

Iran- Austria 3rd Meeting

The third meeting of the Iran-Austria academic workgroup was held in the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology on Wednesday, on May 26, 2021. The meeting started with the attendance of Dr. Hossein Salar Amoli, Acting minister for international scientific cooperation (MSRT), Dr. Habibi, rector of Kharazmi University, Dr. Abdolhamid Alizadeh, deputy of scientific cooperation of MSRT, Dr. Kamran Ahmadgoli, head of International Affairs Office in Kharazmi University and Dr. Karimi, head of Law and Political Science faculty.

Considering the choice of Kharazmi University as the focal point and leading house of the Iran-Austria working group, the first round of meetings were held in Dey 1395 in Tehran, and the second round of meetings were held in Bahman 1396 in Vienna. Throughout the course of the two meetings, seventeen joint projects were defined between Iranian and Austrian researchers. The third round was supposed to be held in Tehran last year, but was postponed due to the global pandemic situation. After negotiations, the date for the third round was decided to be May 26, 2021, via online modes of communication. In the event, Dr. Salar Amoli, acting minister for international scientific cooperation (MSRT), Dr. Asadi Lari, Deputy minister of Health and Medical education, Ms. Barbara Weitgruber, Director General (BMBWF), and Dr. Jakob Calice, Managing Director (OeAD) talked about the road map to the academic ties between the two countries.

Following their remarks, Ms. Daniela Kopriva-Urbas (BMBWF) from the Austrian ministry of education and Dr. Jafar Ghaisari, president of Isfahan Science and Technology Town (ISTT), gave their speeches on commercialization in the academic relations of Iran and Austria. Afterwards, Mr. Gerhard Volz from OeAD and Dr. Habibi, rector of Kharazmi University, and also Dr. Kamran Ahmadgoli, head of international affairs, gave comprehensive information about the joint projects, further detailing their recommendations as to the boosting and developing of the academic ties between the two countries.

In the next panel of the event, two of the top researchers, namely Bernhard Klotzer (University of Innsbruck) and Dr. Mohammad Mahdi Sheikh-Jabbari (Institute for research in Fundamental Sciences) gave their presentations on their joint projects, which attracted the attention and admiration of the audience. The next two people to give their remarks on the development of an evaluation form for the joint projects were Mr. Volz and Dr. Karimi, an idea that was decided to be further explored in a later opportunity.

The final section of the event was dedicated to studying the minutes of the meeting, about which Dr. Alizadeh (MSRT) and Dr. Margit Wogowitsch (BMBWF) discussed. The minutes was decided to be signed right after the session was over. In the end, Dr. Salar Amoli, Dr. Habibi, Ms. Weitgruber and Dr. Calice expressed their satisfaction in the meeting and their hope in further developments in the academic ties between Iran and Austria. Also, representatives from Iran's embassy in Austria and the Austrian embassy in Iran attended this meeting.