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## Editorial

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We are proud to present this second issue of the KORANET Newsletter, describing our consortium's activities.

The issue starts off with a brief reminder of what KORANET is; subsequent pages then provide a report on the KORANET Pilot Joint Call Partnering Conference that was held in February 2010 in Seoul and an update on the current status of the KORANET Pilot Joint Call.

This issue also features a brief profile of the International Bureau of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, which is the coordinating institution of our project.

Moreover, we would like to use this opportunity to present two other EU projects to you. First, KESTCAP, a BILAT project targeting South Korea and second, New INDIGO, which is

like KORANET an ERA-NET but focusing on S&T cooperation with India.

As usual we also provide the latest information on the main past and future activities and events of our consortium as well as on recently published reports prepared in the frame of the KORANET project.

Janusz Jurczak and  
Marek Chmielewski



Marek Chmielewski and Janusz Jurczak with young co-workers

## What is KORANET?

KORANET is an ERA-NET funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7).

The overall aim of KORANET is to strengthen the research partnership between Europe and Korea. This will be achieved through several analyti-

cal exercises, the establishment of a joint funding programme as well as jointly organized events.

The project is targeted at national and international stakeholders at policy and programme level, the research community and industry.

For more information on KORANET see: <http://www.koranet.eu>.

**KORANET**  
Korean scientific cooperation network with the European Research Area

**What we do to enhance European-Korean S&T cooperation:**

- Analytical studies and reports
- Foresight and strategy development
- Joint funding of European-Korean research projects
- Conferences and other networking events

**Who we are:**

- International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research at the German Research Centre, Germany
- Centre for Social Innovation, Austria
- VITVCI Innovation + Technik GmbH, Germany
- National Research Foundation of Korea, Korea
- British Council, United Kingdom
- Technical Research Center of Poland, Poland

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## KORANET Pilot Joint Call Partnering Conference in Seoul

The KORANET Pilot Joint Call Partnering Conference was superbly organized at the Somerset Palace Hotel in Seoul – an ideally located venue in the heart of Seoul.



Pilot Joint Call Partnering Conference venue

At first glance, the fascinating theme “Research for Life-Long Health” might give the impression that the conference was mainly intended for physicians. However, such an impression is wrong and the conference illustrated that very clearly: more than half of the scientific content consisted of presentations delivered by experts in Economics and Law, Automation and Control, Electronics and Communication, Social Sciences and Chemistry, the last with a very broad and comprehensive approach. This clearly shows how multidisciplinary the focus of the Pilot Joint Call is.



Speakers of the event

Ageing societies pose a very complex problem now and for the generations to come. Life-Long Health is a crucial idea for any positive solution to this problem.

As a chemist, I myself was very impressed by the excellent contributions from my own discipline, and in

particular from chemical nanosciences. Quantum dots may efficiently function as parts of sensing devices which, when deployed to a precisely addressed tissue (or a malfunctioning part thereof), can signal accurate information on the health status of the organ to the external world. Transmission of such signals needs advanced communication technologies and the ‘physician’ (either real or virtual) needs advanced data processing procedures to be able to give an appropriate diagnosis and/or to react in an optimized way when serious disorders are observed.



Face-to-face networking session

In a sense, from the purely technological standpoint, it seems the ageing person of the future would be provided with: (1) a set of sensing devices capable of reporting the status of the organs to a diagnostic center, (2) a set of remotely controlled intervening devices and (3) a system of rapid and efficient communication with an adequately equipped medical assistance team. From the socioeconomic standpoint such a situation requires careful optimization and mutual agreement between the patient and the medical care system. All this is a very challenging set of problems for all the experts attending the meeting, as the discussions clearly supported. One important point that was perhaps not touched upon during the sessions is something we experience in our everyday lives when using the Internet, e-mail etc.: a kind of spam or hacker interference in the remote control of patients’ health status and suggested treatment. This kind of danger may certainly jeopardize even the very best systems.

The contributions from the medical segment of participants were extremely fascinating, especially because of the prevailing interdisciplinarity of their research. Biomarkers for ageing related neurodegenera-

tion (Young Mok Park), microfluidic platforms for neuroscience (Noo Li Jeon), intelligent rehabilitation robots (Uwe Lange), microfabricated biosensors (Soo-Ik Chang), and dynamic interactive nanoplatfoms (Mikhail Barboiu) are all just convenient examples of this - presented, in some cases, on behalf of medical teams by non-physicians participating in the research.

