



5th RM Platform meeting

Slovenia, Ptuj
September 16th 2008

European Technology Platforms & Eureka
A common goal

Organizers

RM Platform – The European collaboration on Rapid manufacturing
IRI UL - Institute for Innovation and Development of University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
MHEST – Slovenian Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology
GZS - Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia
Interesansa & Rapiman (**RA**pid **P**rototyping and **IN**novative **MA**nufacturing **NE**twork)



RM Platform meeting topics

European Research Area

Significant progress has been made in creating ERA but much groundwork remains to overcome fragmentation of the public research base and to retain and attract more business R&D investment in Europe (*The European Research Area: New perspectives, Green paper, Commission of the EU Communities, Brussels, April 2007*).

European Technological Platforms

ETP (*European Technological Platforms*), as an instrument for improvement of the coordination of research activities, through which industry and other stakeholders develop a shared long term vision and strategic research agenda's, has contributed in areas of business interest and the bottom up establishment of Era-Net scheme. However industry still find it difficult to cooperate and enter into partnership with research institutions in EU, and also their motivation for the participation to the 7 FP due to different reason decreased (*also due to increased orientation of the 7th Framework Programmes into the basic research*).

Eureka

In contrast to the 7th FP, the Eureka program, as a bottom-up approach for fostering the co-operation between the research and industry, is much more oriented to the industrial problems, there is no need for a big consortium, and application procedures are not so demanded. Therefore logical thinking is going on into the direction to join a strategic research goal from TP with reach industrial applications from Eureka into the common structure.

The RM Platform meeting will be therefore an excellent environment and opportunity to discuss about such ideas and to identify common R&D activities.

Hosted by Institute for Innovation and Development of University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

In order to ensure the management of demanding interdisciplinary problems, the UL has established the IRI UL, acting jointly with the interested users. With its mission the IRI UL will identify the research and development needs of the market economy, connect those with the competences of UL researchers, formulate and manage research and development projects and provide the necessary support in order to protect the UL's intellectual property. In this manner, the IRI UL will act as a catalyst for establishing a partnership with industry and entrepreneurship and will transfer the results of research and development into commercial applications for public use and benefit.

Agenda

9.00 - 10.00	Arrival & Registration	Hotel Terme Ptuj
10.00 – 10.30	Welcome, opening remarks	Samo Hribar Milič - GZS Martin Schaefer - Siemens AG Slavko Dolinšek – IRI UL
10.30 – 11.00	ETP, opportunities and cooperation; Its interaction with ETP and FP7	Claude Rieg – Directorate - General for Research EC
11.00 – 11.30	EUREKA and R&D opportunities	Aleš Mihelič, MVZT Slovenia Franco Cozzani, EUREKA Secretariat
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee Break	Hotel Terme lobby
12.00 – 12.45	Building bridges between science and industry, ETP & Eureka – European perspective	Francesco Jovane, ITIA-CNR
12.45 – 14.00	RM news on FP 7 and Eureka, News from RM platform and RM Working groups, news from other ETP	Frits Feenstra WG chairman
14.00 – 15.00	Lunch & Networking	Hotel Terme restaurant
15.00 – 17.00	RM platform Brokering Event – Mechanisms for Bottom up approach from industrial perspective	
<p><i>Brokering event will be organized as an open poster session, where all the attendees could place on their posters with information about their activities not only in Rapid Manufacturing, but also information about their R&D results and interests within their companies. With such informal networking companies could present some innovative products, research capabilities, possible R&D support, identify potential customers and researchers to find new ways of doing business in RM.</i></p>		
19.00 – 22.00	MB meeting & Informal dinner	

Parallel events

September 17th – 18th – ICAT 2008 conference



The conference is aimed to the newest development in the fields of Rapid Prototyping, Tooling and Manufacturing with special focus on Medical Applications of Rapid Manufacturing and Business models for RM. The most eminent professionals from the RP/RT/RM will attend as invited speakers and more than 30 research papers will be also presented.

For more information and registration see www.rapiman.net

September 19th 20th - Custom-fit summer school.

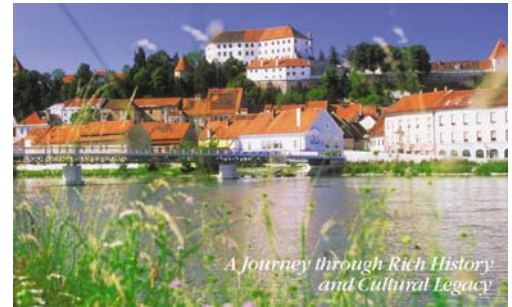


“A knowledge-based manufacturing system, established by integrating Rapid Manufacturing, IST and Material Science to improve the Quality of Life of European Citizens through Custom-Fit Products”. Topics of the CS SS are: Introduction to Rapid Manufacturing, Data Capture Methods, Design and CAD tools, Product Simulations, RM Processes and Materials, Business and Marketing.

For more information and registration see <http://www.custom-fit.org>

Meeting Place

Ptuj, Slovenia - Hotel Primus Ptuj (www.terme-ptuj.si)



Accommodation

Hotel Primus Ptuj (info@terme-ptuj.si)

A block of rooms is reserved for participants of the RM platform meeting (63 € single room with breakfast). For booking please call directly the hotel reception (accommodation and special price is guaranteed until August 1st 2008, please identify yourself as an RM Platform member)



Registration

The RM platform meeting is free of charge, please register on RM Platform web page (www.rm-platform.com)

Traveling

A historical city Ptuj can be reached car, train or airplane. The closest international airport in Slovenia is Ljubljana (Ljubljana - Ptuj 125 km), however Airport in Graz (Graz - Ptuj 90 km), Vienna Airport (Vienna – Ptuj 300 km) or Zagreb Airport (Zagreb – Ptuj 90 km) can be also used. A good choice might be to rent a car and to visit some of the beauties of Slovenia (see www.slovenia.info)

Driving tips

