



Information Day on the Joint Research Centre (<http://www.jrc.cec.eu.int/enlargement>)

Date: 8 May 2003

Venue: Cankarjev dom - Congress and Cultural Centre, Prešernova cesta 10, dvorana E3, Ljubljana

PROGRAMME

- 10:00 – 10:15** Opening of the Information Day, Welcome Address
Dr. Niko Herakovič, State Undersecretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport
- 10.15 – 10.30** Overview of the JRC Enlargement Action, Dr. G. Caratti, JRC
Policy Support Strategy

Presentation of JRC core research areas:
- 10:45 – 11:10** Food Safety and Quality: Dr. P. Taylor, JRC Institute for
Reference Materials and Measurements
- 11:10 – 11:35** Environment: Dr. A. Jones, JRC Institute for Environment and
Sustainability
- 11:35 – 12:00** Assessment of Chemicals – now and in future: Dr. S. Jeram,
JRC Institute for Health and Consumer Protection
- 12:00 – 12:20** Opportunities for cooperation with the JRC: Dr. G. Caratti, JRC
Policy Support Strategy
- 12:20 – 13:00** Questions and discussion

The mission of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) is to provide scientific and technological support for the EU policymaking process. A strong focus is on EU enlargement policy. Through specialised institutes in five countries, the JRC supports the efforts of applicant countries to acquire the scientific and technological know-how needed to implement and develop further the body of EU law. Research Commissioner Philippe Busquin's European Research Area initiative will enable the JRC to consolidate this role through increased networking with research organisations across the enlarged Union. The JRC provides support for a wide range of topics that are of direct concern to European



policies and citizens. These topics are broadly related to safety and security issues within three core areas: *environment and sustainability*; *food, chemical products and health*; and *nuclear safety and safeguards*. These core areas are reinforced by three horizontal competences: *reference materials and measurements*; *public security and antifraud*; and *technology foresight*. This events will present recent JRC achievements and future plans to prominent research organisations in Slovenia. The intention is to promote a structured dialogue, identify potentially interested partners and pave the way for enhanced collaboration in the 6th Framework Programme for RTD (see <http://www.jrc.cec.eu.int/enlargement>).