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Top 500 Innovators Science-Management-Commercialization

Collaboration between Poland and the USA

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SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME



National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU

- located in the Institute of Fundamental Technological Research
 Polish Academy of Sciences (IPPT PAN) in Warsaw
- appointed in **1999** by the Ministry responsible for research
- the **coordinator of a country-wide network** dealing with European Programmes
 - 10 regional Consortia of Contact Points
 - 23 Thematic Contact Points dedicated to Polish Technology Platforms





- Deputy Director of NCP-PL (FIN, INNO, INCO and RM)
- Expert of the Polish **Ministry of Science and Higher Education** to **SFIC** and **FP7 INCO PC**
- EARMA/ NCURA International Research Management

Fellowship Program







5-YEARS PROGRAMME (2011-2015) cofounded by the EU within the ESF

GOAL

To raise qualifications of R&D staff in fields of cooperation with private sector, research management and commercialization of the research results

OFFER

Several **2-months intensive courses** consisting of 240 hours of different types of activities (lectures, workshops, study visits at the inno companies, laboratories, research centers, technology transfer organizations, panel discussions and meetings with entrepreneurs or venture capitalists)

WHERE

The best US universities in the Shanghai ranking, such as Harvard University, University of California - Berkeley, Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology





TARGET AUDIENCE

Best Polish scientists and technology transfer employees working at universities, research institutes and academic centers for technology transfer (in total **up to 500 in the period 2011–2015**), conducting research in engineering, natural, technical, agricultural and medical sciences

MAIN TOPICS

- research management
- commercialization of research results

- science-industry cooperation management plus development such skills as team work, creativity, decision making, problem solving

WHY COLLABORATION IN THESE FIELDS?

Development of R&D system staff qualifications and improving the awareness of the role of science in economic growth is the national priority and one of the main objectives under **the reform of science** currently implemented in Poland









FIRST PILOT EDITION - 2011

40 scientists and staff of innovation centers, **Stanford University** in the heart of the Silicon Valley

PROJECT IN 2012

120 participants, divided in 3 groups, will attend courses in April-June (1 course) and October-December (2 courses)

FOLLOW-UP

Participants formed the Association

whose aim is to provide the scientific community of the presented concepts of the course and to promote US/PL collaboration and further cooperation between business and science in Poland

Participants prepare the **plans of commercialization** of research results and plans to improve the effectiveness of a technology transfer with knowledge and skills gained during the program



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Programme management

Preparation of the cooperation

- ✓ selection of the Host (*public procurement procedure*)
- ✓ legal (framework) agreements

Implementation during the cooperation

- ✓ management structure at the Host institution (*executive director, academic director and programme coordinator*)
- ✓ evaluation system (*evaluation by Host, participants and final,*



by the Ministry)



TOP 500 INNOVATOR





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Recommendations



- Biggest challenge differences in US/PL educational systems
- Very positive experiences after the pilot edition

Project should contribute to make the best use of national and international research funding to ensure the transfer of results of R & D to the economy

- We will continue this programme
- We would like to recommend the programme for other EU MS/AC
- We are ready to share our experience in the programme implementation





Thank you for your attention!



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