

Dear colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you, on behalf of the whole team, that **CEITEC has finally been approved**. On June 1st, the EU Commissioner for Regional Development Johannes Hahn signed the Commission's Decision on our project. As the national Grant Decision has been already issued by the minister of Education earlier in May, CEITEC has become the **first large project** from the Operational Programme Research and Development for Innovations **to be approved on all levels**.



CEITEC has successfully concluded several years of preparations and is starting its implementation phase. It is therefore the most suitable occasion **to express our sincere gratitude to all those that helped our project** during the very demanding period. I also hope that CEITEC will enjoy your support in the years to come as we are all very much looking forward to our continuous cooperation.

Naturally, we are aware of the fact that the approval was not a goal in itself. It makes it possible however to realize the real reason for all the work that has been done – building in Brno an internationally recognized centre of excellence. ●●

Thank you!

Tomáš Hruďa, Executive Director

CEITEC opens new positions

The Ministry of Education opened the selection process for a new CEITEC Executive Director and Scientific Director, who are to take charge of the management of the centre at the beginning of 2012. They will be reputable international experts who will fulfil the criteria of relevant experience in managing a research centre and appropriate scientific practice.

Sixteen top quality international researchers have been already hired for key leading positions, predominantly from Europe and the US. New positions will be opening within a few weeks. Currently we are filling five vacancies for Research Groups leaders with international professionals, who will be young international specialists with excellent reputations and relevant experience. ●●

CEITEC Common Authorities already fully operational

Apart from the Coordination Board, which has been fully operational since December 2009, the highest scientific advisory body of the Centre - **The International Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB)** – has recently been established. The first official site visit to Brno is to take place from **June 19th until June 21st** with evaluation principles and other strategic issues playing the principle role on the agenda.

ISAB consists exclusively from renowned foreign scientist with proven track record in research:

1. Prof. **Andrés Aguilera**, Head of Molecular Biology Dept., and Vice-Scientific Director, Andaluzian Center for Molecular Biology and Regenerative Medicine
2. Prof. **Dirk Inzé**, Scientific Director and Department Director, VIB Department of Plant Systems Biology, University of Gent, Belgium
3. Prof. **Wolfgang Knoll**, Scientific Director of AIT - Austrian Institute of Technology, Vienna, Austria
4. Prof. **Yoshio Nishi**, Director of Research of Center for Integrated Systems, Stanford University, USA
5. Prof. **Hartmut Oschkinat**, Scientific Director, Leibnitz Institut für Molekulare Pharmakologie, Berlin, Germany

Press conference – CEITEC Approval

A Press conference to announce the Approval of CEITEC was held on June 7th with the participation of Vice-Minister of Education Ivan Wilhelm, Governor of South Moravia Michal Hašek, Mayor of the City of Brno Roman Onderka and Representatives of CEITEC Partners Institutions in Brno. The press conference presented the start of a new European centre of scientific excellence.

A video from the conference can be seen on http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_SLflx25H8 as well as the official CEITEC video on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s05v75rLZko>. To follow all our activities you can join us on <http://www.facebook.com/CEITEC> and monitor our website www.ceitec.cz, www.ceitec.eu. ●●



The Deputy Minister ceremonially presenting a cheque for 5.246 billion Czech crowns to CEITEC Representatives.

CEITEC presents itself abroad

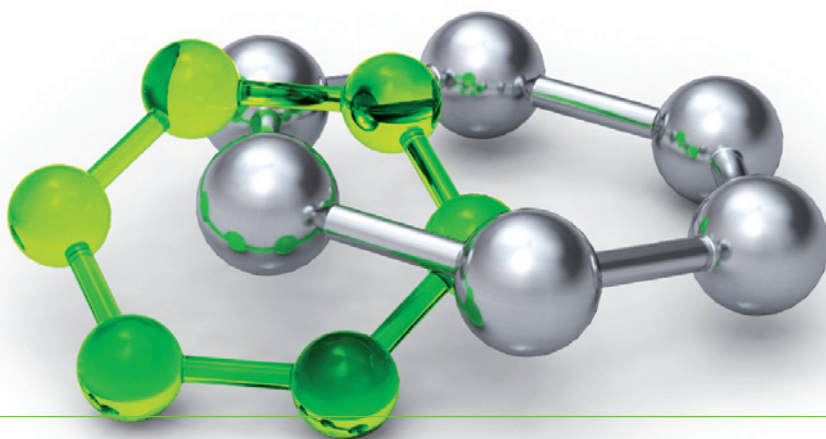
CEITEC has recently been presented at several R&D and marketing events. We participated in the Centrope workshop and panel discussion held in Győr in Hungary on 5th May. Both events were focused on the joint marketing efforts for the Central European region. Another important event was the biggest Central European biotechnology fair BioForum which took place in Łódź in Poland from 10th to 11th May. CEITEC had its own exhibition stand with relevant promotional materials. Last but not least, there is BIO Convention in Washington DC in June which is a world renowned biotech fair. ●●

CEITEC co-organized the International Summer School on Physics at Nanoscale

From the 30th of May – 4th of June CEITEC met over 150 world famous researchers from the rapidly expanding field of nanotechnologies. The invited speakers from leading world laboratories presented the latest progress in research fields concentrated on nanoscale. The school was intended for young people, mainly PhD students and young researchers from both academia and companies. ●●

Planned activities

In conclusion we would like to thank all of you who participated in the Presentation of the CEITEC project to the public on 31st May. All the Coordinators of the seven Research Programmes presented their research activities. The high participation of over 250 visitors during the day was a pleasant reminder of strong interest in CEITEC. We are planning other activities in the up-coming months which we will keep you informed about, e.g. future public presentations, Open Days for the public or the CEITEC Opening Conference. ●●



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