

**Cooperative Programme
under the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
between
the National Research Council of Italy (CNR)
and
the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA)**

In accordance with the provision of Article 2 of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as CNR and MTA respectively), both Parties have agreed upon the following cooperative programme.

Article 1 Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will promote the cooperation between Hungarian and Italian researchers and research centres through the following forms of cooperation:

- a) Joint research projects;
- b) Other cooperative activities mutually accepted.

Article 2 Joint Research Projects

For the joint research projects the cooperation will be conducted as follows:

- 2.1 The Parties shall promote scientific collaboration in all research areas.
- 2.2 Both parties will support up to eight (8) joint research projects implemented in specific subjects, as stated in Article 2, point 2.1 with the participation of scientists from each Party.
- 2.3 The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced simultaneously by the Parties every three years. The selected joint research projects will be in place for a duration of three years.
- 2.4 The joint research projects will be expected to start on January 1, 2023.
- 2.5 Both parties, CNR and MTA, will:
 - a) gather all the applications from their respective sides;

- b) review them separately; and
 - c) exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of December 2022;
 - d) select the joint research projects to be funded on the basis of financial availability and the provisions of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation;
 - e) finance their own team of researchers.
- 2.6 The list of joint research projects mutually approved will be made public once available as Annex 1 to this Cooperative Programme.
- 2.7 Special eligibility provisions by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA):
- Financial contribution for joint research projects can only be granted to a research unit certified as “MTA centre of excellence”;
 - Principal investigators from the side of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences are required to be employed by a research unit certified as “MTA centre of excellence”.

Article 3 Financial Support

In accordance with the provision of Article 2 of the Scientific Cooperation Agreement, the approved joint research projects shall be financed 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, CNR will provide annually up to 4,000.00 € to the Italian team, and MTA will annually provide the members of the Hungarian team with funds for international travel, accommodation and per-diem expenses for their stay in Italy.
- 3.3 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.

Article 4 Medical insurance

The visitor should have insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country.

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

Article 5 Protection of Personal Data

Concerning the protection of personal data deriving from this Cooperative Programme, reference shall be made to Article 4 of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation.

Article 6 Amendments

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

Article 7 Duration and Termination

This Cooperative Programme shall come into force on the date of its signature by both Parties and remain valid for a period of three years.

This Cooperative Programme is signed in two copies in English.

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