

MINUTES

Interacademy Council for South East Europe
Second Programme Committee Meeting
17th May 2005, Belgrade, Serbia & Montenegro

AGENDA

1. Constitution of the Programme Committee
2. Information on 6th and 7th EU RTD Framework Programme, COST and other scientific agencies
3. Discussion on the proposed interacademic joint projects
4. Suggestions on further work of how to create mutual projects
5. Organization items
6. Miscellaneous

Participants: *See Attachment I.*

The president of the host Academy academician Nikola Hajdin and academician Momir Djurovic, the president of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts and chairman of the Interacademy Council of SEE greeted the Meeting.

Ad. 1. After the names of the Programme Committee members were read, on the proposal made by the Albanian Academy and MANU, academician Lj. Rakic was unanimously elected to be the chairman of the Programme Committee with one-year term.

Representatives of the Romanian Academy were requested to nominate their representative member in the Committee.

Ad. 2. The former president of MANU, academician J. Pop-Jordanov presented the Information on 6th and 7th EU RTD Framework Programme, COST and other scientific agencies.

All data about these Programmes as well as the way of submitting the registration forms are available at the websites <http://www.cordis.lu/fp6> ; <http://www.cordis.lu/fp7> ; <http://cost.cordis.lu>.

After the discussion, the presented information was accepted as the initial document for the formation of mutual projects. The representatives of the academies agreed to jointly participate in the activities for the preparation of suggestions for the projects with which they will apply for the resources of European Commission and other funds.

It was concluded that academies should initiate gatherings of scientific research institutions that would participate in the preparation and realization of projects.

Ad. 3. The table that refers to the expression of interest of some academies to cooperate in the framework of the proposed projects was discussed. It was concluded that some of the projects meet the condition of involving three academies and that the work on their formation and in finding partner institutions in EU countries should be accelerated.

Prof. Polenakovic, the Committee member from MASA, requested for the project *I.b.1 Diabetic Nephropathy in the SEE Region* to be separated into two projects: *Diabetic Nephropathy* (partners are: L. Ozegovic from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Prof. M. Polenakovic from Macedonia, Prof. V. Stefanovic from Serbia and Prof. Lj. Calovic from Montenegro) and *Balkan Endemic Nephropathy* (partners are: Prof. Tahirovic from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Prof. Gluhovski and Tatu from Romania, Prof. D. Tancheva from Bulgaria, Prof. V. Stefanovic from Serbia and Prof. M. Polenakovic from Macedonia).

The Academy of Sciences of Albania and SASA have expressed their interest to participate in the project, which is realizing in the Turkish Academy of Sciences for the last four years. The project refers to the data basis on cultural heritage of Turkey. Possibilities of extending the participation with other academies in the region were also proposed. Partners should nominate their research experts and the leader of the cooperation within this project will be the Turkish Academy of Sciences.

Ad. 4. In the framework of the List of projects, which were proposed at the Programme Committee meeting in Skopje, it was agreed that the List is to be added with projects in the field of economy, biodiversity, ethical problems of science with reference to bioethics and digitalization of cultural heritage. For each of the projects on the List it is necessary to nominate the leader of the project as well as the researchers.

It was concluded that the deadline for the submission of the complete proposals would be by the end of September 2005. Proposals are to be submitted to academician Lj. Rakic, the chairman of the Programme Committee.

Ad. 5. It was concluded that each president of the Academy would explore the possibility of obtaining necessary funds for the Programme activities of the Committee from the competent ministry.

In the meantime the Academy – host of the Programme Committee will secure necessary funds for the session of the Committee, either from its own resources or by using the possibility that is given by the COST Programme. In order to obtain the resources from this Programme, it is necessary to submit the list of mutual projects as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Programme Committee is scheduled for the end of the current year.

Ad. 6. In the capacity of the chairman of the Interacademic Council, academician M. Djurovic will send the letter to the ALLEA in which he will express the orientation of the Programme Committee to participate in F6, F7 and COST Programmes.

The proposal made by academician M. Djurovic that the Proceedings from the meetings of the Programme Committee are to be printed by the end of each year, was adopted.

Programme Committee supports proposals and comments given by Prof. Pieter Drenth, President of ALLEA.

Signature of the keeper of minutes

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Attachment I

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