Cooperative Programme
of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
between
The National Research Council of Italy (CNR)
and
Chinese Academy of Cultural Heritage (CACH)

In accordance with the provision of Article II and VI of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and the Chinese Academy of Cultural Heritage (hereinafter referred to as CNR and CACH respectively), both Parties have agreed on the following cooperative programme.

Article 1. Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will promote the cooperation between Chinese and Italian researchers and research centres through the following forms of cooperation:
- Joint research projects
- Individual visits

Article 2. Joint research projects

This mode of cooperation will be conducted as follows:

2.1 Both Parties will support up to 6 joint research projects, which will be implemented on specific subjects with the participation of scientists from each country and will be mutually agreed in advance by both sides. CNR will only consider projects leaded by its own scientists for financial support. The duration of a joint research project will normally be three years.

2.2 The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced by each Party in May/June every three years. The first call for proposals will be announced in May/June 2015 with a deadline of 30 September 2015.

2.3 The joint research projects will be expected to start on January 1, 2016.
2.4 Both Parties, CNR and CACH, will a) gather all the applications from their respective sides, b) review them separately, and c) exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of December every three years.

2.5 The list of joint research projects mutually approved (those best evaluated by each Party) shall be annexed to this Cooperation Programme.

Article 3. Financial Support to Joint research projects

The financial conditions for the approved joint research projects shall be as follows:

3.1 The Parties agree to contribute on an equal basis to the financing of the programme, subject to the availability of the Parties’ funds.

3.2 For each project, CACH will provide annually up to 40000 RMB to the Chinese team, and CNR will provide annually up to 5000 Euro to the Italian team.

3.3 Travel (international and domestic) and accommodation expenses for participants shall be borne by the sending Party.

3.4 The support given by the Parties to the research teams shall complement the proper resources of each team, and is intended to subsidize the general costs linked to the international nature of the projects, the costs of international travel (mainly transportation and per-diem expenses). Each research team may apply for complementary support from other institutions.

3.5 Both Parties shall re-evaluate the amount of the allowances in relation to inflation and in accordance with the provisions given.

Article 4. Individual visits

Chinese researchers’ visits

4.1 Chinese researchers may apply annually for short term visits (up to 3 months) to CNR Institutes.

4.2 Applicants must submit their proposal directly to CNR Institutes and these shall independently evaluate the possibility of hosting the Chinese researchers.
4.3 Up to 3 Chinese researchers will be accepted yearly.

4.4 All expenses including travel and accommodation in Italy will be borne by the Chinese Party.

**Italian researchers’ visits**

4.5 CNR researchers may visit CACH Institutes through the CNR sponsored programme “Short Term Mobility”.

**Article 5. Medical insurance**

The visitor should have insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country. The responsibility for the provision of adequate insurance against accidents that may occur during the stay in the host country will rest with the sending Party.

The receiving Party will provide the visitor with all indispensable organisational assistance in situations requiring such steps.

**Article 6. Duration and Termination**

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

The present CNR - CACH Cooperation Programme remains valid during the effective duration of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation signed by and between CNR and CACH.

Signed in Rome on 7 November 2014 in two copies in English, both being equally valid.

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