

# MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE CROATIAN- INDIAN JOINT SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

In accordance with the Article 2 of the Programme of Cooperation in Science & Technology between the the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Government of Croatia and Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, concluded in Zagreb on May 18, 2005, the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the Croatian - Indian Joint Science & Technology Committee was held in New Delhi on 17-18 May 2007. The Croatian and Indian delegations were led by Dr. Radovan Fuchs, Assistant Minister for International Cooperation, Government of Croatia and Mr. Y P Kumar, Adviser & Head, International Division, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India respectively. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure-I**.

## 1. Opening Remarks

1.1 Mr. Y P Kumar welcomed the Croatian delegation and introduced the members of the Indian delegation. In his opening remarks, he thanked Croatian side for receiving Shri Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences at the invitation of H.E. Dr Dragan Primorac, Croatian Minister for Education, Science & Sports. He mentioned that two Ministers made a Joint Declaration establishing a Joint Research Fund of 1 million Euros each year and directed for an early meeting of the Joint Committee. He suggested to work out mechanism to invite proposals so that joint fund could be utilized efficiently.

1.2 Dr Radovan Fuchs thanked Mr. Kumar for receiving the Croatian delegation. He believed that this meeting of the Joint Committee would move forward scientific cooperation between the two countries.

## 3. Programme of Cooperation for the period 2006-2007

The Joint Committee noted that under the on-going Programme of Cooperation in Science & Technology between the two countries, presently only mobility component is being supported and decided to have additional full cost proposals. It was agreed to make a joint call for proposals in the areas of Environment, Oceanography, Biotechnology, Pharmacology, Nano-technology and Ship-building and GIS technologies (as stated in Joint Declaration) as per the following schedule:

- Opening of call for proposals : June 1, 2007
- Call remains open till: August 10, 2007
- Exchange of list of proposals by two Ministries: August 24, 2007
- Followed by Internal Assessment and Ranking / Grading

- Next meeting of Joint Committee:

In the week starting  
22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007

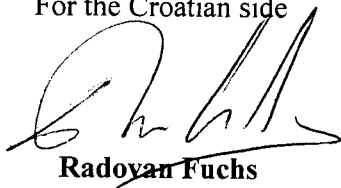
Joint Committee felt that each project could be of an average size of around € 150,000 for an initial period of two years (extendable by one more year based on progress assessment). Coordinating Agencies on two sides would make a mutually agreed call for proposals (Annexure-II). Proposals would be invited on prescribed format, as given in Annexure-III.

The Joint Committee also decided that as agreed in the first meeting of the Joint Committee, both sides would organize one bilateral workshop in their respective country and would offer up to 5 fellowships to young scientists (doctoral/ post doctoral) and exploratory visits in each others' laboratories each year. It was agreed that workshop on "Commercialization and Societal Applications of Science" at Dubrovnik, just prior to the Joint Committee meeting. Second workshop would be organized in India on "Marine Science" or "Biotechnology".

4. It was desired to have 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Joint Committee at Dubrovnik in the week starting 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007.

Done in New Delhi, on 18<sup>th</sup>, May 2007 in two originals, both texts being same.

For the Croatian side



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For International Cooperation  
Department of Education, Science &  
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For the Indian side

**YP Kumar**

Adviser & Head  
International Division  
Department of Science & Technology  
Government of India

List of delegations

**The delegation of Croatia**

Head of the delegation

**Dr. Radovan Fuchs, Assistant Minister for International Cooperation**

Members of the delegation

- Ms. Maja Plancic Lelas, Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of Croatia in India
- Mr. Aasef El-Rushaidat, Advisor to the Minister's Assistant for International Cooperation.
- Mr. Boris Suran, First Secretary, Embassy of Croatia in New Delhi
- Ms Kristina Gerber, Expert Associate, Ministry of Science, Education & Sports

**The delegation of India**

Head of the delegation

**Mr Y P Kumar, Adviser & Head, International Division, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India**

Members of the delegation

- Shri Rajiv Kumar, Scientist C, DST
- Dr Ashutosh Mishra, DST
- Mr SK Varshney, Scientist F and Director, DST

Call for proposals  
Under India Croatia Science & Technology Fund

The Department of Science & Technology, Government of India and the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Government of Croatia have recently established a joint fund of € 1 million for bilateral scientific cooperation. Environment, Oceanography, Biotechnology, Pharmacology, Nano-technology, Ship-building and GIS technologies have been identified as priority areas of cooperation. Proposals with industrial relevance would be preferred. Good quality proposals in other scientific areas may also be considered, subject of availability of funds.

It is proposed to invite joint research proposals, in the prescribed format. Each project proposal could be of an average size of around € 150,000 for an initial period of two years (extendable by one more year based on progress assessment).

Proposals, duly signed by both coordinators and their organizations could be submitted to the following on or before 10<sup>th</sup> August 2007:

In India	In Croatia
Department of Science & Technology International Division Technology Bhavan, New Delhi 110016 E-mail: <a href="mailto:skvdst@nic.in">skvdst@nic.in</a> URL: <a href="http://www.dst.gov.in">www.dst.gov.in</a> , <a href="http://www.stic-dst.org">www.stic-dst.org</a>	Ministry of Science, Education & Sports, Directorate for International Cooperation Trg J.J. Strossmayera 4, 10000 Zagreb E-mail: <a href="mailto:Kristina.gerber@mzos.hr">Kristina.gerber@mzos.hr</a> URL: <a href="http://www.mzos.hr">www.mzos.hr</a>

Note:

1. Proposals submitted to both the Ministries should be identical. Unilaterally submitted proposals would not be considered.
2. Croatian scientists are also expected to fill up online application available at [www.mzos.hr](http://www.mzos.hr) and also send one soft copy and one hard copy to the Croatian Ministry.
3. Indian scientists are requested to send one soft copy and eight hard copies to Indian DST.