

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE ACADEMY OF FINLAND
AND
THE SLOVENIAN RESEARCH AGENCY ARRS**

The Academy of Finland and the Slovenian Research Agency ARRS (hereinafter referred to as the Parties), with the object of furthering scientific relations between Finland and Slovenia, have agreed on the following provisions:

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall, within their spheres of competence, promote and support cooperation between researchers, research institutions and universities of both countries in all fields of science.

The cooperation shall be based on direct contacts between researchers and research teams of both countries.

ARTICLE II

The Parties shall encourage scientific cooperation especially in joint research projects between researchers in the two countries and participation in scientific symposia, workshops and researcher training courses in Finland and in Slovenia.

ARTICLE III

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of information and experience on the evaluation of science and funding procedures.

ARTICLE IV

The Parties agree to support visits of researchers to both countries. Preference will be given to young researchers preparing their doctoral thesis and to postdoctoral researchers and to researchers intending to acquaint themselves with research carried out in the other country and to prepare joint research projects.

ARTICLE V

The Parties shall support mobility of researchers by providing funds to invite researchers of the other Party to the country of the inviting Party. The inviting Party covers

- 1) The costs of round- trip travel (country of departure – destination – country of departure)

- 2) Daily allowance covering the living costs
- 3) Hotel-standard accommodation for the duration of the stay
- 4) Travel and other costs in accordance with the set research plan according to the Party's own rules, regulations and practices.

The Parties shall exchange information on the mobility of researchers (number of researchers, total duration of visits, scientific disciplines) once a year.

ARTICLE VI Intellectual property rights and ethical standards

The Parties encourage researchers and their institutions to enter into agreements to ensure the effective protection and correct distribution of intellectual property rights resulting from the research funded under this Memorandum of Understanding. The Parties shall maintain the highest ethical and legal standards in funding research under this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous

This Memorandum of Understanding is subject to the availability of funds in the budgets of the Parties and the applicable laws and regulations of their respective countries.


ARTICLE VIII

This Agreement shall enter into force on date of signing in January 2008. It shall remain in force until the end of the year 2009 unless renewed or amended by written agreement. The Agreement may be terminated by giving six months' notice in writing.

Enacted in two English copies, both equally valid.

Executed in Helsinki on 8 January 2008 and in Ljubljana on ~~30~~ January 2008

For the Academy of Finland



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