

**Cooperative Programme  
of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation  
between  
The National Research Council of Italy (CNR)  
and  
The National Council for Scientific Research of Lebanon (CNRS-L)**

In accordance with the provision of Article VI of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and the National Council for Scientific Research of Lebanon (hereinafter referred to as CNR and CNRS-L respectively), both Parties have agreed on the following Cooperative Programme.

**Article 1. Forms of Cooperation**

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

- Joint research projects
- Joint workshops

Cooperation will be related to the research areas of:

- Marine Sciences and Biodiversity
- Management of Natural Resources
- Renewable Energy
- Food Security
- Archaeology
- Water

**Article 2. Joint Projects**

This mode of cooperation will be conducted as follows:

- 2.1 Both parties will support up to five (5) joint research projects every year implemented on specific subjects in the research areas indicated in Article 1 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.
- 2.2 The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced by each party in March every year. The deadline for projects' submission

will be the end of May every year. Accepted projects are expected to start by the beginning of January of the following year.

- 2.3 Both parties, CNR and CNRS-L, will a) gather all the applications from their respective sides, b) review them separately, and c) exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of September every years.
- 2.4 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**

Joint scientific workshops may be mutually agreed and organised, in the framework of the joint research projects, with the participation of scientists from each Country.

### **Article 4. Financial Support**

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

- 4.1 The Parties agree to contribute on an equal basis to the financing of the Programme, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.
- 4.2 For each project, CNRS-L will provide annually up to 4.000 € to the Lebanese team, and CNR will provide up to 4.000 € to the Italian team. The allocated funds for each project are to be used mainly for mobility (between 50-70%) and implementation costs (between 30-50%).
- 4.3 Travel (international and domestic) and accommodation expenses for the participants shall be borne by the allocated budget of the sending Party.
- 4.4 The support given by the Parties to the research teams, as indicated in article 4.2, shall complement the proper resources of each team, and is intended to subsidize the general costs linked to the international nature of the projects. Each research team may apply for additional support from other institutions/programmes.
- 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 In case of joint workshops, the receiving Party will cover the logistic costs related (not including mobility and international travel of participating researchers/scholars to this Cooperative Programme).

#### **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.

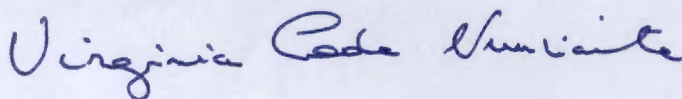
#### **Article 6. Duration and Termination**

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

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

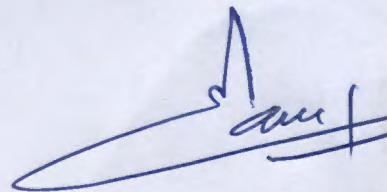
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