

Summary of the 12th Meeting
STCU Governing BOARD
Kyiv, Ukraine , June 7, 2001 Ukraine

Board Members: USA: Dr. John Boright (Chairman), Canada: Valerie Sirois, EU: Ambassador Andre' Vahaeverbeke, EU Council Presidency: Swedish Ambassador Ake Peterson; Yaroslav Yatskiv, Ukraine:

Party Representatives: USA: Andrew Hood, Canada: Sara Camblin Breault, EU: Didier Gambier

Observers: Mr. Amiran Bazhuashvili, Attache' Cultural Affairs, Embassy of Georgia in Ukraine

Sponsors: Japan: Ritsuko Inoue, Third Secretary, Embassy of Japan

Honorable Guests Attending: Yuchnovsky, Head of the Supreme Council Committee on Science and Education, Victor Bar'jakhtar National Academy of Science of Ukraine

STCU Secretariat: Leo Owsiaci (ED), Boris Atamanenko (SDED), Arthur DuCharme (DED), Esa Manninen (DED), Curtis Bjelajac (CFO), and Marianna Carbe' (CAO)

Administrative Topics:

- ❑ Approved minutes of the December 2000 Board Meeting #11 as presented
- ❑ The ED in his report focused on the efforts made by the STCU on promoting the Center's expansion internationally. He also highlighted how the workload of the staff and Secretariat has significantly increased because of doubling of budgets and new initiatives.
- ❑ The Board recognized the important role of the SG for further developments and recommended that the Center focus its attention on management results of Partner Program projects for potential commercialization.

Report from the Secretariat:

- ❑ Mr. Manninen provided an update on the Nuclear Safety Project (Y2K extension). The Board Members expressed their appreciation for the efforts made and the successful result on significant savings achieved with tender procedures.
- ❑ Mr. Du Charme presented the STCU training initiatives. Ambassador Peterson expressed his wish to look for training opportunities in Sweden. Mr. Gambier recommended to expand the initiatives to include in the future more EU Countries as training sites.
- ❑ Mr. Manninen reported on the Sustainability Group Activities. The Board encouraged the Secretariat to continue to pay close attention to the selection of significant results among regular projects to identify future possible commercialization of good technology. The Center showed how to be proactive by providing training to scientists on how to reach the world technology market. The STCU database was indicated as a source for potential partners. Mr Atamanenko raised the issue related to the use of Final Reports, presently available only to the Funding Parties on a confidential basis.
- ❑ Mr. Atamanenko presented a detailed report on the accession interest of Moldova, Tajikistan and Azerbaijan. In the future, the Board would decide if the Center has an interest in Tajikistan joining the Center, based on the real presence and quantity of weapon scientists in this Country.

- ❑ Ambassador Peterson thanked the STCU on behalf of the European Presidency for the effort made in order to include new countries in the agreement, recommending however a careful approach
- ❑ Mr. Du Charme updated the Board about the successful Office opening in Tbilisi and the choice of an STCU representative and also reported that the STCU's efforts in Uzbekistan didn't result in as much positive achievements at this stage due to government non-cooperation.
- ❑ Mr. Atamanenko summarized the different stages that led to the STCU Agreement ratification and further steps to its accomplishment. Ambassador Peterson underlined the importance for the EU Council of the ratification of the Protocol that officially confirmed the replacement of Sweden by the EU.
- ❑ Mr. Du Charme handed out the complete Annual Report to attendees. The Board expressed its appreciation for the work done.
- ❑ Mr. Du Charme presented the IT group activities. General interest centered around the possibility of forwarding electronically proposal documents for foreign expert review.
- ❑ Mr. Atamanenko reported on the actual status of Projects NASA/NSAU.
It was decided that projects presented with 0 weapon scientists involved can be re-submitted.

The Board confirmed that the debt issue should be followed up with a **Board Declaration addressed to MFA, where the Ukrainian Government is encouraged to fulfill its obligations.**

- ❑ Ms. Carbe' summarized the activities of the Administrative Group. The workload of the group has increased significantly with the increase in projects serviced by the STCU. MC further explained the complications that have arisen with the newly approved Customs regulations and new procedures involving the approval of the Ministry of Health.

Financial topics:

- ❑ Mr. Bjelajac reported on the actions undertaken by the STCU since the last Board to try to recover its funds from Bankers House. The STCU received an offer from Bankers House for approximately \$165K, in exchange for the STCU dropping all legal claims and rights to any further repayments. He also presented the 2001 Budget update and further out lined a few aspects of the Revised Financial Regulations & SB Terms of Reference for approval of the Board. Mr. Bjelajac also provided the Audits Summary Report

12th Board Record of Decisions:

- ❑ Confirmed extension of current Executive Director Leo Owskiacki to July 31, 2002, as presented by Canada
- ❑ Approved revised Terms of Reference for the Supplemental Budget (SB) as presented
- ❑ Approved revised Financial Regulations as presented
- ❑ Approved 41 regular projects (including continuations) for a total of \$ 3,376,635 + Euro 1,615,000

- ❑ Noted introduction of 3 new partners to the STCU including US Department of Agriculture/Agricultural Research Service (USDA/ARS) and US Department of Defence/Cooperative Threat Reduction (OSD/CTR), (USA) and Breitmeier Messtechnik GmbH (Germany)
- ❑ Confirmed 18 new Partner Project activities approved since the December '00 Board
- ❑ Submit a revised STCU Statute for consideration by Parties, with a view towards adoption at the next Board meeting.

Final Topics:

- ❑ Date and location of the next Board Meeting: Kyiv , December, 6 , 2001