

ISTC Partner Program:  
Gateway to collaboration with  
Russia/CIS.  
Minimizing the risks of failure



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# ISTC original mission

**To support Russian Federation and other CIS countries in nonproliferation (of WMD knowledge) efforts during difficult transformation times:**

**“Non-Proliferation Through Science Cooperation”  
Trust and confidence build up!**

**BRAIN-STAY – NOT BRAIN-DRAIN!!**

**In return Russia gave up some of its sovereignty giving ISTC certain access to defense laboratories and tax/custom privileges**

# ISTC Core Programs and Services



**Regular *Project Program***

**Partner *Project Program***

*Sustainability Program*

*Commercialization Support Program*

*Patenting Program*

*Competence Building Program*

***Workshops and Scientific Seminars***

***Travel Grants***

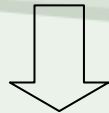
*Communication Support Program*

***Partner Promotion Program***

# Core operation of ISTC. Partner Projects, the fast track of ISTC

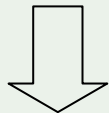


*ISTC approval of Foreign Partner(s)*



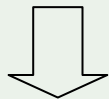
*Max. 30 days*

*Research Teams and Foreign Partner(s)*



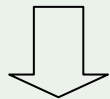
*Project Application  
+ Funding commitment*

*Host Government Concurrence*



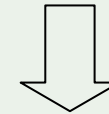
*Fast*

*ISTC Secretariat*



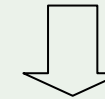
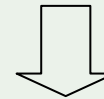
*45 day ISTC Parties negative concurrence*

*Project Execution*



*Results*

*Export Control*



*ISTC Secretariat  
Project Management*

*Foreign Partners  
Exploitation of Results  
based on AGREED*

*IPR*

*In most cases Foreign Funding  
Partner has main share of  
IPR*

**Partner projects can be started in principle in 3 months**

# Regular vs. Partner Program Features



|   | <b><i>Regular</i></b>  | <b><i>Partner</i></b>  |
|---|--|--|
| <b><i>Finance</i></b>                         | <b><i>ISTC budget<br/>Co-funding options</i></b>               | <b><i>100%</i></b>   |
| <b><i>Intellectual Property (IP)</i></b>      | <b><i>No ownership. Only access to results and reports</i></b> | <b><i>100% IP Rights</i></b>                                 |
| <b><i>Technology Transfer</i></b>             | <b><i>Right to get a free exclusive license within EU</i></b>  | <b><i>Full, although efficient mechanism is required</i></b> |
| <b><i>Concurrence project development</i></b> | <b><i>Slow (~ 1 year; 3 funding session per year)</i></b>      | <b><i>Fast track (possible in 3 months)</i></b>              |
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# Regular vs. Partner Program Figures



- **“Regular” (Science) Project Program (530 M\$) –**  
*funded from the ISTC budget*  
At present, EU is first donor (12 M€y); Canada funds industry-targeted projects with high return on technology transfer (9 M\$); USA in decline (focus on commercialization initiatives); Japan and South Korea virtually not funding  
**Standard: \$ 350-400 k, 3 years**  
**ATTENTION: MUST HAVE FOREIGN COLLABORATORS!!**
- **Partner Project Program (250 M\$) – direct funding by Partners.** *ISTC minimizes the risks of failure*  
90% funds from US Govt. agencies (DoE, DARPA-DoS, DoD, DoHS, DoA, EPA); 9% EU (G8 countries; CERN; German, French MNEs, public RTOs); 1% Japan (microprojects, \$30k)  
Wide range: \$ 30-850 k, 6 months - 5 years

# ISTC Accomplishments of 14 Years of Operation



## Non PROLIFERATION

*Almost 70,000 scientists engaged in RF and other CIS  
922 institutes - 2579 projects funded USD 787M\$*

## UNIQUE

*37 Nations engaged in cooperative technology development,  
and growing efforts of working toward nonproliferation and  
greater world security.*

