



**Plenary Meeting of the National Councils for S&T Policy of the EU Member States
Prague, 25 - 26 May 2006**

Meeting venue: Lichtenštejnský palác (Lichtenstein Palace), Prague 1, Kampa,
U Sovových mlýnů 4/506

Agenda

Thursday 25th May 2006

- 8.40** Departure from Hotel Diplomat to Lichtenstein Palace
(for the participants staying in the Hotel Diplomat the transport to Lichtenstein Palace will be arranged by minibuses - parking on the western side of hotel building; side entrance)
- 9.00 - 9.30** **Registration**
- 9.30** **Welcome** from Miroslav Janecek – member of the Research and Development Council, Czech Republic
- Brief introduction from each Council**
- Coffee break
- 10.45** **Opening lecture** given by Nobuo Tanaka, Director for Science, Technology and Industry at the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Discussion
- 11.45** **Presentations on Stimulation of research for the growing service sector and the role of governments, and co-operation of universities and the service sector**
Lenka Lhotska, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic
- 12.30** Lunch
- 13.30** (continued) Presentations on Stimulation of research for the growing service sector and the role of governments, and co-operation of universities and the service sector
Jan Slovak, Masaryk University, Czech Republic

Discussion

14. 30 Presentations on Help for SMEs develop a midterm view of their research and innovation activities

Lubos Lukasik, Company Competitiveness Division, CzechInvest, Czech Republic

Sir Keith Peters, UK Council for Science and Technology

Veronique Timmerhuis, Advisory Council for Science&Technology Policy, Netherland

Karin Lochte, German Science Council

Coffee

Discussion

17.30 Close (Departure to Hotel Diplomat)

Dinner Venue: Restaurant Loreta in Hotel Diplomat, Evropská 15, Prague 6

20.00 – 22.00 Dinner hosted by Jiří Havel, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Research and Development Council, Czech Republic

Friday 26th May 2006

9.00 Departure from Hotel Diplomat to Lichtenstein Palace

9.30 ***Presentations on Role of governments in making a link between expectations of the business sector and the needs of business on the one hand and the need for a sense of research freedom and independence of research sector on the other hand, and in fostering link between R&D and innovation***

Jaroslav Dolezal, Honeywell National Executive, Czech Republic

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Albert Hochleitner, Austrian Council for Research and Technology Development

Bruno Hansen, Danish Council for Research Policy

Anna Laido, Estonian State Chancellery, Research and Development Policy Council

Erkki KM Leppävuori, Technical Research Centre of Finland

Discussion

12.30 Lunch

13.30 (continued) Presentations on Role of governments in making a link between expectations of the business sector and the needs of business on the one hand and the need for a sense of research freedom and independence of research sector on the other hand, and in fostering link between R&D and innovation

Gerard Coutin, Council for Research and Technology, France

Iacovos Vasalos, National Council for Research and Technology, Greece

Pal Tamas, Science and Technology Policy, Hungary

Mary Cryan, Advisory Council for Science, Technology and Innovation, Ireland

Raymond Bausch, National Research Fund, Luxembourg

Conrado Espi Rodriguez, Economic Bureau of the Spanish Prime Minister, Spain

15.00 Discussion
Coffee

15.30 Close - Closing remarks, procedures for future meetings, and other business.

Departure to Hotel Diplomat