

April 25-26, 2005 – Wrocław, Poland

- Review of the survey „Membership in international R&D organizations“ – a summary presented by Prof. Jan Strelau, Vice-President of the Polish Academy of Sciences
In the survey the existing necessity of establishing a common policy towards the international R&D organizations was highlighted. The cooperation of the V4 Academies in this field ought to be strengthened and unified. Only such determined approach can guarantee future success and improvement of relations between the V4 Academies and the international R&D organizations.
- Joint policy in applying for managerial posts in international organizations (e.g. ICSU, ESF)
President of the PAS informed that the PAS would not propose a candidate for the managerial position in ICSU. PAS will support candidates jointly proposed by the V4 Academies. At the request of V4 Academies the PAS will coordinate the procedure of elections to ICSU statutory bodies (Committee on Scientific Planning and Review and Ordinary Members of the Executive Board of ICSU). It was also agreed that every Academy would nominate a representative responsible for preparing the list of proposals for IIASA to be submitted to IIASA.
- Young Researcher Award – report by the Jury and announcement of final results, brief presentations of successful projects by the Award winners
The best young researchers from the V4 Academies were awarded for the first time. The winners were: Dr Gabor Sulyok from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Dr. Juraj Marušiak from the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Dr. Marek Kornat from the Polish Academy of Sciences. Great value of the competition was highlighted as well as the necessity of its continuation. It was decided, however, that the regulations should be simplified. All of the V4 Academies ought to send their remarks on the regulations to Prof. Strelau till mid-May 2005. Structural and evolutionary biology was announced as the field of next year's competition for young researchers. It was agreed that this year's award winners should establish organizational committee of workshop for young researchers. This workshop as well as the following ones, of duration of 3 days, should be attended by 15 – 25 participants and should be financed equally by V4 Academies.
- Visegrad Academies in the Europe Regions
After the presentation by Prof. Norbert Kroó, Secretary-General of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences the discussion was devoted to the problem of joining forces by the V4 Academies in carrying out joint research programmes. The need of working out a joint regional programme, which would be submitted to the European Commission was highlighted. Prof. A.B. Legocki pointed out the necessity of seeking support in political circles and effective lobbying for science issues. Prof. Kroó reminded the participants about the problem of floods that had been touched on during of the former meetings. He suggested that the project dealing with this topic could be coordinated by Dr. Dusan Kovac. Prof. Jan Palous pointed out that carrying out a comparative study on research and development programmes in V4 countries might be an interesting undertaking.
- Slovak Science and Slovak Academy of Sciences in view of public opinion – results of a survey

It was suggested that a comparative study on the public perception scientific institutions in Hungary and in Slovakia should be prepared and based on the results of surveys already carried out in these countries.

- Preparation for FP7 of EU

During the discussion on of Dr. J.K. Frackowiak's (PAS) presentation it was agreed as follows:

- Dr. J.K. Frackowiak would prepare a letter with set of questions which would be sent to all V4 Academies till the end of May 2005;
- the Academies would prepare information including answers and opinions related to the problems dealt with in the above mentioned letter.

- Frontiers of Science programme – presented by the Royal Society

The representatives of the Royal Society (Dr. Bernie Jones, Ms. Ruth Cooper) presented the assumptions of the FoS Programme which is aimed at organizing the meetings of young British scientists representing particular scientific disciplines with researchers from other countries. The proposal of organizing a joint meeting with scientists from V4 countries was accepted. First symposium for young scientists based on the FoS idea will be organized by the PAS in Poland in autumn of 2006 or in spring 2007.

- Exchange of views on the large research facilities (role of ESFRI, ESRF – Grenoble)

Prof. J. Kossut from the Institute of Physics of the PAS was asked to coordinate, on behalf of the PAS, the issue of consortium of the V4 Academies interested in becoming associate members of ESRF Grenoble. It was decided that a cooperative panel (consisting of representatives of the V4 Academies) would be set up to discuss the issue of installment of the large research facilities within in the area of the V4 countries.

- Future development of *The Central European Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities*

The progress report on the CEJSH revealed that delays in cooperation between the CEJSH national agencies should be eliminated. It was stressed that development and activity of the CEJSH would be put under review during the next V4 Academies meeting in Prague and the decision on its further existence would depend on its results.

- Initiatives for the future cooperation – training schools for young scientists

The Polish Academy of Sciences invited young scientists from V4 Academies to take part in 3 training schools:

- „Physics and technology of semi-conductors“ organized by the Institute of Physics of the PAS in Ustroń – Jaszowiec, 4-10 June 2005;
- „Modern methods of non-destructive archaeology and new methods of ceramological research“ organised by the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology of the PAS in Naleczów Zdrój and Kazimierz Dolny in September/October 2005;
- „Non-commutative geometry“ organized by the Institute of Mathematics of the PAS in Warsaw on 16-20 May 2005.

- Other conclusions:

- All V4 Academies declared the intention to appoint persons responsible for the cooperation of the V4 Academies. The following persons were nominated:

- Dr. Bela Kardon from the HAS
- Dr. Jan Hrusak from the ASCR
- Ms. Agnieszka Światecka from the PAS
- person from the SAS will be nominated soon.
- It is anticipated that the ASCR will announce the name of coordinator of the proposed study on the research and development programmes carried out in the V4 countries.
- It was commonly agreed that within the period between the V4 Academies meetings the cooperation would be coordinated by the Academy which hosted the last meeting.