The participation of practitioners of the social and economical sciences is also extremely important. The contributions that addressed poverty alleviation and searching for cooperation strategies (Pan Suk Kim and Young Je Kim) and measures of corporate social responsibility (Silke Bustamante) illustrate this very well.

Finally, a Face-to-face networking session which took place in the afternoon of the second conference day got very positive feedback from participating researchers. At the networking session, researchers had the chance to book 20 minute interviews with researchers with similar research interests.

The conclusion that can be drawn from the Pilot Joint Call Partnering Conference is that this topic is of major importance and will certainly give rise to a comprehensive series of specialized projects. Overall, KORANET will gain a lot of momentum from this incentive.

Janusz Lipkowski

## KORANET Pilot Joint Call on Research for Life-long Health

The KORANET Pilot Joint Call focusing on “**Research for life-long health**” was launched in Seoul on 1-2 February 2010 during a Partnering Conference including a Face-to-Face networking session. KORANET Joint Calls aim to bring together European and Korean scientists to engage in joint interdisciplinary and transnational research projects.

Drastic changes in the demographic profile resulting from an increasingly ageing population in Europe and Korea during the past decades are what prompted the KORANET consortium committee to choose this topic for the Pilot Joint Call. The study of the ageing population phenomenon is vital not only because it bears upon the quality of life of the elderly but also because of its implications for society and its services. It is obvious that improving the quality of life of the elderly in our societies should be one of the most significant challenges of the present time.

The Pilot Joint Call on Research for Life-long Health, financed by Austria, France, Germany, Turkey and Korea, was open from 8 February to 2 April 2010 and the three main sub-categories of the KORANET Pilot Joint Call were as follows:

- **Health** (gerontology, medicine, genetics, biology)

- **Technology** (biotechnology, material science, ICT engineering, robotics, nanotechnology)
- **Social sciences** (sociology, political science, demography, statistics, psychology, economics).

A three-step evaluation procedure of submitted projects is adopted:

1. online evaluation of proposals by peer reviewers (3-30 May 2010);
2. discussion of proposals and ranking based on scientific excellence by a Scientific Council (24 June 2010);
3. final ranking of the successful proposals and funding decisions made by the Programme Steering Committee, i.e. representatives of the funding parties (12 July 2010).

28 Proposals have been submitted in the frame of the KORANET Pilot Joint Call. The nationalities of the Project Coordinators are as follows: 14 from Germany, 8 from Korea, 3 from France, 2 from Turkey and 1 from Austria.

More information on the KORANET Pilot Joint Call is available from the KORANET project website (<http://www.koranet.eu/en/211.php>), as well as from:

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## 8th meeting of the Korea-EU Joint Committee

The 8th meeting of the Korea-EU Joint Committee was held on 9 March 2010 in Brussels. Primary issues on South Korea's agenda were cooperation in the climate change and green growth sector, as well as the 2012 Yeosu World Expo, and resolving trade issues regarding trade remedies. Both sides were also interested in boosting cooperation in the areas of science and technology, statistics and development assistance, and improving South Korean cars' fuel efficiency and standards for greenhouse gas emissions.



Regarding the cooperation in the field of green growth, both sides presented policy & research activities linked to the green growth and environment & energy fields. The discussions underscored that there is a

mutual interest and common benefit in establishing dialogue on this thematic area. Specifically, Korea and the EU decided to take full advantage of the coming third JSTCC (Joint S&T Cooperation Committee) meeting planned for October 2010 in Seoul.

As for the drives for strengthening S&T cooperation between the two sides, each presented its conclusions on the key role that projects such as KORANET, KORRIDOR and KESTCAP and coordination mechanisms play in fostering cooperation. Korea also noted that its Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) will reinforce its NCPs participation and will nominate experts recommended by the Ministry of Knowledge Economy (MKE) as NCPs in specific areas such as SMEs and Transport.

Korea and the EU will further discuss the ongoing cooperation scheme in the coming Joint S&T Committee in autumn in Seoul. The two sides will discuss how to enhance the cooperation in priority S&T thematic areas as well as mobility schemes like IRSES. The European Commission has suggested involving and seeking the cooperation of the three aforementioned projects for the upcoming Joint S&T Cooperation Committee meeting.

## KORANET database on S&T programmes online!

The KORANET database with information on national funding programmes for S&T cooperation between the European countries and Korea went online in May 2010.

The map offers interested researchers information on future funding and cooperation opportunities with Korean or European researchers.

To visit the website go to:

<http://www.koranet.eu/en/213.php>

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**S&T Programme Database**

Please click on the flags to retrieve more information on national funding programmes for S&T cooperation between the European countries and Korea.

