

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

The National Council for Scientific Research of Lebanon (CNRS-L) and the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) (hereinafter referred to as the Parties), have agreed upon the following provisions:

Article I - Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to further strengthen cooperation in scientific research between Lebanon and Italy. The Parties will, on a basis of equality and mutual benefit, promote and support cooperation between qualified scientists in those research areas of most interest to both Parties.

Article II - Forms of Cooperation and Implementation

Within this Agreement cooperation may include the following activities:

- a) Joint research projects
- b) Joint workshops
- c) Other cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed upon

The details and the Cooperative Programme for each form of cooperation shall be decided by the Parties. The Parties shall revise this Cooperative Programme at least every two years. It shall contain, among other provisions, what follows:

- The title, description, duration and the financial arrangements of the joint research projects, workshops or any other initiatives that have been selected by the Parties, as well as the names of the participating scientists and scholars.

Article III - Practice

Each Party will cover the costs of the participants from its own Country. The number of projects, workshops and any other cooperative activity to be supported each year will be contingent upon funding availability in each Party's budget, which will be established every 2 years on the renewed Cooperative Programme.

Article IV - Observance of Regulations

Participating scientists abide by the laws of the receiving Country and regulations of the host institutions.

Article V - Intellectual Properties

Intellectual property rights shall belong to the researcher(s) and/or the researcher's employing institution. Due acknowledgement of support received from the Parties should be made in any publication resulting from the research.

Article VI - Other Matters

Administrative procedures and implementation details not stipulated in this Agreement will be provided separately in the Cooperative Programme or agreed upon via correspondence.

Article VII - Validity, Amendment, Termination

This Agreement will come into force on the date of its signing and continue thereafter for four years. Either Party may notify the other of its intention to terminate it, in which case any existing programme will be brought to an orderly conclusion. Notification shall be made six months in advance of the termination of the Agreement. The Agreement may be extended for the same period of validity, four years in the absence of a termination notice by either Party.

This Agreement is made and signed in two originals in the English language.

For the
National Council for
Scientific Research of Lebanon (CNRS-L)

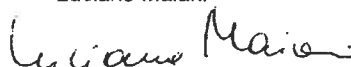
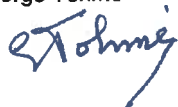
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