## RESPECTED: Reliability and Services

*Intergovernmental organization with status of diplomatic mission*

## CLEAN

*Legal, audited & transparent mechanism*

# ISTC Achievements

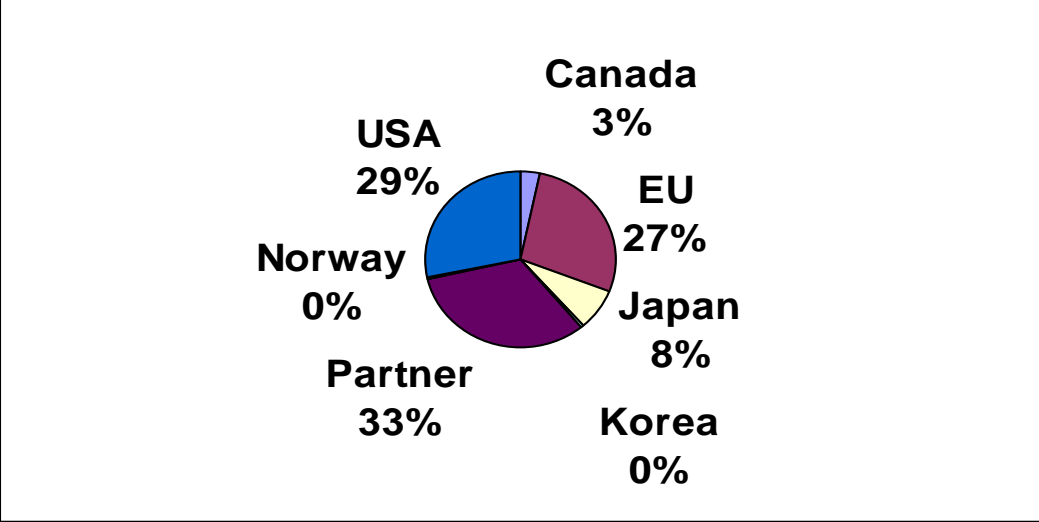
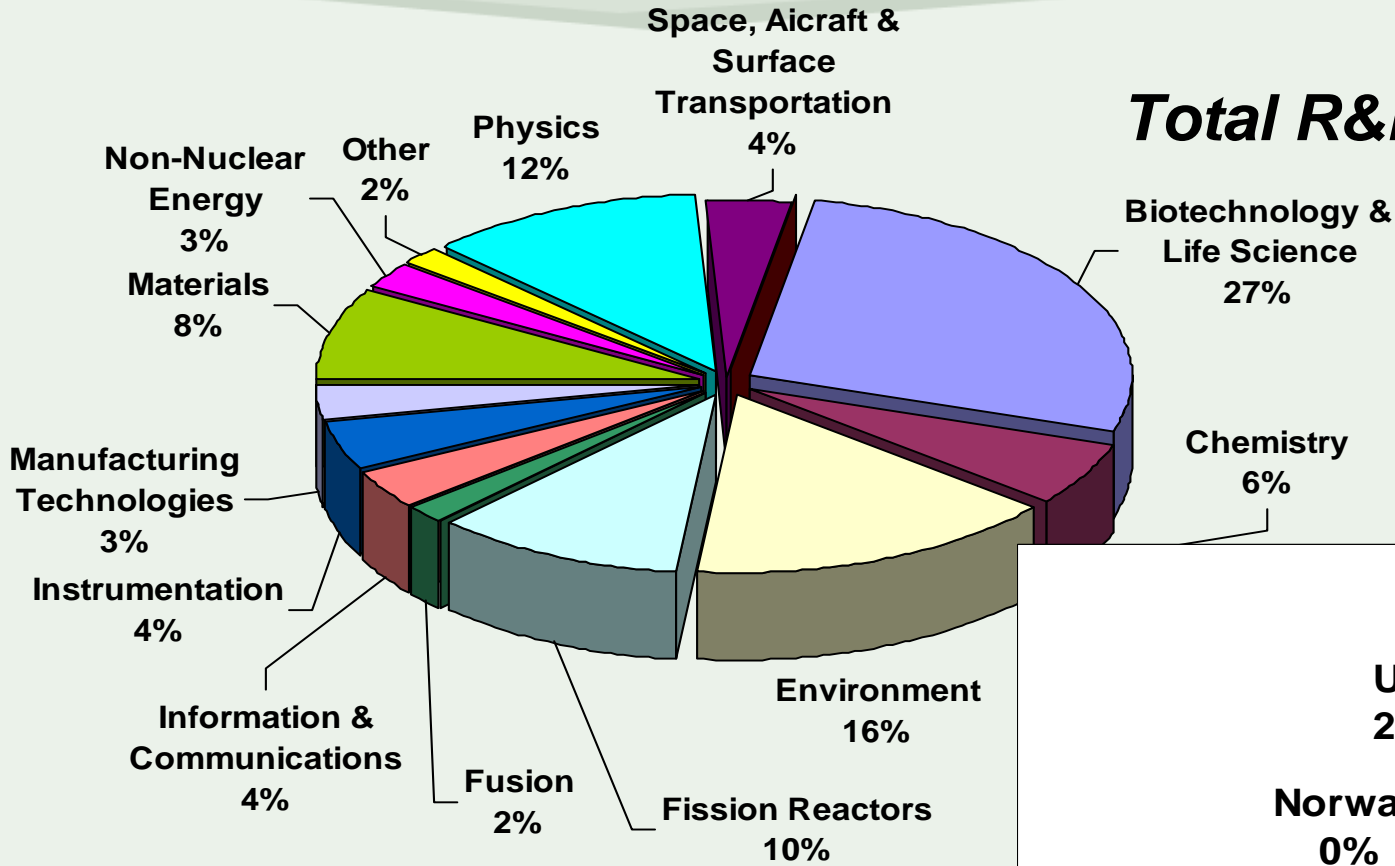
- **A gradual integration of WMD scientists with a community of civil science:**
  - Efficient integration of Russian and CIS WMD community into world scientific community of civil research, **Transparency in ISTC activities contributed significantly to reduction of the threat perception**
  - Creation of links and collaborative projects between weapon laboratories and civil Russian/CIS institutes. Without ISTC funding there would be neither stimulation nor driving forces for this internal openness and more transparency between those two different scientific communities in Russia. **A very important contribution to a sustainable redirection**
  
