



INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Workshop on: **Genomics and Proteomics of Cancer.**

Date: February 28 - March 2, 2007

Venue: Smolenice Congress Centre, Slovak Republic

Eligibility: final year PhD students/postdoctoral researchers (within 5 years of PhD)

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International Networking for Young Scientists is an initiative that supports the British Council's purpose of 'nurturing mutually beneficial relationships with other countries', by encouraging and facilitating the mobility of, and direct contact between, young researchers. It supports face-to-face meetings between young scientists and engineers from the UK and other countries, for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information and the building of international connections that assist the innovation process.

Particularly for young researchers, travel is a powerful source of new ideas and a strong driver for creativity. While teleworking and electronic networks make it possible to create virtual centres of excellence, it is direct people-to-people contact that will make them successful. By supporting the mobility of young scientists, the British Council has a key role to play in enabling such centres, helping to create and maintain the lasting relationships that are needed to support electronic communications between them. Links are fostered not only between the young researchers, but also their mentors.

The Council's initiative is a mechanism for encouraging researchers to travel and be mobile, with the aim of gaining knowledge and ideas that help in applying for international fellowships or scholarships under e.g. the Sixth EU Framework Programme (FP6).

The FP6 mobility programme funds three types of Individual Fellowship, open to any nationality: i) *Intra-European fellowships* for 1-2 years of postdoctoral work, ii) *Outgoing international fellowships* for two years outside the EU and one year back home, iii) *Incoming international fellowships* for 3 years research work inside the EU. FP6 also supports Host Fellowships and the formation of Research Training