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NUTS AND FRUITS OF THE WORKSHOP "TOWARDS THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION"

On November 24-26, 2003, Bioecomed NGO organized the workshop for young scientists "Towards the international scientific collaboration".

More than 70 young scientists from different S&T and educational institutions of Armenia were participating in the workshop. During the workshop the scientists were: familiarized with programs of different organizations encouraging the international scientific collaboration, particularly an involvement of young scientists in this collaboration; provided with information, knowledge and skills essential for the international scientific collaboration; acquainted with basic principles and general rules of proposal preparation and participation in international scientific competitions. Special attention was focused on resources of WWW, valuable tool for creation and further development of scientific connections and the most efficient way of scientific communication all over the world. The workshop program also included presentations of those Armenia's leading scientists, who are competent in organizational issues related to the scientific collaboration.

Workshop was held in the Conference hall of Yerevan State University (Faculty of Physics) kindly provided by the rector, Mr. Radick Martirosian. Taking into account that currently English has been considered as a language of scientific communications worldwide, almost all related to the workshop information, including demonstration & training materials, handouts, etc was prepared in English. Training was performed by combined efforts of Bioecomed NGO staff and representatives of the following local and foreign organizations:

- British Council (UK)
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, Germany)
- International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX; US)
- Yerevan State Medical University (Centre of Research Funding Mobilization)
- Yerevan Physics Institute (Cosmic Ray Division)
- TACIS/TEMPUS (EC)
- US Embassy Armenia (Public Affairs Office)

Sponsorship to the workshop was provided by UNDP/GEF "National capacity self-assessment" project and MeTex CJS Co. (Armenia).

By the end of the workshop 15 young woman scientists participating in the workshop made 10 minutes popular style presentation of their current research and shared their considerations related to activities that may support the development of S&T in Armenia and create favorable conditions for participation of women in this process. The best presentation makers were selected by a competent jury and received awards and prizes with related certificates of achievement. Awards (in a form of individual financial support) were provided by Bioecomed NGO (due to financial contributions of its individual members, who wish to remain anonymous), UNDP/GEF "National capacity self-assessment" project, and Cosmic Ray Division of Yerevan Physics Institute. Presents

were provided by the British Council Armenia and US Embassy Armenia. In addition, all 15 presentation makers received presents from BioChem Co. Ltd. (Armenia).

This action was pointed to focus an attention of Armenia's community upon woman scientists, to show an important role of women in R&D and to support professional rights of Armenia's women working in different fields of S&T. Winners of the oral presentation competition are listed below.

Name, Topic of Presentation, Organization	Award & Present
<p>ANNA NALBANDYAN "My first steps in science" Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies National Academy of Sciences of Armenia</p>	<p>Award for the best oral presentation from UNDP/GEF "National capacity self-assessment" project & present from the British Council including individual subscription to a large number of online databases of full text articles of leading international S&T journals & some other useful online resources.</p>
<p>ANNA GRIGORIAN "Synthesis of new, highly efficient pesticides" Institute of Organic Chemistry National Academy of Sciences of Armenia</p>	<p>Award for the best oral presentation from Bioecomed</p>
<p>HASMIK MKRTCHYAN "Application of FISH method to study chromosomal abnormalities in leukaemia" Yerevan State University Ministry of Education & Science of Armenia</p>	<p>Award for the best oral presentation from Bioecomed</p>
<p>NINA VARDAZARYAN "Micronucleus cytogenetic test: some clinical aspects" Yerevan State University Ministry of Education & Science of Armenia</p>	<p>Award for the best oral presentation from Bioecomed</p>
<p>SHAHANE ARSENYAN "Study of catalytic & adsorptive properties of Armenian natural zeolites" State Engineering University of Armenia Ministry of Education & Science of Armenia</p>	<p>Award for the best oral presentation from Cosmic Ray Division of Yerevan Physics Institute.</p>
<p>GAYANE KOSTANYAN "DVIN Interface - Cosmic weather" Yerevan Physics Institute Ministry of Economic Development & Trade of Armenia</p>	<p>Present for the excellent oral presentation from the British Council including individual subscription to a large number of online databases of full text articles of leading international S&T journals & some other useful online resources.</p>
<p>LILIT VARDANYAN "About the problem of the Lake Sevan" Institute of Hydroecology & Ichthyology National Academy of Sciences of Armenia</p>	<p>Present for the excellent oral presentation from the US Embassy Armenia including large collection of handbooks</p>
<p>NUNE YEGHIAZARIAN "Razing awareness on epilepsy in communities of Spitak, Jrashen, and Arevashagh" Yerevan State Medical University Ministry of Education & Science of Armenia</p>	<p>Present for the excellent oral presentation from the British Council</p>