

Memorandum of Understanding

on co-operation between the Slovak Academy of Sciences and British Council Slovakia from

1 April 2006 to 30 March 2008.

The Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) and the British Council Slovakia (BCS) hereinafter referred to as "Sides", recognising the importance of international co-operation and desiring to strengthen and promote effective scientific relations between Slovak and British scientists and research institutes, have decided to sign this Memorandum of Understanding and agree the following:

1. The SAS and BCS have agreed to jointly support the implementation of the BC programme "International Networking of Young Scientists" (INYS) as mutually interesting for both sides. (For more information see Appendix A).
2. Both sides will promote joint participation of Slovak and British scientists in consortia of multi-lateral international projects of EU Framework Programmes (exchange of information, searching for partners, supporting exploratory visits).
3. SAS (through its appropriate institutes) will assist in the promotion of the BCS science and society programmes.
4. The SAS and the BCS may agree to organise further joint activities such as conferences, workshops, seminars, exchange visits, if there is a need for them in a separate agreement.
5. This is an extension of a memorandum of understanding signed for the period from 1 January 2004 to 30 March 2006.
6. Upon the expiration of the Memorandum on 30 March 2008, it may be extended further, if the Sides agree so.



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Appendix A

Concerning the INYS scheme, the following will be done:

- SAS will identify up to 6 national research priorities for the Slovak Republic, advertise the possibility of running INYS workshops on these topics in relevant SAS institutes, nominate one Slovak coordinator and a research topic to the British Council. The Slovak coordinator will nominate a UK coordinator.

Action by: 15 January 2006

- British Council will match the proposal with UK national research priorities, nominate the UK coordinator, if necessary, and advertise through UK research and BC channels. BCS and SAS will then jointly select up to 3 workshops to take place in Slovakia between April 2006 – March 2007.

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- SAS/BCS will provide funds for exploratory visits to/from UK by UK and Slovak coordinators to enable them to discuss details for networking seminars, if this is required by them. (BCS will cover accommodation and subsistence for Slovak scientists in the UK and travel costs for UK scientists to visit to Slovakia. SAS will cover travel costs for Slovak scientists to visit UK and accommodation and subsistence for UK scientists visiting Slovakia)

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- 3 selected workshops will take place in Slovakia between April 2006 – March 2007 in the SAS congress centres in Smolenice and Stara Lesna. They will be jointly funded in the following way:

BCS will cover the travel costs, 1-2 night hotel accommodation and subsistence for 1-2 days for UK participants, accommodation and meals for Slovak participants at the workshop venue, 50 % of the cost for hiring lecture rooms and conference equipment, 50% of the cost of reception or welcome (farewell) dinner.

SAS will cover the cost of coach transport to/from the venue for both Slovak and UK participants, accommodation and meals for UK participants at the workshop venue, 50% of the cost of hiring lecture rooms and conference equipment, 50% of the cost of reception or welcome (farewell) dinner.

Action by: March 2007

- There will be a similar plan of action for 2007 – 2008.
- Any other unplanned expenditure will be agreed in writing as Appendix B to this memorandum.