

**Cooperative Programme
of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
between
the National Research Council of Italy (CNR)
and
the University of Malta (UM)**

In accordance with the provision of Article III and VI of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and the University of Malta (hereinafter referred to as CNR and UM respectively), both Parties have agreed on the following Cooperative Programme.

Article 1. Forms of Cooperation

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

- Joint research projects, seminars, workshops or other scientific meetings;
- Exchange of scientific documentation;
- Other cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed upon.

The Cooperation shall cover all fields but priority shall be assigned to the following specific ones:

- a) Environment
- b) Metrology and quantum-enabled technologies
- c) Biotechnologies
- d) Energy
- e) Agro-food
- f) Cultural Heritage

Article 2. Joint Projects

This mode of cooperation will be conducted as follows:

- 2.1 Both parties will support up to 4 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 two years.
- 2.2 The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced by each party in May/June every two year. The first call for proposals will be announced in April 2017 with a deadline of September 30th, 2017.
- 2.3 The joint research projects will be expected to start on January 1st, 2018.
- 2.4 Both parties, CNR and UM, will a) gather all the applications from their respective sides, b) review them separately, and c) exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of October every two years.

- 2.5 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

As far as the joint workshops are concerned, the following criteria apply as general guidelines:

- a. The joint workshops shall be held alternately in Italy and in Malta.
- b. The sending Party shall cover all the expenses (international travel, accommodation) to the place of destination in the host country in which the visit/workshop will take place.
- c. The receiving Party shall cover the logistics costs related to holding the workshop, during the stay in the host country.
- d. The sending Party shall pay (enforcing its own rules) for travel insurance, emergency medical care of its scientists as well as civil and third party liability during the stay in the host country.

Article 4. Financial Support

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

- 3.1 The Parties agree to contribute on an equal basis to the financing of the Programme, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.
- 3.2 For each project, UM will provide annually up to 5.000,00 € to the Maltese team, and CNR will provide up to 5.000,00 € to the Italian team.
- 3.3 Travel (international and domestic) and accommodation expenses for the participants shall be borne by the sending Party.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 For each workshop, UM will provide up to 5.000,00 € to the Maltese team, and CNR will provide up to 5.000,00 € to the Italian team.

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.

Article 6. Duration and Termination

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

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

Signed in two originals in English language.

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