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**CEI Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology**

**Biotechnology for Healthy and Active Life in CEI Region**

**26 October 2017**

**President Hotel, Round Hall, 2nd Floor, Kirova str. 18, Minsk, Belarus**

**AGENDA**

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| 09:00 – 10:00 | **Registration & welcome coffee** |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | **Interviews for mass media** |
| **Conference Opening** | |
| 10:00 – | Welcome address by **Vladimir SEMASHKO**, Deputy Prime-Minister of the Republic of Belarus  **Alexander SHUMILIN**, Chairman of the State Committee on Science and Technology of the Republic of Belarus  **Margot KLESTIL-LOEFFLER**, Ambassador, CEI Alternate Secretary General  **Vadym BOGUSH,** First Deputy Minister of Educationof the Republic of Belarus  **Mikhail NIKIFOROV,** Academician-Secretary of the Department of Biological Sciences,National Academy of Sciences of Belarus  **Vyachaslau SHYLA,** Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Belarus |
| **Session I: Disclosing challenges – sharing best practices – discussing the needs of STI cooperation in CEI region** | |
| – 11:15 | *The session is devoted to presenting and discussing state of the art and prospects of cooperation in STI in CEI region, as well as sharing best practices elaborated within the recent years.*  **Moderator:Olga MEEROVSKAYA,** Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Science and Technology (Belarus)  **Development of biotechnologies in Belarus and Belbiograd as their new growth point**  **Emilia KOLOMIETS,** Director General, State Scientific and Practical Corporation “Chemical Synthesis and Biotechnologies” – Director, Institute of Microbiology, National Academy of Sciences (Belarus)  **Yuri MIKITSKI,** Director, Belbiograd (Belarus)  **Current State of Biomedicine and Biotechnology in Slovakia**  **Olga NACHTMANNOVA,** State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport (Slovakia)  **Biotechnology for healthy life in Moldova**  **Vladimir HOTINEANU,** Chairman, Committee for Culture, Education, Research, Youth, Sport and Mass Media, Parliament of R. of Moldova (Moldova)  **The National Research, Development and Innovation Office of Hungary and its RDI programmes in the fields of biotechnology and health**  **Gyula SZIGETI,** Vice-President for R&D, National Research, Development and Innovation Office (Hungary) |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | *‘Family’ Photo*  *Coffee Break* |
| **Session II: Towards more effective partnerships and better use of existing instruments** | |
| 11:45 – 13:00 | *The session includes presentations on possible mechanisms of cooperation in the coming years (2018-2020) with a focus on biotechnologies and support of academy-industry partnerships. The list includes Horizon 2020, COST, etc., but is not limited to them. The point is how to raise the effectiveness of participation and whether and how CEI potential and instruments can be used for that?*  **Moderator:Mikhail KURBAT**,Head, Department of Science, H2020 National Contact Point “Health”, Grodno State Medical University (Belarus)  **The EU's health research and innovation priorities – 2018-2020 Work Programme of Horizon2020**  **Ferenc MAROFKA,** Policy Officer,DG Research & Innovation, Health Directorate, Unit E1 – Strategy, European Commission  **EaP PLUS project and its instruments to promote cooperation in science, technology and innovation in CEI Region**  **Olga MEEROVSKAYA,** Head of Unit – National Coordinator of Horizon2020 in Belarus, Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Science and Technology (Belarus)  **CEI mechanisms supporting regional cooperation**  **Alessandro LOMBARDO,** Senior Executive Officer, CEI  **International cooperation in the field of fair and affordable pricing of medicinal products**  **Marcin RYNKOWSKI,** Head, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health (Poland)  **Molecular and cell technologies for medicine and agriculture: experience of the Institute of Biophysics and Cell Engineering of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus in international cooperation**  **Lyudmila DUBOVSKAYA,** Director, Institute of Biophysics and Cell Engineering, National Academy of Sciences (Belarus) |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | *Networking lunch* |
| **Session III: Promoting cooperation ideas and new partnerships** | |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | *The idea of this session is to stimulate discussion on concrete common challenges and project ideas in biotechnologies to be further proposed for implementation within EU-funded programmes and/or other donors. Ideally, participants will represent both academic community and industry.*  **Moderator:Peter VALKOVIČ,** Vice Dean for Science and Research, Postgraduate Study, Research Grant and SCFL, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University (Slovakia)  **International cooperation of NatiVita JLLC in research and production innovations**  **Yauheni SHLIAHTUNOU,** Medical Advisor, JLLC NatiVita (Belarus)  **Biomedical Center Martin – successes and challenges within European Research Area**  **Erika HALAŠOVÁ,** Director, Division of Molecular Medicine, Biomedical Center Martin (Slovakia)  **Biotechnology of drugs from human blood plasma and prospects for cooperation within the CEI region**  **Vadim SENTCHOUK,** Deputy Director General for Research, JV Pharmland LLC(Belarus)  **Preventive maintenance of microbial biotechnologies**  **Vasyl FILANYUK,** Head, Science Department, Ministry of Health (Belarus)  **Cellular technologies for treating human diseases in Belarus**  **Michael POTAPNEV,** Head, Department of Cellular Biotechnologies, Republican Scientific and Practical Сenter of Transfusiology and Medical Biotechnologies (Belarus)  **DNA technologies for Health Care and Sports  Valentina LEMESH,** Director, Institute of Genetics and Cytology, National Academy of Sciences (Belarus)  **Biotechnology for healthy nutrition Natallia FURIK,** Deputy Director, Institute of the Meat and Dairy Industry, National Academy of Sciences (Belarus)  **Edible films and coatings: opportunities for commercialization in CEI region**  **Dmitry GRINSHPAN,** Head of the Lab, Institute of Physical and Chemical Problems, Belarusian State University (Belarus)  **Biofuels, energy security and health effects**  **Filip CIRLEA,** Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency Promotion Centre/ National Institute for Economics Research “Costin C. Kiritescu”, Romanian Academy (Romania)  **Biogas production by processing organic wastes from agriculture and food industry, as well as wastewater residues**  **Ilya KUZNETSOV**, Lead Lecturer, Belarusian State Technological University (Belarus) |
| **Concluding session** | |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | **Alexander SHUMILIN**, Chairman of the State Committee on Science and Technology of the Republic of Belarus |