

May 17-18, 2004 – Bratislava, Slovakia

The representatives of V4 Academies have participated in the meeting in order to discuss common concerns and to initiate and manage joint activities. The participants visited the Bratislava International Laser Centre, they were acquainted with the Cyclotron centre Bratislava, regional research infrastructure in Hungary, as well as with the International Institute for Applied System Analysis in Laxenburg (Austria). They were informed that the project concerning the publishing of the Central European Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (CEJSSH) has already been launched.

According to the program the following topics were presented and discussed:

- Preparation of the joint regional R&D programme:
Applied research for effective flood protection and water management in the V4 Countries. The appropriate document with proposed topics and responsible researches will be sent to the coordinator prof. Meskó.
- Launching two joint projects in humanities and social sciences:
 - Ethnic and culture diversity of East-Central Europe: its origins and role as potential factor of cooperation and conflicts in contemporary society.
 - History and achievement of humanities and social sciences in totalitarian system 1945-1990.

Responsible scientists: L. Petraňová (CZ), B. Kardón (H), Kozłowski and Kotowska (PL), T. Sedová (SVK).

- Organising the conferences of young researches:
The first conference will be organised by the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN) for young mathematicians. Each Academy will send to prof. Legocki names of 4 participants. Agenda will be proposed by PAN.
- Establishing of the prize for young researches from the V4 countries:
The prize will be awarded consecutively each year in the field of:
 - a) natural sciences
 - b) life sciences
 - c) humanities and social sciencesDetails will be discussed on the next meeting in Hungary, where the PAN delegation will submit the proposed awarding statute.
- Encouraging the scientific community in Academies to use structural funds of EU for research and to bring to the researchers most possible information about this issue.
- Co-ordinating activities of the most important European and World scientific non-governmental organisations, mainly ICSU (next congress in 2005) and IAP and the problems of enhancing the presentation of the V4 countries representatives in the steering bodies of these organisations.
- Continuation in discussion on ERC-issues including its possible linking with the ESF activities.