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Dear Colleague,

International Networking of Young Scientists

I am writing to introduce a new British Council initiative supporting face-to-face meetings between young scientists from the UK and the Slovak Republic.

The idea of the initiative is to encourage and facilitate mobility and direct contact between the young scientists to enable them to exchange ideas, knowledge and information and thus build international connections that assist the innovation process. It is specifically targeted **at final-year PhD students and post-doctoral researchers with up to five years of experience**. The intention is to avoid established collaborations and concentrate on new faces and encouraging new links with young researchers in other countries.

Throughout 2006, the British Council in the Slovak Republic, in collaboration with the Slovak Academy of Sciences, will organise a series of networking workshops in different topic areas. This time we invite your interest in the workshop entitled:

Genomics and Proteomics of Cancer

The 2-day workshop is open for application to all young researches working in this field who meet the following criteria:

- Residents or citizens of the Slovak Republic and the UK
- Final year PhD students or post-doctoral researchers with up to 5 years of experience
- Fluent in both spoken and written English (the workshop will be conducted in English)

Approximately 10 applicants from each country will be chosen to take part. Costs for participants selected to participate in the workshop, including travel, meals and accommodation will be covered by the British Council and the Slovak Academy of Sciences. During the workshop, each participant will be asked to make a 20-30 minute presentation of an area of their research.

I would be grateful, if you could bring the information about the scheme to the attention of promising young scientists in your institution and encourage them to apply.

The workshop will take place on **28 February – 3 March 2006** in the Slovak Republic.

Applications from eligible candidates are invited, by completing the attached application form together with an abstract of one A4 page (please see instructions).

Applications and abstracts should be sent by e-mail to workshop coordinators

Ing. Katarina Luciakova, DrSc, email: exonluc@savba.sk (Slovak participants)

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Application deadline

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Yours sincerely

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