



National Research
Council of Italy



**Executive Programme
of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
Between
The National Research Centre of Egypt (NRC)
and
The National Research Council of Italy (CNR)**

The National Research Centre of Egypt and the National Research Council of Italy (hereinafter referred to as NRC and CNR, respectively), having in mind the common goals of promoting bilateral cooperation between the two institutions and of facilitating the interaction of NRC and CNR scientists, with a view also to formulating joint research project proposals to be submitted for additional funding to the relevant agencies in Italy, Egypt and the European Union, have agreed on the following programme of cooperation.

Article 1. Forms of Cooperation

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

- Joint research projects
- Joint workshops

Article 2. Joint Projects

This mode of cooperation will be conducted as follows:

- 2.1 Both parties will support up to 6 joint research projects implemented on specific subjects in sector of mutual strategic interest (see point 2.2 below) 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 normally be two years.

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- 2.2 The sectors of mutual strategic interest are:
- Renewable energies
 - Rational use of water resources and desalinization

 - Agro-food science
 - Biotechnologies, nanotechnologies and material sciences
 - Technologies applied to cultural heritage
 - Smart and technical textiles
- 2.3 The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced by each party every two years upon mutual agreement. The next call for proposals will be announced in June 2015 with a deadline of September 30, 2015.
- 2.4 The joint research projects will be expected to start on January 1, 2016.
- 2.5 Both parties, NRC and CNR, 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 two years.
- 2.6 The list of joint research projects mutually approved (those best evaluated by each party) shall be annexed to this Cooperation Programme.

Article 3. Joint workshops

- 3.1 Joint scientific workshops may be mutually agreed and organized, in the framework of the joint research project, with the participation of scientists from each country. Joint scientific workshops will be meetings held on a small scale, with duration not to exceed one week.
- 3.2 The maximum number of joint workshops to be funded will be one per year, or two per project. If two workshops are funded for a given project, one workshop will be held in Egypt and the other in Italy, and both must be mutually agreed upon by both parties in advance.
- 3.3 Either party can inform the other of their interest in holding a workshop and it will be arranged by both parties.

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Article 4. Financial Support

The financial conditions for the approved joint research projects and workshops shall be as follows:

- 4.1 The Parties agree to contribute on an equal basis to the financing of the program, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.
- 4.2 For each project, NRC will provide annually up to 5,000 € to the Egyptian team, and CNR will provide up to 5,000 € to the Italian team.
- 4.3 Travel (international and domestic) and accommodation expenses for the participants shall be borne by the sending Party.
- 4.4 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). Each research team may apply for complementary support from other institutions.
- 4.5 Both Parties shall re-evaluate the amount of the allowances in relation to inflation and in accordance with the provisions existing in each country.
- 4.6 For each approved workshop, NRC will provide up to 3.000,00 € to the Egyptian team, and CNR will provide up to € 3.000,00 € to the Italian team.
- 4.7 The receiving party will cover the logistics costs related to holding the joint workshops. Travel (international and domestic) and accommodation expenses for the participants shall be borne by the sending Party.

Article 5. 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.

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Article 6. Intellectual property Rights

Rights arising out of any invention, product, process etc that result from the joint research programs for scientific research and development, achieved within the provisions of this agreement, will be common intellectual property and their exploitation will be subject to separate agreements in each case, entered into writing between the Parties.

Article 7. Ethics in Science

The role of Ethics in Science in the form of code of honour, which members of the scientific community are bound to, applied throughout this agreement and shall be adhered to.


Article 8. Duration and Termination

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

The present NRC-CNR Cooperation Programme remains valid during the effective duration of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation signed by and between NRC and CNR.

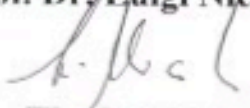
The Executive Programme is made and signed in Cairo, on 25 March 2015, in two originals in English language, both being equally authentic.

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