- **ISTC has considerably contributed to minimization of consequences of impoverishment of Russian intellectual class employed in the WMD sector. It played doubtlessly a very important role in moderating social tensions during the difficult transformation period and contributed to peaceful transformation processes in 90's.**

# ISTC Core Activity: R&D

## Tech fields and funding parties



**Total R&D funds 780 M\$**



# Programs of the future ISTC priorities



- 1. Science & Technology in Support of Counter Terrorism and Global Security**
- 2. Advanced Nuclear Energy Technology, Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Nuclear Safety**
- 3. Public Health, Agriculture and Biotechnology**  
*Medical Physics*
- 4. Environmental Restoration and Climate Change Mitigation**
  - 1. Clean soil*
  - 2. Clean water*
  - 3. Clean air*
- 5. Renewable and/or Environmental Friendly Energy**

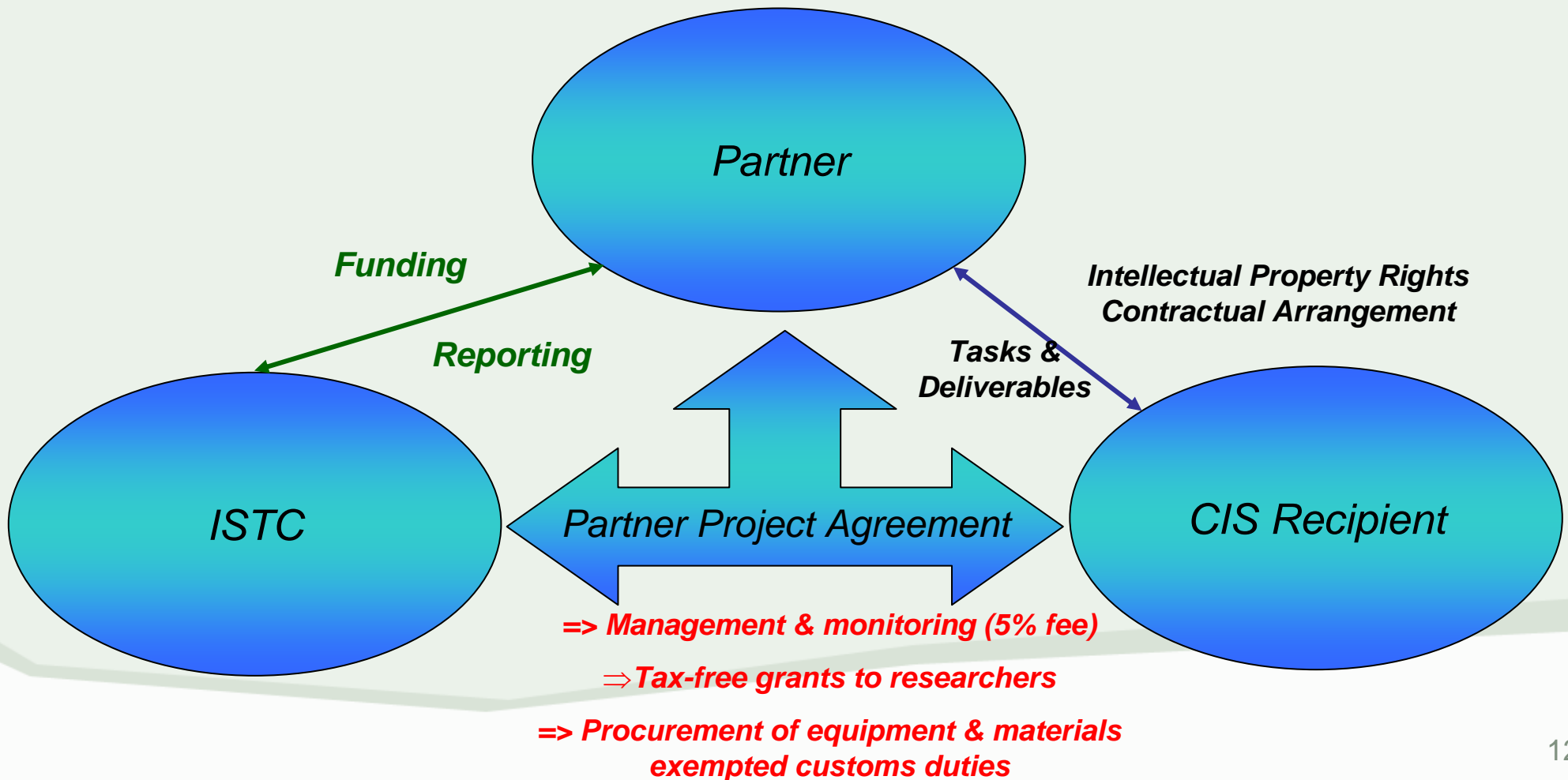
**Second priority**  
***High Energy Physics***

# Why Russia/CIS in world S&T marketplace?



- **Unique research and science base located in Russia/CIS:**
  - **Excellent schools in theoretical sciences** – a **paradox** of non-market oriented research
  - **Innovation paradox**: Resilience to transform scientific knowledge into innovative products, services and hi-tech jobs
  - **Window of opportunities**: High economic growth (>7%), critical mass, reliable competence
  - **Entry gate to the EXPANDING Russian market**

# Partner Project Agreement – Minimizing the Risks of Failure



# ISTC Partner Program Advantages



- ❖ **Reliable legal basis and institutional framework**
- ❖ **Access to unique technological competence**
- ❖ **Tax-free direct grant to individual participants , i.e. **NO OVERHEADS****
- ❖ **Imported equipment and materials: Customs duties exemption if procured through ISTC or handed by Partner**
