



PRESS RELEASE

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The progress of the General Cooperation Agreement between IFA-Romania and CEA-France

On 24th of May, 2011, at the headquarter of the National Authority for Scientific Research (ANCS) in Bucharest, the representatives of the Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique et aux Énergies Alternatives (CEA) in France and French Embassy in Bucharest met the representatives of ANCS and Institute of Atomic Physics (IFA) in Magurele. The purpose of the meeting was the undertaking of an analysis on the stage and perspectives of the General Cooperation Agreement, concluded between IFA and CEA on the 2nd of December, 2009. The reunion was attended by: Hervé BERNARD – Vice-Chairman of CEA, Gerard COGNET - CEA delegate for Central Europe, Fabien FLORI - Attaché for Science and University Cooperation of the French Embassy in Bucharest, Ionel ANDREI - Director General of the Department for Programs (ANCS), Anca GHINESCU – Director of the Department for European Integration and International Cooperation (ANCS), Elena DINU – Counsellor (ANCS) and Florin BUZATU – IFA Director General.

The analysis highlighted the progress made in the partnership between IFA and CEA, by launching, on the 3rd of May, 2010, the first Call for research projects and support actions proposed by Romanian institutions and CEA units. Nine joint research and development projects in nuclear energy, new technologies for energy, and basic science have been selected and are currently underway. Further details on these projects are available on the website: www.ifa-mg.ro/cea/. The results obtained within the joint projects after a year from their conclusion will be publicly presented at a Romanian-French one-day symposium to be held at IFA on the 20th of October, 2011.

Within the meeting, the launch – in the early October 2011 – of a new Call for research and development projects on topics of common interest was set. Other aspects concerning new modalities to foster the partnership between IFA and CEA were addressed and concrete actions for the near future were established. Finally, the participants expressed their satisfaction after one year of cooperation and their wishes for long term common perspectives.