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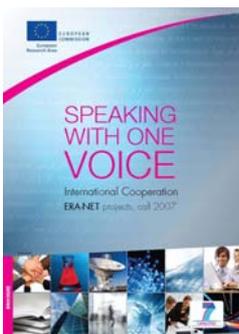
KORANET is one of several international ERA-NETs targeting different third countries/regions that are currently being implemented under FP7.

In each of the future issues of the KORANET Newsletter we would like to present you one of these ERA-NETs, the first one being New INDIGO focussing on India.

#### Links:

'Speaking with one voice' Information brochure of the European Commission featuring information on the international ERA-NETs of FP7:

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/pdf/era\\_net.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/pdf/era_net.pdf)



## New INDIGO Science brings Europe and India Closer

India has become a prominent country in Asia and beyond from the economical and political point of view but also, and this is certainly not unrelated, from the scientific point of view. Longstanding scientific cooperation between India and certain European countries, especially France, Germany and UK, is vigorous and fruitful. Over the last years the cooperation between all the EU-Member States/Associated States (MS/AC) and India has increased significantly. India has been quoted a strategic target country by the European Commission. Despite these facts, relationships with India in R&D have not been harmonized so far at a European level. There is little multilateral S&T cooperation between the European Union and India, and there is no dedicated programme of cooperation between these two big scientific poles.

The aim of New INDIGO ([www.newindigo.eu](http://www.newindigo.eu)) is to help filling these gaps and ultimately provide the most relevant framework to allow the scientific community and institutions of India to access the European Research Area, and the Euro-Indian S&T cooperation to fully benefit from the new networking tools which have been set up, notably the FP7.

One of the main objectives of New INDIGO is to identify the right format, funding scheme and targets for the **Networking Pilot Program (NPP)**



to be launched at the European scale, taking advantage of existing bilateral programs and enhancing existing networks or clusters as well as arousing new ones.



A **first successful joint call** is being implemented with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) on the Indian side and funding bodies from Austria (BMWf), France (MESR, MAEE, CNRS), Germany (BMBF), the Netherlands (NWO), Portugal (FCT), Spain (MICINN), and Turkey (TUBITAK) on the European side in the area of **Biotechnology and Health**. In this first call the funding scheme was kept as simple as possible. Every participating country has been funding the same instruments: Mobility, workshops and limited "other costs".

The funding duration set is a max. 2 years. A maximum of €50.000 (€25.000 p.a.) of eligible costs per project from the respective involved funding country will be covered.

The first NPP call was published in January 2010. The submission phase closed in April.

## New INDIGO (contd.)

60 expressions of interest were received and 47 full proposals are now being evaluated. The selected projects will start in September 2010.

During its first 18 months, New INDIGO also implemented the following activities:

- Creation of a database of S&T stakeholders [in EU](#) and [in India](#)
- Creation of a database of [funding opportunities](#) for EU/Indian cooperation
- Provision of information on [European](#) and [Indian S&T landscape](#)
- Provision of information on [partner search](#)
- Co-organisation of the [EU/India S&T Cooperation Days](#) in Delhi (Nov. 2009)

## Main past activities and events

- Seoul, 1-2 February 2010: **Korean Partnering Conference for the KORANET Pilot Joint Call on Research for Life-long Health**, incl. Face-to-face networking session and official kick-off of Pilot Joint Call.
- Istanbul, 20 October 2009: **Workshop on Green ICT**.
- Seoul, 12-16 October 2009: General assembly meeting, consortium and steering committee meeting; **Conference on Green Technology** – Sustainable energy solutions; Scientific visit to several research institutions.

## Main future activities and events

- Vienna, 7-10 June 2010: **Expert panel meeting for foresight exercise**; Consortium committee meeting.
- Budapest, 7-9 September 2010: **European conference on Research for Life-long Health** (incl. kick-off of projects funded in the frame of the KORANET Pilot Joint Call); General assembly meeting, consortium and steering committee meeting.
- Brussels, 2011: **Dissemination conference to present the analytical results** of the KORANET project.

Interested in receiving the **KORANET project newsletter** with information on the activities of the KORANET project, such as upcoming public events, published reports and other finalized deliverables, as well as general news on S&T cooperation between Europe and Korea?

If yes, please send an email to: [koranet@dlr.de](mailto:koranet@dlr.de).

Download the KORANET fact sheet, flyer, poster and press releases at:

<http://www.koranet.eu/en/115.php>



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**KORANET Background Information**

KORANET aims at strengthening the research partnership between Europe and Korea. This will be achieved through several analytical exercises, the establishment of a joint funding programme as well as jointly organised events. The project is targeted at national and international stakeholders at policy and programme level, the research community and industry.

