



Information Day on the Joint Research Centre

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Jozef Stefan Institute, velika predavalnica, Jamova 39, Ljubljana

PROGRAMME

- 14:30 – 14:45** Opening of the Information Day, Welcome Address
Prof. dr. Vito Turk, Director, Institute Jozef Stefan
Dr. Niko Herakovič, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport
- 14.45 – 15.05** Opportunities in the JRC Enlargement Action 2004, *Dr. Giancarlo Caratti, Head of JRC Enlargement Unit*

Presentation of JRC core research areas:
- 15:05 – 15:25** Health, Chemicals and GMOs, *Dr. Michael Hoffmann, JRC Institute for Health and Consumer Protection*
- 15:25 – 15:45** Environment, *Dr. Arwyn Jones, JRC Institute for Environment and Sustainability*
- 15:45 – 16:15** Experience of Slovenian Scientist and Trainee at the JRC
M. Sc. Boštjan Paradiž, Institute for Environment and Sustainability
M. Sc. Milena Raykovska, Enlargement Unit
- 16:15 – 16:30** Questions and discussion
- 16.30 – 17.00** Closing coffee with the possibility of bilateral contacts with JRC scientists

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*. These events will present recent JRC achievements and plans for 2004 to prominent research organisations in Slovenia. The intention is to promote a structured dialogue, identify potentially interested partners and scientists and pave the way for enhanced collaboration in the 6th Framework Programme for RTD (see <http://www.jrc.cec.eu.int/enlargement>).