



## 1 Editorial, The NIS-NEST database for research partnerships with Eastern Europe

This NIS-NEST project, aims to foster cooperation between the EU, Russia and Eastern European countries. To date major steps have been taken such as the recent organisation of four FP7 workshops in the premises of each NIS partner in October as well as the NIS-NEST database (<http://researchers.nisnest.gr/>) which allows the search for research organisations and individual researchers from Russia and Eastern European countries involved in science and cutting edge technology, for identifying partners and for submitting joint proposals under FP7.

The online database includes information on research bodies, universities, institutes, businesses and individual researchers involved in science and cutting edge technologies. Visitors to the database can search for partners based on the field of science, the country or the language they are interested in. The search results include information profiling the bodies, their fields of activity and prior experience in European and international research programmes and contact details.

The database is constantly being updated with new data directly fed into it digitally by researchers and organisations from Russia, Moldova, the Ukraine, Belarus and the New Independent States. A search guide and FAQ are available online on the database website. For more information on the NIS-NEST database please visit: <http://researchers.nisnest.gr/>

## 2 The NIS-NEST project news, NIS-NEST Workshops on FP7 in Ukraine and Moldova and Russia

Four two-day FP7 workshops aiming to raise awareness, provide practical advice on proposal preparation & project management, and support the participation of the Russian scientific community in FP7, were realized in Ukraine (Kiev), the Republic of Moldova (Chisinau) and the Russian Federation (Saint Petersburg and Moscow), on 2-3, 4-5, 23 and 25-26 October 2007 respectively.

Interest for participation was high and participants represented various research areas and organisations and were coming from cities and towns different from the place of the workshops' organisation such as Novosibirsk and Obninsk (Kaluga region). FP7 Contacts in the partner countries in the area "Food", "Biotechnology", "Energy", "Health" as well as representatives from the EC Delegation supported and participated actively in the events. Most of the participants had previous experience of participation in the Framework Programmes and expressed considerable interest in collaboration with EU scientists and research organizations from EU Member States within FP7 as well.

The agenda and presentations from the FP7 workshops are available in the NIS-NEST website in the following link: [http://www.nisnest.gr/html\\_pages/evens.htm](http://www.nisnest.gr/html_pages/evens.htm)

Photos from the workshops ...



FP7 workshops in Russia (Moscow and St Petersburg)



## 2 The NIS-NEST project news, NIS-NEST Workshops on FP7 in Ukraine and Moldova and Russia (cont.)



FP7 workshop in Moldova (Chisinau)

Photos  
from the  
workshops

FP7 workshop in Ukraine (Kiev)

## 3 Russian News and Events

### FP7-PEOPLE-IRSES-2008 workshop 4 December 2007, Moscow, Russia

The Delegation of the European Commission to Russia and the M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University are organising a workshop on the specific programme PEOPLE of the 7th Framework Programme for Research of the European Commission. The event will take place on 4 December 2007 in Moscow in the premises of the M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University. Dr Barbara Rhode, Advisor of European Commission / DG Research, will deliver presentations on the IRSES International Staff Exchanges programme, as well as other "FP7 PEOPLE fellowship schemes" which are open to researchers and host organisations from so-called third countries such as Russia. The event is supported by the Russian FP7 Contact Point for the specific Programme People.

**For additional information please visit:**

[http://www.nisnest.gr/opencms/opencms/nisnest/rd\\_event\\_list.jsp](http://www.nisnest.gr/opencms/opencms/nisnest/rd_event_list.jsp)

### International Conference "Scenarios for a Co-ordinated Approach to Sustainable S&T Co-operation with the Eastern Neighbours of the EU" 3 and 4 December 2007, Moscow, Russia

The SCOPE-EAST project aims to take sustainable steps in view of an enhanced coordination of the R&D co-operation of interested EU- Member States and Associated Candidate States with Russia and Eastern Europe. SCOPE-EAST addresses the question of how to achieve optimum coherence between national cooperation policy and the EU R&D cooperation policy and how R&D cooperation can contribute to other policies of the EU such as the European Neighbourhood Policy. In the first phase the target countries of SCOPE-EAST are Russia and Ukraine.

A policy maker forum organised within the International Conference will be focused on discussion of S&T strategies, instruments and joint actions to achieve optimum coherence between national/bilateral co-operation schemes and the EU research activities and other policies such as the ENP and EU-Russia Four Common Spaces. The prospects for the EU-Russia-Ukraine S&T cooperation in priority areas of mutual interest will be discussed within parallel thematic sessions focusing on specific research areas as follows: **Biotechnology** — Systems biology; **Health** — Infectious diseases; **Nanotechnology** — Nanoelectronics, nanophotonics, nano-materials; **Energy** — Energy efficiency, renewable energies policy.

Researchers, representatives of the European Commission, ministries, funding agencies and research organisations from the Member States, Russia and Ukraine will take part in the conference. **For additional information please visit:**

<http://www.scope-east.net/?module=articles&c=articles&b=en&a=1>



## 3 Russian News and Events (cont.)

### International conference “Bringing closer Russian and European ICT community: FP7 opportunities in ICT area”

4 and 5 July 2007, Moscow, Russia

ISTOK initiative, Information Society To Open Knowledge, aims to create EU-Russian ICT virtual community, to identify priorities for deeper strategic ICT cooperation between Russia and the European Union and to help the European Commission to link FP7 ICT calls to joint European-Russian ICT priorities. Within this framework, ISTOK organized a 2 day conference in Moscow, Russia on July 4-5, 2007, dedicated to potential Russian partners in the ICT FP7 projects: Russian R&D public and private organizations, Russian support infrastructures and facilitators linked to various R&D organisations, Russian policy makers relevant to R&D ICT, other interested parties such as ICT journalists.