KORANET is an ERA-NET funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7). ERA-NETs aim at reducing the fragmentation of the European Research Area by supporting joint transnational research activities.

**KORANET Objectives**

- > Improving information exchange and promoting cooperation between Korean and European research communities
- > Exchanging best practices on the planning and implementation of S&T policies and international S&T cooperation
- > Analysing and further developing existing cooperation instruments
- > Coordinating bilateral approaches of EU Member States/Associated Countries and Korea
- > Identifying priority thematic areas for cooperation
- > Establishing an appropriate framework for strategic cooperation
- > Developing a one-stop agency for Korean S&T interests
- > Learning from completed and ongoing ERA-NETs
- > Developing and implementing a concept for a joint funding programme for European-Korean S&T projects
- > Increasing Korea participation in FP7

**KORANET Work Packages**

WP 1: Analysis, monitoring, review – preparation of analytical studies and reports on different aspects of European-Korean S&T cooperation, establishment of a database of research institutions and S&T cooperation opportunities

WP 2: Strategy and foresight – formulation of policy recommendations on future cooperation areas and funding programmes, setting of framework objectives

WP 3: Joint funding – development, implementation and evaluation of a joint funding programme for European-Korean research projects

WP 4: Joint activities – organisation of conferences, workshops and exchange events for the research community in Europe and Korea

WP 5: Organisation and management – administrative and financial management of the project, quality assurance of project deliverables



## International Bureau of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)



Each issue of the KORANET Newsletter features a profile one of the KORANET consortium partner organizations. In this issue, it is the International Bureau of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) which is located at the German Aerospace Center (DLR) in Bonn.

The International Bureau has been commissioned by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (*Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung*, BMBF) to strengthen the international ties of German universities, research institutes and enterprises with the objective of building competencies and fostering cooperation in the areas of research and innovation. In doing so, the International Bureau is making an important contribution to cultivating an international dimension within the research programmes of the BMBF.

The International Bureau's responsibilities are:

- Supporting the BMBF in planning and implementing international agreements and cooperation programmes
- Observing relevant international developments in the areas of research and innovation policy
- Advising and supporting stakeholders in the German

scientific landscape in opening up opportunities for international networking and advertising Germany as an excellent place for science, research and innovation

- Contributing to the strategic development of the strategic dimension of the European Research Area

In dialogue with the research divisions of the BMBF and their project management organizations, the International Bureau initiates cooperation on research topics with a high policy priority with competent partners in a variety of countries - primarily in Europe, Asia, the Americas and Africa.

The International Bureau also contributes to the implementation of the German Federal Government's High-Tech Strategy and the Strategy of the German Federal Government for the Internationalization of Science and Research, which was initiated by the BMBF.

In addition, the International Bureau provides BMBF funding to German universities, research institutes and small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) for investigating the potential for cooperation with partners abroad and for the preparation of projects involving international cooperation.

The International Bureau possesses detailed knowledge of the

capacities for cooperation in other countries as well as the legal and political framework for cooperation. Moreover, it maintains contact with relevant organizations abroad as well as with German organizations active in cooperation at the international level.

The International Bureau also runs '**Kooperation international**' ([www.kooperation-international.de](http://www.kooperation-international.de)), a web portal that provides information for stakeholders interested in international cooperation in research and education.

Furthermore, the International Bureau is active in more than 20 international projects financed through the Capacities programme of the EU Framework Programme. It is a coordinator or partner in:

- **7 international ERA-NETs**  
(South Korea, Russia, India, the Black Sea region, South-East Europe, Latin America and China)
- **6 INCO-NETS**  
(South-East Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe/Central Asia, Africa, the Mediterranean region and the Western Balkans)
- **3 BILAT projects**  
(Russia, Ukraine, Mexico)
- **5 ACCESS4EU projects**  
(South Korea, Australia, Brazil, Canada, New Zealand)

## KESTCAP Korea-EU Science and Technology Cooperation Advancement



In this issue of the KORANET Newsletter we would like to present another EU project targeting Korea. KESTCAP is a BILAT project that aims at promoting the EU Framework Programme in the Korean research community.

KESTCAP (Korea EU Science and Technology Cooperation Advancement Programme), is based on the Science and Technology agreement signed between Korea and the EU in November 2006 and seeks to provide a platform to

- strengthen the S&T agreement between Korea and the EU;
- improve this cooperation by identifying S&T fields of common interests of Korea and the EU;
- set up a website and information help desks to respond to specific inquiries on existing opportunities and available funding instruments;
- contribute to the Korea-EU policy dialogue on science, technology, and innovation.

