.000.- Ft/month (~ 840 Euro/month). These amounts will cover the costs of accommodation and daily meals.

The researchers, who perform exchange visits on the basis of this Protocol should be adequately medically insured by the sending party for the time of their stay in the receiving country.

*Ad 4. Preparation of the Working Program for the Period 2009-2010.*

5.1. The Joint Board agreed to publish the next call for proposals not later than February 28, 2008 with the deadline for submission of project proposals not later than April 30, 2008.

The decision will be taken by the Joint Board in the second half of 2008. Projects approved by the Joint Board shall start on January 1, 2009.

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

- engineering sciences
- biotechnology /food and health/
- natural sciences
- environmental research
- medical sciences
- national heritage and contemporary social challenges

5.3. The parties agreed to encourage the cooperation of young scientists especially at the postdoctoral level.

5.4. The parties agreed to encourage the cooperation between the Slovenian technology centers, clusters and technology networks and their Hungarian equivalents.

5.5 The parties agreed to encourage regional R&D co-operation and organize a joint workshop in 2008 to this end.

*Ad 5. Closing provisions*

According to the Article 8 of the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Hungary the Joint Board nominated the implementing institutions in charge of the co-operation in science and technology between the two countries as follows:

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The Parties agreed to hold the next meeting of the Joint Board in Slovenia, in the second half of 2008. The exact date of the meeting shall be fixed via correspondence.

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

Signed in Budapest, on “ 9 ” January 2008, in two copies in English.

On behalf of the  
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National Office for Research and  
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On behalf of the  
Slovenian Delegation  
Mr. Ladislav LIPIC,  
Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia  
to the Republic of Hungary

### List of participants

#### **Hungarian Delegation:**

Mrs. Ildiko KOVÁCS	Director General, National Office for Research and Technology, co-chair of the Joint Board;
Mr. Peter JUDÁK	Senior counselor, National Office for Research and Technology,
Mrs. Maria PANCZEL	Senior counselor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

#### **Slovenian Delegation:**

Mr. Ladislav LIPIC	Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Republic of Hungary, co-chair of the Joint Board;
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