Dear Scientific Committee,

I would herewith like to inform you about the outcome of a short-term visit from April 22nd to April 26th, 2013, at the Center for Technology and Society, Technical University of Berlin, for which I received the generous financial support of the EUROCORES Program.

The short-term visit resulted in a draft chapter for the book series *Research in the Sociology of Organisations* (RSO-Volume). The chapter being titled *Where have all the Scientists Gone? Changing Authority Relations and the Managerial Restructuring of Dutch Universities* was written together with Dr. Grit Laudel, who is a member of the Re-Structuring Higher Education and Scientific Innovation (RHESI) Project.

The chapter illustrates how state expectations towards building unique research profiles have evolved over time and how universities respond to the demand of creating “focus and mass” in their research portfolios. Furthermore, the chapter sheds light into the (un)intended consequences of profile-building at the organizational- and country level.

The book chapter being written by Dr. Laudel and me touches upon a topic that in spite of its relevance has so far received only very little attention in higher education-related research. It therefore must be considered as a valuable contribution to the EUROHESC network activities that leads to important insights for a wide academic and policy development audience in many countries.

The draft version was discussed among the other contributors to the RSO-volume in the framework of an author workshop taking place at the Center for Technology and Society in Berlin from 3rd to 5th of June 2013. The volume is expected to be published at the beginning of 2014.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any additional information that I can provide.

Sincerely,

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Berlin, June 5, 2013

*Re:* Scientific Report after a Short-term Visit at the Center for Technology and Society, Technical University of Berlin (22nd until 26th of April 2013)