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Spoštovani!

Univerza v Ljubljani v evropskih raziskovalnih projektih sodeluje tudi z Imperial College London (ICL). Posredujemo vam sporočilo predsednice ICL za nadaljnjo krepitev sodelovanja za raziskovalnem področju, ki ga je prejel rektor UL. Prosimo vas, da s sporočilom seznanite potencialno zainteresirane raziskovalce na vaši fakulteti/akademiji in nam sporočite, če imate kakšne predloge za utrditev raziskovalnega sodelovanja med UL in ICL.

Lep pozdrav,

Univerza v Ljubljani



Staška Mrak Jamnik

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From: President <president@imperial.ac.uk>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:45 AM
To: UL, Univerza v Ljubljani, Rektorat <rektorat@uni-lj.si>
Subject: Horizon Europe and UK-Slovenia scientific collaboration

Dear Professor Papič,

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well.

I know that we are all supporting our research scientists' work to address the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as other important global challenges.

Collaboration is the engine of global science, and Imperial College London values our strong European and international ties.

I am writing to you at this important time to underline that Imperial is and will remain a European university. European collaboration within the framework programmes is crucial to what we do. UK association with Horizon Europe will enable British and Slovenian scientists to reach their potential for the good of Europe and the wider world.

Our own analysis of our internationally co-authored science papers demonstrates that our European networks sustain and augment our global partnerships with mutually beneficial outcomes.

In the past five years alone, our academics have co-published 137 publications with Slovenian institutions and this includes 97 co-publications with University of Ljubljana. Imperial has 7 H2020 collaborations with University of Ljubljana, and common projects include TERRINet which aims at building a world-class network (The European Robotics Research Infrastructure Network) with harmonised services and complementary capabilities where talented researchers from academia and industry worldwide will have access and will be able to explore new ideas and establish personal and joint projects, and STOP which will bring together a range of key health and food sector actors to generate scientifically sound and policy-relevant evidence on the factors that have contributed to the spread of childhood obesity in European Countries. Beyond consortia-based projects, funding from the ERC has played a fundamental role in supporting pioneering European research outcomes in STEM, medicine and business (which we celebrate in the attached publication).

Earlier this year I wrote in The Times that [‘British science needs Europe’](#). 56% of Imperial’s international publications are with European partners. Our European connections in turn help our researchers to work with the best in the world. About 60 per cent of Imperial’s research papers with a US collaborator also have a European co-author. Almost half of our publications with China, 68% with Canada, 63% with Japan and 83% with Brazil carry a UK-EU collaboration.

We only have to look to our labs developing a potentially transformational Covid-19 RNA Vaccine candidate to see these dynamics in action; the Shattock Lab at Imperial leads the EAVI2020 consortium uniting scientists focused on vaccine development from 22 institutions ranging from France, Germany and Sweden to Canada and Australia.

As Brexit and Horizon association discussions take place, I want to assure you that Imperial is committed to strengthening our European collaborations. British science needs Europe, and we’re confident that Europe also benefits from collaboration with the UK.

We thrive when we work together. I look forward to working with you to envision how we might develop even stronger research collaborations and partnerships to benefit our local and global societies.

Sincerely,

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