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**CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIONAL MEETING ON THE BIOSAFETY  
CLEARING-HOUSE**

Nitra, Slovakia, 5-9 February 2002

**INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS*****Venue***

The Central and Eastern European Regional Meeting on the Biosafety Clearing-House, organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, will be held in conjunction with the UNEP-GEF Regional Workshop on National Biosafety Frameworks in Nitra, Slovakia from 5 to 9 February 2002.

The UNEP-GEF Regional Workshop on National Biosafety Frameworks (5-7 February 2002) will be held at:

**The Conference Halls  
Hotel Agroinstitute  
Agroinstitut, Akademicka 4  
949 01 Nitra  
Tel.: +421-37- 6534 8514  
Fax: +421-37- 733 2973  
E- mail: [agroinst@agroinst.sk](mailto:agroinst@agroinst.sk)**

The Central and Eastern European Regional Meeting on the Biosafety Clearing-House, organized by the CBD Secretariat (8-9 February 2002), will be held at:

**The Conference Hall  
The Slovak University of Agriculture  
SD A. Bernolaka,  
Tr. A. Hlinku 38, 949 76 Nitra  
Telephone: +421-37- 650 8243  
Contact person Dr. Jan Gazo  
E-mail: [Jan.Gazo@uniag.sk](mailto:Jan.Gazo@uniag.sk)  
<http://www.uniag.sk/slovak/koce/> (in Slovak only)**

The two conference venues are within about 200 metres of each other.

### ***Opening and registration***

Both meetings will be opened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 February 2002 in the Hotel Agroinstitute. Registration will take place at the Hotel Agroinstitute from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Tuesday 5 February 2002.

A pre-registration form is attached (annex II below) for those who have not yet registered. It should be completed and returned to CBD Secretariat by 25 January 2002.

### ***Services to delegates***

Delegates will have access to e-mail and Internet services free of charge during the meeting. Delegates may have lunch and dinner at dining room of SD A. Bernolaka, the venue of the Regional Workshop on the Biosafety Clearing House. Participants can choose from two kinds of food –vegetarian or a meat dish. The price is US\$5 for lunch and US\$5 for dinner.

### ***Hotel information***

A block hotel reservation has been made for all participants at the Agroinstitute Hotel at the following address:

Agroinstitut, Akademicka 4

949 01 Nitra

Tel.: + 421-37- 6534 8514

Fax: + 421-37- 733 2973

E- mail: [agroinst@agroinst.sk](mailto:agroinst@agroinst.sk)

Apartments (18 rooms) US\$ 40/ night

Single rooms (42 rooms) US\$ 35/ night

The price includes breakfast (self-service).

Participants are requested to confirm their reservation with the hotel as soon as possible.

A list of other hotels in Nitra is attached as annex I. Delegates wishing to stay at other hotels are kindly requested to make their own reservations as soon as possible.

### ***Transport***

**Participants are kindly requested to inform the organizers of their arrival (date, time, place) and departure schedules. The deadline is 30 January 2002.**

(Attn: Dr. Jan Gazo; Tel: +421-37-650 8243; Fax: +421-37-741 2626; E-mail: [Jan.Gazo@uniag.sk](mailto:Jan.Gazo@uniag.sk)).

#### **a) For participants through Bratislava and Vienna-Schvechat Airports.**

At both Bratislava Airport and Vienna-Schvechat Airport, a representative will be stationed at the information desk to direct participants to the bus arranged for transportation to Nitra Agroinstitut Hotel.

## **b) For participants from Bratislava Central Railway Station.**

At the Central Railway Station, a representative will be stationed at the Information Desk to take participants to Bratislava Airport where a bus has been arranged for transportation to Nitra Agroinstitut Hotel.

### ***Time Zone***

The local Standard Time, uniform throughout the country, is 1 hour ahead of GMT.

### ***Weather***

February is winter in Slovakia. The highest daytime temperature average in the month of February is about -5°C and lowest temperature average is -15°C and the relative humidity is around 60%.

### ***Electricity***

220 volts, 50 Hertz.

