

**Joint Guidelines for Implementation  
of  
The Agreement on Scientific Cooperation  
between  
The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science  
and  
The National Research Council of Italy**

In accordance with the provision of Article VI of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation between the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) signed on October 23, 2011, both Parties have agreed to implement the following Joint Guidelines for Implementation.

**§1. Joint Research Projects and Joint Seminars**

**I. Purpose**

The purpose of these activities is to further advance existing cooperation while establishing a concrete partnership between the two countries by supporting team-to-team collaboration.

**II. Format**

Joint projects and seminars are to be carried out by research teams comprised of researchers from the two countries. Researchers from third countries may participate in the projects and seminars, under the condition that they cover their own expenses. The team leaders must hold a full-time position at a higher educational establishment or research institution in their respective countries.

**III. Number and duration**

Joint research projects

The number of joint research projects to be supported will not exceed 4 and run for maximum of two years. The projects jointly selected will be indicated in a list signed by both Parties separately via correspondence.

Joint seminars

The number of joint seminars to be supported each year will be one or two. If two, it is preferable to have one to be held in Japan and the other in Italy. The duration of each seminar will not exceed one week. The fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 31 on the JSPS side and from January 1 to December 31 on the CNR side. Therefore, each seminar must be held during the period from April to December.

#### IV. Financial support

##### Joint research projects

For each project, JSPS will provide annually up to JPY1,200,000 to the Japanese team, and CNR will provide up to EUR8,000 to the Italian team.

The following expenses will be covered in connection with the projects:

- International travel expenses between Japan and Italy.
- Daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel in the receiving country and the participants' own country.
- A portion of the research costs.

The cost of accident / sickness insurance will not be covered.

##### Joint seminars

For each seminar, JSPS will provide up to JPY1,200,000 to the Japanese team, and CNR will provide up to EUR8,000 to the Italian team.

The following expenses will be covered in connection with the seminars:

- The sending Party will cover
  - International travel between Japan and Italy.
  - Daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel expenses in the host country
- The hosting Party will cover
  - Domestic travel, daily allowances, accommodations for the participants of its own country
  - Expense related to holding a seminar

The cost of accident / sickness insurance will not be covered.

#### V. Application procedure and timetable

Simultaneously the leader of Japanese team should submit an application to JSPS and the leader of Italian team should submit one to CNR.

The Parties will conduct respective reviews of the applications. Based on their results, the Parties will make joint selections. The application / selection schedule is as follows:

- (a) Call for applications: conducted based on respective timetables of JSPS and CNR
- (b) Deadline for application: mid-September of previous year
- (c) Exchange of respective review results: by the end of December of previous year
- (d) Selection decision and announcement: by the end of January of subject year
- (e) Start of projects/seminars: during period from April to December of subject year
- (f) Submission of final reports: upon completion of each project/seminar

## VI. Review criteria

The following criteria will be taken into consideration when screening applications:

- (a) Scientific excellence of the proposed projects/seminars
- (b) Added value of Japanese-Italian collaboration, i.e. showing that the collaboration produces a better scientific result than would emerge from research carried out by the Japanese or Italian side alone.
- (c) Mutual advancement of research through the transfer of knowledge and expertise
- (d) Contribution to intellectual and cultural development, improvement of quality of life, and/or enhancement of socioeconomic infrastructure
- (e) Contribution to fostering young researchers
- (f) Expected results of the proposed projects/seminars

## §2. Others

Communication with regard to the implementation of all the program's activities will be carried out between the International Program Department, JSPS, and the Department for International Activities, CNR.

The validity of these Guidelines corresponds with the effective period of the Agreement on scientific cooperation between JSPS and CNR signed on 23 October, 2011. With the coming into effect of these Guidelines, Joint Guidelines for Implementation of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation between JSPS and CNR signed on October 23, 2007 shall be invalid.

Amendments to these Guidelines may be proposed by either JSPS or CNR. Such amendments will become effective when JSPS and CNR have mutually agreed upon them.

These Guidelines are made and signed in duplicate in English, both being equally authentic.

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