- ❖ **Project agreement defines and establishes background and foreground intellectual property and ownership of IPR between Partner and CIS beneficiary**
- ❖ **Export control clearance of deliverables - in accordance with project proposal and work plan**
- ❖ **Project management: Technical supervision and financial audit with only 5% fee charged to **non-gov entities**.**

# **First Open Innovation Opportunity at ISTC: Partner Program**

- **Partnering with ISTC allows organizations interested in expanding their R&D and Innovation pipelines access to >900 ISTC affiliated laboratories in Russia and CIS >200 of which do Biotech research and product/service development, contract research, preclinical trials, sample analysis...**
- **Advantages of becoming an ISTC Partner include:**
  - **No cost match-making services, e.g., call for proposals and expertise/facility identification, in-country logistical support, and other services to help Partners find technology providers in Russia/CIS that meet their innovation needs.**
  - **Very Competitive project labor and overhead costs in Russia and CIS.**
  - **Tax free Russian/CIS project participant salaries that further lower project costs.**
  - **Assistance with and knowledge of Russian/CIS Export Control.**
  - **IPR that is integral to Project Agreement, i.e., negotiated before the project starts.**
  - **Total “turn-key” project management using ISTC proven procedures and personnel.**
  - **Complete control and reporting of project financing.**
  - **>14 years of proven total project management at premier R&D Russian and CIS laboratories.**
  - **Quarterly technical and financial reporting on each project.**
  - **Low project management fee (5%) on commercial Partner projects.**
  - **ISTC staff of >200 with “Profound Knowledge” of Russian and CIS technological, business, political and social environments.**

