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**of the Meeting of the Commission for Science, Research and Technology at  
the Association of the Universities and Research Centers of the Caspian  
Region States**

The following institutions represented their countries at the 4th Meeting of the Commission for Science, Research and Technology at the Association of the Universities and Research Centers of the Caspian Region States:

Republic of Azerbaijan:

- Azerbaijan University of Tourism and Management
- Baku State University
- Sumgait State University

Islamic Republic of Iran:

- University of Guilan
- Guilan University of Medical Sciences
- Mazandaran Science and Technology Park
- International Sturgeon Research Institute

Republic of Kazakhstan:

- Atyrau State University named after Kh. Dosmukhamedov
- Atyrau University of Oil and Gas named after Safi Utebayev
- Caspian University of Technology and Engineering named after Sh. Yessenov
- Fisheries Research and Production Center

Russian Federation:

- Astrakhan Construction Engineering Institute
- Astrakhan State Medical Academy
- Astrakhan State Technical University
- Astrakhan Tatishchev State University

- Pushkin State Russian Language Institute
- Dagestan State Technical University
- Caspian Institute of Biological Resources DSC RAS
- Kalmyk State University named after B.B. Gorodovikov

Rector of Astrakhan Tatishchev State University and Chairman of the Commission, Professor K. Markelov opened the Commission with a welcome address.

The following reports were presented during the Commission meeting:

*MSTP and Opportunities for Cooperation between Caspian Universities and Technopark* by Ayoub Farhadi, Vice President for Technology and Innovation, Mazandaran Science and Technology Park;

*Assessing the Possibilities of Enhancing Cooperation in the Caspian Region in the Context of New Challenges* by Chingiz Ismayilov, Doctor of Sciences in Geography, professor at Baku State University;

*“On Creation of Joint Educational Programmes by Universities”* by Saipulla Sapanov, Doctor of Sciences in History, Director of the Research Institute for the History, Archeology and Ethnology of the Caspian Region named after Kh.B. Tabildiyev at Atyrau State University named after Kh. Dosmukhamedov (Republic of Kazakhstan);

*“On Internationalization of Education and Scientific Potential of Guilan University of Medical Sciences”* by Iman Alizadeh, Director of International Department at Guilan University of Medical Sciences;

*“On Building Partnerships Based on Science, Technology and Academic Mobility”* by Farid Najafi, Rector of University of Guilan.

The forms of support for young scientists at Kalmyk State University named after B.B. Gorodovikov, Dagestan Federal Research Center RAS and Astrakhan Tatishchev State University were announced at the Commission meeting.

Having discussed the current tasks, listened to the speakers' reports and to other participants' speeches and remarks, and summarized the Meeting, the participants resolved the following:

- to continue working within the list of areas of research and to note special significance of developing the mentioned areas of research, conducted by universities and research centers of the Association, in the modern economic paradigm;
- to expand scientific and educational cooperation and exchange programmes for teachers and students, and support international research teams to study the issues of the Caspian Sea region;
- to adopt a proposal to establish a Caspian Innovation Network (CIN) on the basis of the Mazandaran Science and Technology Park;
- to prepare appeals to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the five Caspian states with a proposal to create a single programme of grant support for international science and innovation projects for the Caspian states;
- in order to promote scientific collaboration, to arrange columns for publications of the members of the Association and the Commission in the scientific journals issued by the institutions;
- to take into account the experience of the universities and centres that presented their youth science support programmes and best practices in this field at the Commission meeting.

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Research and Technology at the Association  
of the Universities and Research Centers  
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