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Summit of hundred research delegates from 21 countries
studying research frontier topics on green chemistry

**Environment, health, climate changes and energy:
Venice hosts the strategy for sustainable development**

Viceminister Possa to G8 representatives: "Our action is aimed at preventing pollution and getting the best industrial performances as well as supporting a concept of chemistry, strategic tool for technological development, paying due attention to environment and human health"

The network on research and training network, launched under proposal of Mrs Letizia Moratti, Italian Minister for Education, University and Research, and adopted unanimously by the G8 Ministers at the last Carnegie Group Meeting (2 and 3 June 2005, Victoria, Canada), turns into concrete action today at the Laguna Palace Hotel in Mestre.

Delegates representing the G8 member States, observers from more than 15 countries, Pietro Tundo (Chairman of the INCA Consortium), Kenneth Seddon (Queen's University of Belfast), Valery Lunin (Moscow State University), Tracy Williamson (EPA, United States), Walter Leitner (RWTH-Aachen) have attended the first kick-off meeting, chaired by the Italian Viceminister for Education, University and Research, Guido Possa.

The network will provide know-how, coordination and sponsorship for scientific collaborations, proper scientific training for the new generation of chemists, and support for sustainable use of chemistry in developing nations. Furthermore it will assist industrial production in G8 nations, fostering the development of novel competitive technologies, and address issues such as climate change, energy, and other environmental concerns from a chemical standpoint.

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