

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR SCHOLARLY AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**

Between

THE ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL – CNR

and

THE AZERBAIJAN NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES - ANAS

The Italian National Research Council (hereinafter referred to as CNR) and the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as ANAS), desiring to further strengthen the scholarly, scientific and technological cooperation between Italy and the Azerbaijan;

Have agreed to launch a programme of scholarly, scientific and technological cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “Programme”) as outlined in the following articles:

**Article I
Framework of Cooperation**

1. Roles of CNR and ANAS

Through the Programme, CNR and ANAS aim at fostering mutual understanding and promoting scientific cooperation between scholars and scientists of CNR and scholars and scientists in the ANAS.

2. Fields of cooperation

The Programme under this memorandum shall cover all fields but priority shall be assigned to the following specific ones:

- a) Cultural Heritage
- b) Human Sciences
- c) Technical Sciences
- d) Biological and medical sciences
- e) Physics

3. Participants

Individual participants in the Programme under this Memorandum shall be scientists belonging to the institutes of CNR on the Italian side and to the institutes of ANAS on the Azerbaijan side. Research institutes participating in the Programme under this Memorandum shall be:

- in Italy – the institutes belonging to CNR;
- in Azerbaijan – scientific research institutes of ANAS

Nothing in this Memorandum will be construed as limiting the participation of other parties in the specific activities, as deemed appropriate by the signatories of this Memorandum, on a case by case basis.

Article II Types of Cooperation

The Programme of cooperation shall include the following categories:

- a) Joint research projects;
- b) Joint seminars, workshops or other scientific meetings;
- c) Exchange of research;
- d) Exchange of scientific documentation.

Article III Roles of the parties

1. The two parties should perform the following roles:

- (i) to identify priority areas for cooperation, in addition to those listed in Article I-2, in consultation with each other, and taking into account both academic and financial feasibility.
- (ii) to establish the framework of cooperation for each selected area (key institutions, key persons, forms of cooperation, financing etc).
- (iii) to review on-going programmes and consult each other about the continuation,
- (iv) initiation or termination of cooperative programmes. This review and consultation will be carried out biennially by the points of contact identified below to maintain close mutual exchange of information.
- (v) to ensure that the cooperation will bring real benefits to both countries.

Article IV Financial regulations

1. The co-operative activity will be undertaken within the scientific remits and budgetary appropriations of both parties. The partners will form an agreement on the funding of each activity prior to committing to undertake each activity.
2. As far as the joint workshops are concerned, the following criteria apply as general guidelines:
 - a. The joint workshops will be held alternately in Italy and in Azerbaijan.
 - b. The sending party will bear the expenses of international travel to the city of destination in the host country in which the visit/workshop will take place.

- c. The receiving party will cover the living costs (accommodation and per diem allowance) during the stay in the host country.
- d. The sending party will pay (following its own rules) for emergency medical care of its scientists during the stay in the host country.

Article V
Supervision of the Programme

Officials of the parties shall correspond or meet whenever necessary to discuss the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article VI
Additional activities

This Memorandum of Understanding should not prevent nor limit cooperative activities under individual or institutional agreements, irrespective whether these activities are supported financially by either party or not. Duplication of funding should anyway be avoided.

Article VII
Validity of the Memorandum

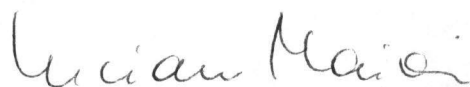
This Memorandum is valid from the day it is signed and will remain in force for a period of five years. This Memorandum will be automatically extended thereafter for successive periods of five years each, unless revoked in writing by either Party one year prior to the expiration of the respective period. This Memorandum may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties.

This Memorandum is signed in two originals in English.

Rome, June 30, 2008

For the Italian National Research Council

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**For the National Academy of Sciences
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