



JRC Information Day

Thursday, 10 April 2008

Sheraton Hotel

Zagreb

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sports are jointly organising an information event with two scientific and technical workshops and presentations of the 7th Framework Programme.

The JRC is a scientific and technical arm of the European Commission, the role of which is to provide scientific and technical support to the European Union policies. The JRC Enlargement and Integration Action focuses on research needs of the Candidate Countries with a view to accelerating their preparation for accession to the European Union.

The main objective of the event is to present progress since the previous JRC information day in 2006 and recent JRC achievements, to encourage dialogue, identify potential partnerships and pave the way for further scientific and technical collaboration. The possibilities for participation of Croatian scientists in JRC advanced training courses, joint research projects, as well as future job opportunities will also be presented.

Janez POTOČNIK
European Commissioner
in charge of Science and Research

Dragan PRIMORAC
Minister of Science, Education and Sports
Republic of Croatia

DRAFT PROGRAMME

09.00-09.30 *Registration and welcome coffee*

09.30-10.10 **Opening Session**

Moderator: Radovan Fuchs, State Secretary, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Croatian Representative to the JRC Board of Governors

Dragan Primorac, Minister of Science, Education and Sports, the Republic of Croatia

Vincent Degert, Head of EC Delegation in the Republic of Croatia

Roland Schenkel, Director General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

10.10-11.10 **1st session - Presentation of FP7 JRC Activities and opportunities for collaboration with Croatian research organisations**

Moderator: Loredana Maravić, Head of European Integration Department, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports

Participating in FP7, Martin Penny, DG Research, European Commission

EURAXESS: Policies and Activities for Researchers, Stefania Bettini, Expert in European policies for researchers

JRC Enlargement and Integration Action, Milena Raykovska, Directorate for Programmes and Stakeholders Relations, JRC

11.10-11.40 *Coffee break*

11.40-13.00 **Scientific & Technical Support to EU Policies - Workshop 1**

Moderator: Giancarlo Caratti, Joint Research Centre

Research Policy:

- Erawatch, Foresight and Industrial Research, Mark Boden, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, JRC
- Jadranka Švarc, Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences, Zagreb

Metrology and Measurements: Quality Infrastructure

- Building a needs-driven quality infrastructure for EU accession, Nikola Poposki, Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements, JRC
- Mirko Vuković, State Office for Metrology, Director / Biserka Bajzek-Brezak, Croatian Accreditation Agency, Acting Director

13.00-14.30 *Buffet lunch*

14.30-16.00 **Scientific & Technical Support to EU Policies - Workshop 1 (continued)**

Moderator: Lana Žutelija, JRC National Contact Point, Croatian Institute of Technology

Food and Agriculture

- The role of the JRC and Community reference laboratories to support EU food and feed safety policy, Franz Ulberth, Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements, JRC
- Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development (speaker tbc)

Alternative to animal testing

- Laura Gribaldo, Institute for Health and Consumer Protection, JRC
- Institute for Medical Research and Occupational Health, Zagreb (speaker tbc)

16.00– 16.30 *Closing Coffee*

Scientific & Technical Support to EU Policies - Workshop 2

Moderator: Loredana Maravić, Head of European integration Department, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports

Energy

- A European Strategic Energy Technology Plan
- The Technology Map, Arnaud Mercier, Institute for Energy, JRC
- Neven Duić, Department of Energy, Power Engineering and Environment, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb

Nuclear Safeguards

- ITU - combating illicit trafficking of nuclear materials, Erich Hrncsek, Institute for Transuranium Elements, JRC
- State Office for Radiation Protection/State Office for Nuclear Safety, Zagreb (speaker tbc)

Scientific & Technical Support to EU Policies - Workshop 2 (continued)

Moderator: Giancarlo Caratti, Joint Research Centre

Climate Change

- Climate change research at JRC in support of EU policies, Frank Raes, Institute for Environment and Sustainability, JRC
- Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Construction (speaker tbc)

Safe constructions

- Research in support of Safety and Security in Construction – Towards harmonized European standards, Michel Geradin, Institute for the Protection and Security of the Citizen, JRC
- Vlatka Rajčić, Structural Department, Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Zagreb

Simultaneous interpretation English / Croatian will be provided in the main hall.
The working language of the second Scientific & Technical Workshop is English.

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