



SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

PRESIDENT

Mr. Janez Potočnik

European Commissioner for Science and Research
European Commission
B-1049 Brussels, Belgium

SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ADOPTS THE EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR RESEARCHERS

The Slovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as „SAS“) as the recognized scientific institution in the Slovak Republic adopts the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers initiated by the European Commission in the framework of its Recommendation 2005/251.

Implementation of the intentions presented in these documents is considered to be an important means for building of the European Research Area.

The SAS will gradually incorporate these principles of the Charter and the Code into mechanisms of governance and legislation of the SAS. This endeavour will be in coherence with the programme: „Strategy of competitiveness of the Slovak Republic till the year 2010“, which as one of the main priorities declares the support for science and research, including the improvement of professional conditions for researchers.

In similar sense the SAS will direct the realization of the programme statements of the new administration of the SAS for the years 2005 – 2009.

In implementation of the Charter and the Code the SAS will accentuate the procuring of three main areas in the recommendations of these documents.

To increase the attractiveness of research work the SAS will concentrate on development of research career in the SAS, on stability of the employee's contracts and adequate salaries, and on the promotion of employees at the beginning of their careers (PhD studies).

To contribute to the reinforcement of the effectiveness of European research the SAS will quantify and analyze the deficiency of researchers in the Slovak Republic, will inform the researchers on the strategic aims of European research, will invite the researchers to participate at decision – making, and will support the international and inter-sectoral mobility. The SAS will pay an increased attention to ethical problems of research through the enforcement of the liberty of research, effective use of resources, and ethics of co-authorship.

Bratislava, 12 December 2005

Štefan Luby