

## European Commission states: Slovak science is underfinanced

The salary of Slovak scientist is only one third of the salary which is given to the scientist from Great Britain, according to paper written by Michael Galsworthy from University College of London.

*Dr. Galsworthy uses as a base for his paper European Commission's Impact Assessment which states that on the field of medical research, member countries from West Europe gained 34 times more funds from EU, than member countries from East Europe which entered EU in 2004.*

Significantly higher salaries are one of the main reasons why brain-drain of scientist to western Europe occurs. Scientists and researchers from EU12 work on the same tasks or on the same post, but they get only a fraction of payment, which is given to their western colleagues. "East European governments let their scientists literally in trouble. Consequently, situation is worsened by European Commission which adapts amount of salary to the local conditions" says Galsworthy.

He suggests that if we want to stop brain-drain of scientist from eastern Europe then we have to raise their salaries. Compensatory wages would put a financial burden to the budget of structural programmes, but on the other hand they would ultimately stop unnecessary migration of scientific talents.

More accurately, in the field of medical sciences, where scientists from Eastern Europe significantly keep behind, doubling of wages would take only 2,5% of the budget of the projects. EU would save funds even with doubling of salaries in these countries and side benefit would be increasing level of scientific base in eastern Europe.

No attention is given to this problem neither on national level nor on the level of European Commission. "Huge financial differences between east and west have led me to search deeper and deeper into politics and as I was shocked from things which I found out." Says Galsworthy.

Dr. Galsworthy will talk about these and another findings on 29.10.2013 on public free speech in Kosice.

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*For further info about the speech of Dr. Galsworthy, which will be held on 29.10.2013 at 2 o'clock p.m. in historical aula of University of Pavol Jozef Šafárik in Košice, see <http://cassovialifesciences.eu/cls-symposium/>*

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