



STCU-NATO Workshop

The STCU "From Science to Business" Workshop (with financial support from NATO) was a 2005-planned event re-scheduled for 11 and 12 October 2006. It was offered as a composite structure. First by jointly proposing speeches from each Funding Parties to local Ukrainian Scientists on how Science Support and Commercialization were addressed. The organization of a broad Press Conference gave the Key Speakers an occasion to communicate with local Medias. The Technology Exhibition allowed displaying a show-room of selected 35 best technologies posters in five key scientific areas: Aerospace / Biotechnology and Medical Instrumentation / Nanotechnology and New Materials / Renewable Energy / and Nuclear Energy & Safety. In addition, several organizations have been invited to present their activities to all participants. These were the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the NATO Information and Documentation Center, the International Science and Technology Center (ISTC-Moscow), the National Information Point (on FP6), the Ukrainian antenna of the EUREKA! Programme, the Civilian Research and Development Foundation, three Ukrainian Techno parks and finally one local scientist presented his piezo-electric motors and applications.

On the second day, pre-trained Scientific Presenters animated a set of five simultaneous roundtables, giving a snapshot feeling of the technical capabilities in Kyiv and the regions of Ukraine. Discussions followed with all participants interacting on subjects ranging from technology purpose and readiness to marketability and financial means available.

With a fair level of participation (Deputy Minister of Science and Innovation Mr. Gurzhy, Academician and First Vice-President to National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Mr. Naumovets, Academician and STCU Governing Board Member, Mr. Yatskiv, Deputy Secretary-General to NATO, Mr. Jean Fournet, Ms. Sabine Hey, Mr. Zoran Stančič, Mr. Vic Alessi, and an estimated 301 persons on day one, and about 232 participants during the second day, this first-time event for the STCU and for the host country allowed to give a feeling for what a technology fair could be like in Ukraine. It clearly demonstrated a strong readiness to participate from Scientists' side, with a majority of them capable of delivering full market-assessment PowerPoint presentation in English.

The overall impression was of a rather high level of professionalism and interest. 21 positive feedback emails were received and the press gave also signals of appreciation especially concerning the special issue print of the National Academy of Science of Ukraine bulletin "Science and Innovation" containing all 35 selected front-row technology. Several conclusions were drawn from the event and they will assist the Center in addressing priority issues related to IPR, Science Communication, Licensing and Attracting Financial Resources. Future conferences from the STCU will now benefit from a reference including for ideally packaging our technologies toward potential licensing and commercialization.