The Science and Innovation Adviser to the Head of the Administration of the Russian President as well as Representative of the EC Delegation to Russia welcomed the conference. DG INFSO Officials presented the FP7 ICT theme and associated background, rules and conditions of participation with special emphasis on Calls 2 and 3 of the Work Programme 2007-2008. During the second day there was Practical training for Russian partners on European proposal preparations and on integration of Russian participants in the European consortiums.

**For additional information please visit:** <http://istok-ru.ispras.ru/index.php>

### Booklet "Russian Nanotechnologies and European Framework Programmes"

Moscow, Russia

NCP "Nanotechnologies" has prepared a booklet "Russian Nanotechnologies and European Framework Programmes" containing an information about funded FP6 projects in the area of nanotechnology with Russian participation and proposals of Russian organizations for potential scientific activities.

**For additional information please visit:**

<http://www.ncp-nanotech.ru/index.php?lang=eng>



### First Internet International Nanotechnology Competition “Nanotechnologies – breakthrough to the Future”

2– 27 June 2007, Moscow, Russia

The First Internet International Nanotechnology Competition “Nanotechnologies – breakthrough to the Future” took place in M.V.Lomonosov Moscow State University in June, 2007 (from June, 2 – till June, 27). The Competition was held under the auspices of MSU Innovative Education Project and Samsung Research Center. 243 participants from different countries (Russia, Abkhazia, Azerbaijan, Germany, Israel) took part in the Competition. Among them 47 schoolchildren, 125 students, 44 post-graduate students and 17 specialists under 27 years old. The average age of participants is 20,5 years. The main aim of the Competition was to attract talented young people towards innovative educational programs and professional retraining in the sphere of nanomaterials and nanotechnologies – the priority areas of science and education. The Jury of the Competition consisted of distinguished scientists and specialists in the sphere of nanomaterials and nanotechnologies - members of Russian Academy of Sciences, MSU professors, leaders of innovative companies. Rector of Moscow State University Academician Victor A. Sadovnichy underlined in his speech at the Closing Ceremony, that the development of nanotechnologies in Russia, as in the whole world, assumes paramount significance since nanotechnologies is a brand new break in our scientific world outlook and in future technical achievements. The second Nanotechnology Internet Academic Competition will take place in March- April of 2008. **For additional information please visit:** [www.nanometer.ru](http://www.nanometer.ru)



**4 Documents and links**



**The ERA Green paper: How to relaunch the debate**

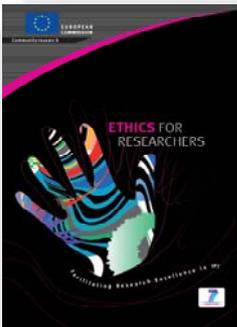
The online consultation remained open from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2007 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2007. Preliminary Results on the Public Consultation: Green Paper on the ERA.



**The future of Science and Technology in Europe**

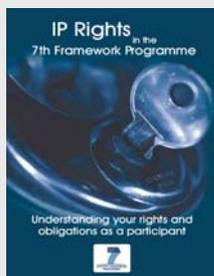
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/conferences/2007/fst/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/conferences/2007/fst/index_en.htm)

This High-level Conference on 'The Future of Science and Technology in Europe' took place from 8 to 10 October 2007 in Lisbon, Portugal and provided a large forum for analysis and discussion for more than 400 participants. Presentations (pdf & video) and supporting documents: [http://ec.europa.eu/research/conferences/2007/fst/presentations\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/conferences/2007/fst/presentations_en.htm)



**Ethics for Researchers - Facilitating Research Excellence in FP7**

“ FP7, a research programme that promotes excellence and innovation, covers many countries with a large diversity of approaches to how science relates to culture, religion, history and society. It is of prime importance for the EU to develop a model of responsible science funding. FP7 builds an ethical framework which has solid foundations: scientific and political responsibility, respect for the diversity of opinions, a search for balance of interests, and respect for the principle of subsidiarity. The launch of FP7 has given rise to a flurry of activity within the research community: collaborators are sought, new financial rules are being scrutinised, deadlines underlined on lab calendars and so on. The moral from this publication is: do not forget research ethics “. To download the document: <ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/ethics-for-researchers.pdf>



**IP Rights in the 7<sup>th</sup> framework programme**

Understanding your rights and obligations as a participant

Prepared by the IPR-Helpdesk, this booklet provides clear and short explanations of key terminology, definitions of partner types, main types of agreements and explains IPR Rules in FP7. To download the document: [http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org/documentos/docsPublicacion/pdf/8\\_IPR\\_FP7-Guide\[0000006600\\_00\].pdf](http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org/documentos/docsPublicacion/pdf/8_IPR_FP7-Guide[0000006600_00].pdf)

More information on the IPR-Helpdesk website:

<http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org/controlador/principal?seccion=principal&len=en>

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