# Options for a long term collaboration (beyond an ISTC frame)

- **A concept of International Science Laboratory  
(International Centre of Excellence)**
  - Creating an organisational (legal) frame going beyond the ISTC project frame
    - Starting with an ISTC project
    - Ending on legal entities facilitating a long term collaboration
    - Common commercialisation efforts

# In Summary

- ❖ Since 1994 ISTC has developed a network of technology providers at >900 labs in Russia/CIS that have performed >2500 R&D projects worth >\$780M all under ISTC management.
- ❖ ISTC affiliated Russian and CIS technology providers have Partnered with many governmental and commercial organizations to provide them with cost effective expertise/facilities to service their specific open innovation needs for mutual benefit to the Partners and Russian/CIS labs.
- ❖ Partnering with ISTC will allow companies and organizations access to ISTC services and network of affiliated Russian and CIS laboratories, institutes and companies with no “up-front” obligations or costs.

# In Summary

- ❖ Open Innovation Opportunities at ISTC include:
  - ✓ ISTC managed Partner driven/funded R&D/innovation projects at Russian/CIS labs that service the Partner's technology needs.
  - ✓ Licensing, purchase or further development of results already generated from previous ISTC projects.
  - ✓ More than 2650 Project Proposals approved but not funded that may have innovative approaches, technical expertise, and other yet un-utilized assets of interest to Partners.
  - ✓ Already existing products and services created by ISTC affiliated institutes and companies that have not yet been expanded to other markets.
  - ✓ And possibly other business opportunities yet to be realized...?

# Technology Matchmaking: A service to ISTC partners



- ❖ **Customized service**
- ❖ **Confidentiality**
- ❖ **Assistance (access, visa application) and consultancy (IP and technology transfer)**
- ❖ **Free of charge for partners**
- ❖ **Advanced Matchmaking**

*<http://partners.istc.ru/eng/>*

# Partners? Why not...

- **Companies wanted to enter Russia/CIS and minimize initial risks**
  - ISTC minimizes those risks, can contribute with seeding money..
  - **Entry gate to the Russian market**
- **Public research organizations – exploiting potential of Russian and CIS scientific communities. Building bridges of collaboration**
- **Scientific facilities, universities:**
  - Addressing global scientific issues, attracting young people to scientific collaboration
- **Space: Exploiting advantages of Russian space technology**
- **Materials for Aeronautics: Exploiting advantages of Russian space technology, joint space programs**

## Partners? Why not...

- **Science-based SMEs, research institutes:**
  - Unexploited potential in Biotechnology, nanotech, Renewable energy, laser technology, environmental protection technology
- **Advanced Matchmaking and customer service to co-funding business collaborators located in CIS – minimizing the risks**
- **ISTC facilitates subcontracting R&D**
- **G8 Global Partnership: Use of ISTC as platform for their non-proliferation programs in Russia and CIS**

Partners? If not – begin with foreign collaborators

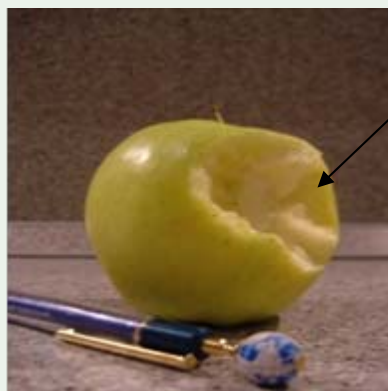


## **Foreign Collaborators:**

- **Benefitting from "regular projects" with scientific excellence in focus**
- **Seeding for further collaboration**
- **Further integration with international research programs like FP7**
- **Exploiting commercialization potential**

