



**Cooperative Programme 2016-2018
of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
between
the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR), Italy
and
the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India**

In accordance with the provision of Article 1 of the Agreement between the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) of Italy and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India (hereinafter referred to as CNR and CSIR respectively), both Parties have agreed on the following cooperative programme.

Article 1. Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will promote the cooperation between Indian and Italian researchers and research centres through joint research projects.

Article 2. Joint Projects

This mode of cooperation will be conducted as follows:

- 2.1 Both parties will support up to 5 (five) joint research projects implemented on specific subjects with the participation of scientists from CNR and CSIR. The joint research projects will be mutually agreed in advance by both parties. The duration of a joint research project will be three years.
- 2.2 The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced by each party in May-June 2015 with a submission deadline of September 30, 2015.
- 2.3 The joint research projects will be expected to start from January 1, 2016.
- 2.4 Both parties, CNR and CSIR, will a) gather all the applications from their respective sides, b) review them separately, and c) exchange prioritized lists by the end of November 2015.
- 2.5 The list of joint research projects mutually approved (those best evaluated by each party) shall be announced by December 20, 2015 and shall be annexed to this Cooperation Programme.

Article 3. Financial Support

Article 10 of the Agreement between CNR and CSIR on financial support stands modified and the revised financial conditions for the approved joint research projects shall be as follows:

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- 3.1 Both parties agree to contribute on an equal basis to the financing of the program, subject to the availability of funds.
- 3.2 For each project CNR will provide annually up to 8.000,00 Euro to the Italian team.
CSIR will fund the projects according to their budget.
- 3.3 All expenses related to the exchange visits [Travel (international and domestic), medical insurance towards overseas travel, accommodation expenses, local transport and per diem] for participants/visitors will be borne by the sending party.
- 3.4 Both Parties will re-evaluate the amount of the allowances from time to time, in relation to major costs and in accordance with the provisions existing in each country as well as respective government regulations.

Article 4 . Medical insurance

Article 11 of the Agreement between CNR and CSIR on medical expenses stands modified.

As per the revised procedure, the visitor(s) should have insurance entitling the holder(s) to free emergency medical treatment in the host country. The responsibility for the provision of adequate insurance against *illness/accidents* that may occur during the stay in the host country will rest with the sending party.

Article 5. Modifications, Duration and Termination

Articles 9 and 12 of the Agreement between CNR and CSIR will not be applicable during the tenure of this working programme.

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

The present CNR-CSIR Cooperation Programme remains valid from the date of signature to December 31, 2018 subject to the validity of the "Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation" signed between CNR and CSIR. The cooperation programme will be jointly reviewed by CSIR and CNR in January 2019 for renewal/extension.

Signed in two copies in English, each of them being equally valid.

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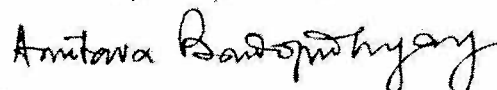


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