
**PROGRAMME OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
FOR THE PERIOD 2011 – 2013**

In pursuance of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement") concluded on January 31, 1995, at New Delhi, between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of India, both sides have agreed upon the following Programme of Cooperation in the fields of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the "POC"), for the duration 2011 – 2013.

1. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology and the Slovenian Research Agency on behalf of the Slovenian side and the Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, on behalf of the Indian side (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties ") shall be the implementing agencies for the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation and in particular for this POC.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The broad subject areas of cooperation shall be:

- i) Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies
- ii) Health and Biomedical Science
- iii) Metal Sciences and New Materials
- iv) Polymer Chemistry
- v) Mathematics
- vi) Electronics
- vii) Alternate Renewable Energy Sources, including Solar Energy
- viii) Food Technology
- ix) Any other area of common interest

3. JOINT WORKING GROUP

- 3.1 According to the Article 5 of the Agreement the Signatories have established a Joint Working Group for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (JWG), which consists of a Chairperson and members from both the sides.
- 3.2 The task of the JWG shall include creation of favourable conditions for implementation of the "Agreement" and "POC", and for examining and deciding on issues related to the use of the results, technologies, products etc. realised during the joint work carried out under the Agreement.
- 3.3 The JWG shall meet once every two years, or as and when required, by mutual consent, alternately in Slovenia and in India. In case of necessity, the representatives of the Parties may organise a short meeting between two consecutive sessions of the JWG.

4. JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 4.1 The two sides shall support joint scientific projects based on mutual interest. Joint research projects shall aim at developing applicable technology and lead to the dissemination of research results and establishing contacts with industry for the follow up of research and development work.
- 4.2 Project proposals shall continue to be received annually or biannually. Project proposals should be submitted simultaneously, through a joint Call for Projects using their respective (Slovenian and Indian) application forms duly signed by the Slovenian and Indian project leaders and institution directors, and approved at regular meetings or exchange of communications on the basis of the evaluations conducted by each Party. The application forms shall be designed according to the internal rules of each side with certain basic common requirements.
- 4.3 Scientific and technological information of non-proprietary nature arising from the research projects under this POC may be made available to the public by either Party through customary channels and in accordance with the normal procedures of the participating agencies.
- 4.4 In accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries and with relevant international agreements to which Slovenia and India are or will become parties, the Parties shall ensure adequate and effective protection and fair distribution of intellectual property rights or other rights of a proprietary nature

resulting from the cooperative activities undertaken pursuant to this POC. The Parties shall consult one another for this purpose as necessary.

5. WORKSHOPS

To stimulate the research cooperation and identifying specific themes/projects for joint implementation in given areas, the two sides agreed to include 1 (one) workshop per year to be organised in Slovenia and India and announced along with the next call for proposals from the areas of cooperation under Clause 2.

Dates and topics of the workshops would be finalized through exchange of letters or other means of communication between both Parties.

6. EXCHANGE VISITS

6.1 The Parties shall encourage exchange of scientists and specialists for

- a) Implementation of identified joint projects (one short visit up to 10 days and one long visit up to 1 month each year in each direction);
- b) Participation in bilateral scientific conferences, workshops, exhibitions.

7. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Following are the financial terms for the visits of the scientists between Slovenia and India under the approved programme:

- i) Research project costs will be met by the respective sides.
- ii) The sending side shall meet the international travel costs of their scientists up to the relevant entry city of the host side as well as medical insurance.
- iii) The receiving side shall meet the expenses towards in-country travel and living costs of the visiting scientists.
- iv) Local organizational expenses for the mutually agreed workshops and conferences etc. shall be paid by the host country.

8. VALIDITY, AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION

8.1 This POC shall be valid up to December 31, 2013 or signing of a successor POC or its termination by mutual consent.

8.2 This POC may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties in writing.

8.3 The termination of this POC shall not affect the carrying out of any joint project

or any other cooperative activity undertaken under this POC and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this POC.

9. NEXT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Parties agreed to define the launching date for the next call for proposals for joint research projects and workshops by correspondence as well as the date of the next meeting of the Joint Working Group.

Done in Ljubljana on 2nd November 2010 in two originals in English.

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