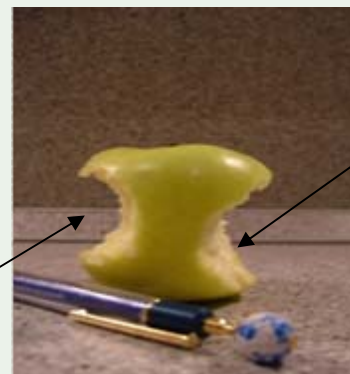
# Conclusion: Advantages of ISTC

## *Your Request*



- 20 % Customs duties

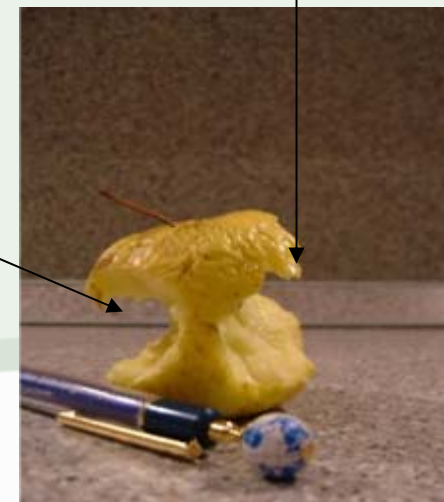
- 18 % VAT



- 20 % Profit tax

- 24 % Social taxes

- 13 % Income revenue taxes



***ISTC provides a reliable privileged framework for subcontracting R&D***

# Practical Examples

# Bio & Lifesciences Activities Programs



## ***Drug Design and Development***

*Capacity building*

*TB initiative*

*GXP training*

## ***Central Asia Disease Surveillance***

*Country and Regional Workshops*

## ***Biosafety & Security***

*Upgrading Laboratory to International Safety Standards*

*Improving physical security of facilities*

*Training of scientific staff*

## ***Radiation Therapy Treatments***

*Boron Neutron Capture Therapy*



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# Drug Design and Development



## **Example Capacity Building**

*Laboratory of Biological Trials, Pushchino, Russia*



**Enhancing capacity  
Ensuring compliance  
with international GLP  
standards**

**THROUGH**

**Procedures &  
Documentations  
GLP audits  
Monitoring and training  
Laboratory & Animal care  
facilities upgrade**



# BioSafety & Security



## **BioSecurity:**

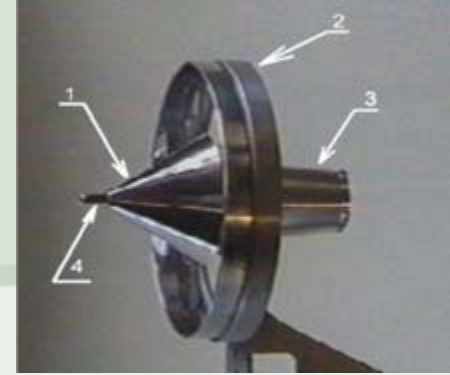
- ***Vulnerability assessments and design of security systems***
- ***Upgrade of electronic communication systems, fire warning systems***
  - ***Installation of perimeter fencing, security gates, CCTV systems, controlled access systems, motion sensors etc***

## **BioSafety:**

- ***Renovation of vivariums, laboratory buildings, installing incinerators, boilers, treatment areas etc.***
- ***Design and establishing facilities for central storage of highly dangerous pathogens***



# Nuclear medicine



## **Cancer diagnostics –**

**Express diagnostic system was developed on the basis of nuclear methods (designed initially for the nuclear fuel analysis) and computer visualization methods (MIFI, NIIT, Cancer center)**

## **Cancer treatment –**

**Methods of radiation cancer treatment (via reactor neutron and gamma, or electron or charged particles of accelerator) were developed together with relevant modeling and software (MIFI, ITEP, VNIIEF, IPPE, Budker, and others)**

**Results: MIFI started training specialists for “nuclear medicine” on the base of experimental reactor and other installations;**

**the cancer treatment center is operating in ITEP (Moscow).**

**Radioisotope methods for treatment (particularly – production of specific radio-nuclides and preparations) – IPPE, MAYAK, NIAR**

# Meeting ISTC Partners' R&D/Innovation Needs

ISTC Partners have funded >650 projects worth >\$240M, with >240 projects in Biotech. ISTC Partners (>400) include governmental, commercial and NGOs interested in out-sourcing R&D projects at ISTC affiliated Russian/CIS labs.



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