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## COST welcomes Bosnia and Herzegovina among its Member States and Reinforces Cooperation with Australia, New Zealand and South Africa

Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), recently welcomed the admission of Bosnia and Herzegovina as the 36th COST Country.

"COST has a tradition of being open to the participation of institutions from non-COST countries following the bottom-up principle and mutual benefit," commented Professor Fedi. "COST continues to raise interest far beyond the borders of its Member States. Currently more than 250 institutions from more than 30 non-COST countries participate in COST Actions."

In its latest meeting on 26 and 27 May 2009, the COST CSO welcomed 48 new participants in COST Actions from institutions in Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, India, Japan, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates and USA.

The COST CSO also agreed to continue the reciprocal arrangements with Australia and New Zealand and approved a new reciprocal agreement with South Africa with a view to facilitate cooperation with researchers from these countries.



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