

## **POLAND-SOUTH AFRICA CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR PROJECTS IN 2006-2007**

The Ministry of Education and Science, Department of International Cooperation of Poland and the National Research Foundation (NRF) on behalf of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) of South Africa, hereinafter referred to as **executive institutions**, are calling for proposals for funding in terms of the Poland-South Africa S&T Agreement.

**Deadline: 17th February 2006**

### **Call for proposals**

On 25<sup>th</sup> November 1999, *the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of the Republic of South Africa on scientific and technological co-operation* was signed. The objectives of the agreement include the development of scientific and technological relations to the mutual benefit of the two countries, as well as the strengthening of existing cooperation, particularly in science and technology.

Cooperating partners may include institutions of higher education, scientific institutes, research and development units and other relevant institutions according to the existing law and regulations of each country.

### **1) FORMS OF COOPERATION**

#### **Joint research/development programmes/projects (JRP)**

A joint research/development programme/project is an agreed co-operation of two or more research groups of the two countries with clearly defined objectives to be achieved within a specific time scale. Each programme/project will normally be of two-year duration, implemented through exchanges of people, materials and information. The process of project approval will allow for evaluation and reviews of progress. Exchange of scientists, researchers and technical experts' means:

- short-term visits (10 to 14 days) of the persons taking part in JRP, or/and
- long-term visits (1 to 3 months) of the persons participating in JRP,
- participation in conferences, symposia, courses, workshops, exhibitions, seminars and other scientific meetings.

Programme/project proposals may be presented in all areas of science and technology.

**In South Africa, researchers are encouraged to involve student participation and their role in the project must be specified.**

**In Poland, project coordinators are encouraged to involve young researchers and their role in the project should be defined.**

## **2) PROGRAMME/PROJECT PROPOSALS**

### **Development of programme/project proposals**

The programme/project proposals will be developed jointly by scientists/researchers from co-operating institutions in the respective countries and signed by both programme/project coordinators.

### **Submission of programme/project proposals**

The co-operating partners will simultaneously submit these proposals to both executive institutions by **17<sup>th</sup> February 2006**. The application form to be completed is attached to this Call for Proposals:

in South Africa – the application form in English “Scientific and technological cooperation...”

in Poland – the application form in Polish “Zgłoszenie tematu do programu...”.

### **Evaluation**

The executive institutions will review and assess the programme/project proposals according to their internal procedures on the basis of the:

- scientific and technical merits of the proposals;
- suitability of applicants and feasibility of the programmes/projects;
- and

- significance of the research regarding international cooperation, budget and national priorities;
- capacity development and skills transfer.

The executive institutions will exchange the lists of proposals within 1 (one) month after the deadline.

## **Decision**

The decision regarding the programme/project proposals to be jointly funded shall be made by the Joint Commission during its next session to be held in the beginning of the second quarter of the year 2006 in South Africa.

## **Financial support for the approved programmes/projects**

The support means that the costs of the exchange of scientists/researchers as approved by the Joint Commission shall be covered according to the sections below.

The travel costs to and from the nearest international airport of the receiving country shall be covered by the Sending Party. The Receiving Party will cover the transportation costs within its state territory, in case these visits have been specified in the programme/project and approved by the Joint Commission. The Receiving Party shall cover the costs of full accommodation, i.e. lodging and board, and where necessary a *per diem*.

The visiting scientist/researcher shall get his or her *per diem* from his or her host institution in the receiving country.

On the South African side the costs will be covered directly by the National Research Foundation.

On the Polish side the means for covering the above-defined costs are included in the funds designed for so-called *statutory activities*. Funds for statutory activities are granted by the Ministry of Education and Science in Poland once for a whole year to the Polish scientific institution.

**Lodging** shall be arranged by the scientists/researchers of the sending co-operating partner, with assistance of the receiving co-operating partner, if needed.

**Any further data** regarding the visiting scientists/researchers needed by the receiving co-operating partner shall be obtained through the sending co-operating partner.

At the end of the fiscal year an **annual report** on the tasks fulfilled is required in South Africa. At the end of the programme/project a **final**

**report** on the results achieved, signed by both of the programme/project co-coordinators, will be submitted to the executive institutions both in Poland and in South Africa.

### **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**

Specific terms regarding IPR such as patents, know-how and copyrights, shall be determined in separate agreements or protocols between the co-operating partners or principal investigators concerned.

### **3) OTHER PROVISIONS**

For further information please contact either of the two executive institutions responsible for the cooperation in science and technology.

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In South Africa all applications should be submitted to the university research office (DA) for their endorsement and sign off. Applications without relevant signatures will not be considered, For more information contact:

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