

**AGREEMENT ON COLLABORATION
BETWEEN
THE RUSSIAN FOUNDATION FOR BASIC RESEARCH
AND
THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF ITALY**

The National Research Council of Italy (CNR) and the Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

DESIRING to promote, develop and strengthen the relationship between the scientists from both countries;

RECOGNIZING the importance of promoting joint development of specific scientific Russian-Italian cooperation programs and exchange of experience between both Parties;

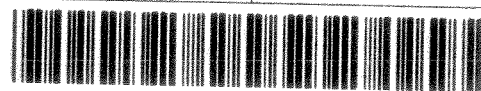
Have agreed as follows:

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**ARTICLE I
Objective**

The objective of this Agreement is to establish collaboration between CNR and RFBR in supporting joint Russian-Italian research on a basis of equality and mutual benefit, as well as to promote and support cooperation between qualified scientists in the fields of basic research which are of most interest to both Parties.

**ARTICLE II
Cooperation Areas**

To achieve the objective referred in Article I, the Parties shall carry out cooperation activities, directed but not limited to the following areas:

- a) Biotechnology;
- b) Medical Sciences;
- c) Optical Physics (Ultrafast Optics, Strong Fields, Strong Fields, Nonlinear Optical Phenomena, Laser Spectroscopy);
- d) Energy;
- e) Environment and Earth Sciences;

- f) Novel Advanced Materials
- g) Strategic Information Technology;
- h) Any other agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE III Cooperation Modalities

The cooperation between the Parties may be carried out by the following modalities:

- a) joint research projects
- b) joint workshops
- c) institutional collaboration
- d) other cooperation activities as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

The Parties are neither obliged to carry out cooperation activities in all of the areas and all of the modalities included in this Agreement.

The Parties are not obliged to collaborate on those activities in which there is domestic prohibition imposed by a law, institutional policy or custom regulation.

ARTICLE IV Implementation

For the implementation of this Agreement and particular cooperation modalities, the Parties shall develop Joint Guidelines for Implementation, which will be established by the Parties and which form an integral part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V Financing

Each Party will cover the costs of their own participants. The number of projects, workshops and any other cooperation activity under this Agreement will be contingent upon funding availability in each Party's budget and will be fixed in each Joint Guidelines for Implementation adopted by the Parties.

ARTICLE VI

Activities Coordination Mechanism

Each Party will designate an Activities Coordinator who will be in charge of the following-up activities of this Agreement and shall be contact person for the other Party.

The Activities Coordinators designated by the Parties are to be selected from the staff of the respective divisions:

For CNR:

International Relations and Agreements Office
7 Piazzale Aldo Moro, Rome, Italy
00185 Rome, Italy

For RFBR:

International Relations Department
Leninsky prospect, 32A, 119991, B-334, GSP-1, Moscow, Russia

ARTICLE VII

Intellectual Property

Intellectual property rights generated as a result of cooperation activities under this Agreement shall belong to the researcher(s) and/or the researcher's employing institution. Should the results on the joint research be patented, both Parties in compliance with provisions in force in their two countries will agree upon the conditions to legally regulate the joint invention in the respective territories and in other countries, including the International Conventions applicable in this matter. Due acknowledgement of support received from the Parties should be mention in any publication resulting from the research.

ARTICLE VIII
Confidential Information

The Parties expressly undertake to not reveal or disclose “confidential information” that is exchanged directly or indirectly between them, or to third parties unrelated to this instrument, in whole or in partial way.

It is meant by "confidential information", any information written, verbal or graphic, as well as those that are included in electronic or electromagnetic media which could be exchanged, informed or in service from the other Party for the execution of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX
Dispute Resolution

Any difference resulting from the interpretation or implementations of this Agreement shall be resolved by the Parties by mutual consent, and its resolution will be in written. If the Parties cannot resolve the dispute, they agree to submit to an alternative dispute resolution, subject to the rules that the Parties themselves decide to adopt.

ARTICLE XI
Final Provisions

This Agreement will come into force on the date of its signing and continue thereafter for 5 (five) years. Either Party may notify the other of its intention to terminate it by written communication expected to be made 6 (six) months in advance. The Agreement may be extended for the same period.

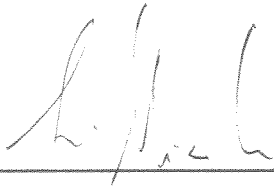
This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent of the Parties, formalized through written communications specifying the date on the entry into force of such modifications.

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the execution of the cooperation activities that have been formalized during its term.

Sign in 2 (two) identical English, both equally valid.

**FOR THE NATIONAL
RESEARCH COUNCIL OF
ITALY**

**FOR THE RUSSIAN
FOUNDATION FOR BASIC
RESEARCH**



LUIGI NICOLAIS
President

VLADISLAV PANCHENKO
Board Chairman

Date: _____

Date: _____