### ***Visas***

Delegates are advised to check with the nearest Slovak diplomatic or consular mission regarding visa, vaccination and customs requirements. Georgia and Armenia (also Azerbaijan and Tajikistan) have a special regime, participants please contact Mr. Ferencik, phone: +421 2 5956 2185; Fax: +421 2 5956 2533, email: [ferencik.igor@enviro.gov.sk](mailto:ferencik.igor@enviro.gov.sk)

### ***Official language***

The official language in Slovakia is Slovak but English, as well as Russian, is understood and spoken in hotels.

### ***Currency***

The currency in Slovakia is Slovak Crown (Sk). The current exchange rate against the US dollar stands at approximately 48 Sk for one US dollar.

### ***Credit cards***

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in the city.

### ***Further information***

Other information may be asked, preferably by e-mail, from:

Dr. Jan Gazo,  
Slovak Agricultural University, Nitra  
Tel: +421 - 37 - 650 8243  
Fax: +421 - 37 - 741 2626  
E-mail: [Jan.Gazo@uniag.sk](mailto:Jan.Gazo@uniag.sk)

Mr. Igor Ferencik  
Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic  
Phone: +421 -2 - 5956 2185  
Fax : +421- 2 - 5956 2533  
E-mail: [ferencik.igor@enviro.gov.sk](mailto:ferencik.igor@enviro.gov.sk)

General info about Nitra: <http://www.nitra.sk/index.php?lng=en>

## Annex I

### LIST OF HOTELS

**1.- Hotel Zlaty Klucik\*\*\*\* (Hotel Golden Key\*\*\*\*)**

Svatourbanska 27

949 01 Nitra, Slovakia

Tel.: +421 376 550 289, +421 376 550 291 - reception

Fax: +421 376 550 293, +421 376 512 210 - office

Email: [info@zlatyklucik.sk](mailto:info@zlatyklucik.sk)

<http://www.zlatyklucik.sk>

Price: 53 - 105 USD incl. breakfast

**2. Hotel Koruna\*\*\*\* (Hotel Crown\*\*\*\*)**

Svatoplukova 2

949 01 Nitra, Slovensko

Tel.: +421 37 6512 315 / 7,

Fax: +421 37 6512 318

E-mail: [koruna@conet.sk](mailto:koruna@conet.sk)

<http://www.conet.sk/koruna/>

Single room	37 USD (breakfast excl.)
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Double room	60 USD (breakfast excl.)
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Apartment	75 USD (breakfast excl.)
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Breakfast	4,25 USD / person
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**3. Hotel Olympia**

Tr. A. Hlinku 57

Tel.: +421 37 653 6727

Fax: +421 37 733 6225

Price is between 25 – 40 USD including breakfast

**4. Hotel Agrokomlex**

Vihorlatska 10

Tel: +421 37 653 4541 / 2 / 4

Fax: +421 37 635 4545

Price is between 10 – 20 USD

Breakfast is not served.

## Annex II

**Nomination form for the Central and Eastern European  
regional meeting on the Biosafety Clearing-House,  
(to be held in conjunction with the UNEP-GEF regional workshop on biosafety)  
5-9 February 2002, Nitra, Slovak Republic**

**This form must be returned to the CBD Secretariat before Friday, 25 January 2002  
Please return by fax to +1 514 288-6588**

Participant details:

Family Name:	First Name:
Title (Mr / Ms / Dr / etc.):	Sex:
Job title:	Employer:
Address for correspondence:	
Telephone number (business hours):	Telephone number (after hours):
Facsimile number:	E-mail address:
Areas of expertise (please indicate any that apply):  Biosafety regulation / Clearing-House Mechanism / Information-sharing / Other (please specify):	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CBD NATIONAL FOCAL POINT MAKING  
THE NOMINATION:**

Nominated by Government of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of CBD National Focal Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Focal Point: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed form to:**

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity  
World Trade Center  
393 Saint-Jacques Street, Suite 300

Facsimile: + 1 (514) 288-6588  
Telephone: + 1 (514) 288-2220

Montreal, Quebec, H2Y-1N9, Canada

E-mail: [secretariat@biodiv.org](mailto:secretariat@biodiv.org)