



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> session - Presentation of opportunities for collaboration of Croatian R&D organisations and experts**

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

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

EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion: European: 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

- Research Policy of Croatia: Towards European Integration, Jadranka Švarc, Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences, Zagreb

#### **Metrology and Measurements: Quality Infrastructure**

- Building a needs-driven metrology infrastructure for EU accession, Nikola Poposki, Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements, JRC

- Mirko Vuković, Director, State Office for Metrology, Zagreb; Biserka Bajzek-Brezak, Director, Croatian Accreditation Agency, Zagreb

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

- Ksenija Boroš, Head of Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development

#### **Alternative to animal testing**

- Laura Gribaldo, Institute for Health and Consumer Protection, JRC

- Are rodents good models for pharmacological and toxicological studies in humans? - Ivan Sabolić; - Acceptance of alternative toxicological methods in the Croatian legislative framework - Rajka Turk, Institute for Medical Research and Occupational Health, Zagreb

16.00– 16.30 *Closing Coffee*

*Scientific & Technical Support to EU Policies - Workshop 2*

*Moderator: Loredana Maravić, 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 Hrneck, Institute for Transuranium Elements, JRC

- Control of Nuclear Material in the Republic of Croatia, Ankica Čižmek, Assistant Director, State Office for Nuclear Safety, Zagreb; Dragan Kubelka, Director, State Office for Radiation Protection, Zagreb

*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

- Višnja Grgasović, Head of Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Construction,

#### **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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