The specific objectives are to develop sustainable cooperation strategies; disseminate information and promote cooperation and organize and support cooperative events between Korea and the EU. Work packages have been organized to ensure effective delivery of these objectives. They will create a website portal to European-Korean S&T collaboration; an online database of researchers involved in interdisciplinary and collaborative EU-Korean research; information/help desk services for researchers seeking collaboration opportunities; networks of researchers involved in and interested in collaboration and fora to share information and experiences. Furthermore, existing collaboration and opportunities for new collaboration will be identified and bilateral and thematic research networks in areas of mutual priority will be supported.

KESTCAP is coordinated by the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) located in Seoul, Korea. Other project partners are KIST-Europe and

MEST (Ministry of Education, Science and Technology). KESTCAP is funded under the 7th Research Framework Programme of the European Community. Also, MEST of Korea supports matching funds for KESTCAP.

### Ongoing activities

- National Contact Points (NCPs) and Experts activities: Collecting and disseminating S&T information, match-making between Korean and EU researchers
- Organization and Management: Allocating Task and Human resources, establishing the project office (Secretariat) in NRF
- KESTCAP Webpage: English service as well as Korean Help Desk, Q&As, EPSS function, Partner Search (Database of researchers)
- Road-Shows for EU FP7: FP7 Info Days in Gwangju, Pusan, Daejeon and Seoul

### Strategy for the future

- Promotion of awareness of collaboration between Korea and EU: Increase awareness throughout Korea, Road Shows
- Support for Professional Activities: Back up activities of NCPs and experts, Case studies on best examples in other EU funded projects, Extending participation in FP and network activities
- Support for international events: Project meetings, Top-down Fora and Bottom-up Fora

### Project details

Runtime: 15.07.2008—14.07.2011 (36 months)

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### Links

NRF: <http://www.nrf.go.kr/>

KESTCAP: <http://www.kestcap.org/>

## KORANET Policy Foresight Workshop in Vienna/Austria

In the framework of the analytical work of the KORANET project, the Austrian Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI) and the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) organised jointly a workshop on co-operation policy foresight in Vienna on 7 and 8 June 2010.

During the first day of the event, European and Korean experts provided insights into existing cooperation patterns between Korea and the EU and analytical results of KORANET have been presented to a wider audience of stakeholders.

On the second day, working sessions have been organised to help identify the drivers that shape the future S&T co-operation between the EU and Korea.

The driver workshop has been moderated by Raphael Popper (Manchester Institute of Innovation Research, University of Manchester).



Workshop participants

The purpose of the exercise was to take a first step towards developing a joint foresight-based framework to identify and elaborate the future core areas of S&T and competence network co-operation between the EU and South Korea.

Based on the results and inputs of these two days a policy paper that will focus on gaps, overlaps and opportunities in view of the existing programmes and initiatives towards multilateral approaches and a joint action plan defining concrete joint activities concerning sustainable joint funding measure of KORANET beyond the pilot joint call will be prepared.

The policy paper and the joint action plan, which will be drafted in several rounds by the partners of the consortium, will both be discussed and finalised until the beginning of 2011.

In case you would like to learn more about foresight, please check out the iKNOW pro-



Workshop speakers and organisers

ject on interconnecting knowledge for the early identification Wild Cards and Weak Signals shaping the future of Science, Technology and Innovation in Europe and the world (<http://www.iknowfutures.eu>).

This website features the WI-WE Bank, an interactive Web 2.0 environment interconnecting knowledge on wild cards and weak signals (WI-WE) potentially shaping or shaking the future of science, technology and innovation in Europe.

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## KORANET SWOT analysis on drivers and barriers of S&T cooperation with Korea published

The KORANET SWOT analysis on patterns of S&T cooperation presents an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of S&T cooperation between European countries and Korea.

It compiles the results of an online survey on drivers and barriers of transregional S&T cooperation that was collected from European and Korean programme coordinators and executive agencies, as well as benefi-

ciaries of support programmes in the second half of 2009.

The SWOT analysis was prepared by VDI/VDE-IT, a KORANET consortium partner.

The document may be downloaded at:

[http://www.koranet.eu/\\_media/D1.2.3\\_SWOT\\_analysis\\_web\\_final.pdf](http://www.koranet.eu/_media/D1.2.3_SWOT_analysis_web_final.pdf)

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