

**Cooperative Programme
of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
between
the National Research Council of Italy (CNR)
and
the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS)**

In accordance with the provision of Article II of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as CNR and BAS respectively), both Parties have agreed on the following Cooperative Programme.

Article 1. Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will promote the cooperation between Bulgarian and Italian researchers and research centres through the following forms of cooperation:

- Joint research projects

Article 2. Joint Projects

For the joint research projects the cooperation will be conducted as follows:

- 2.1 Both parties will support up to 5 joint research projects implemented on specific subjects with the participation of scientists from each Country and will be mutually agreed in advance by both sides. The duration of a joint research project will be three years.
- 2.2 The call for proposals for joint research projects will be announced by each party in March/April every three years. The first call for proposals will be announced in November 2022 with a deadline of December 2022
- 2.3 The joint research projects will be expected to start on January 1st, 2023.
- 2.4 Both parties, CNR and BAS, will:
 - a. gather all the applications from their respective sides,
 - b. review them separately, and
 - c. exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of December every three years
 - d. select the joint research projects to be funded on the basis of financial availability and the provisions of the Scientific Collaboration Agreement.
 - e. finance its own team of researchers.
- 2.5 The list of joint research projects mutually approved will be made public once available.

Article 3. Financial Support

In accordance with the provision of Article II of the Scientific Cooperation Agreement, the approved joint research projects shall be financed as follows:

- 3.1 The Parties agree to contribute on an equal basis to the financing of the Program, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.

- 3.2 For each project, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences will provide annually up to 2.000,00 € to the Bulgarian team, and CNR will provide up to 2.000,00 € to the Italian team.
- 3.3 The support given by the Parties to the research teams shall complement the proper resources of each team, and is intended to subsidize the general costs linked to the international nature of the projects, the costs of international travel, mainly transportation and per-diem expenses.

Article 4. Medical insurance

The visitor should have insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country. The responsibility for the provision of adequate insurance against accidents that may occur during the stay in the host country will rest with the sending party.

The receiving Party will provide the visitor with all indispensable organisational assistance in situations requiring such steps.

Article 5. Protection of Personal Data

Concerning the protection of personal data deriving from this Cooperative Programme, refer to article 4 of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation.

Article 6. Amendments

Amendments to this CNR-BAS Cooperation Programme may be proposed by either CNR or BAS. Such amendments will become effective when CNR and BAS have mutually agreed upon them.

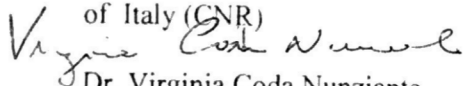
Article 7. Duration and Termination

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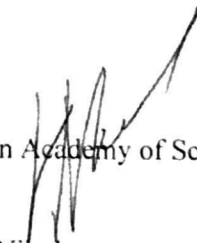
This Cooperative Programme shall come into force on the date of its signature from both Parties and remain valid during for a period of six years.

This Cooperative Programme is signed in English.

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