#### **AGREEMENT**

# on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between

### the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey

#### and

### the National Research Council of Italy

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and The National Research Council of Italy (CNR) (hereinafter referred to as the Parties).

Recognising the importance of science and technology in the development of their national economies,

Wishing to strengthen and develop scientific and technological co-operation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, have agreed as follows:

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### Article 3 Practice

3.1. Financial and executive details of the cooperation activities in the scope of this Agreement will be identified in the Implementation Programme which will be signed by both Parties.

## Article 4 Implementation and Legal Aspects

- 4.1. This Agreement is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Parties and does not constitute an agreement binding upon the States of the Parties under international law. No provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Parties.
- 4.2. Any dispute related to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations between the Parties.
- 4.3. With respect to the co-operation activities established under this Agreement, each Party shall take, in accordance with the respective national legislations of their States, all necessary measures to ensure the best possible conditions for their implementation.
- 4.4. This Agreement shall not affect the validity or execution of any obligation arising from other international treaties or agreements concluded by the States of the Parties.
- 4.5. This Agreement may be amended at any time through mutual consent of the Parties, expressed in writing.
- 4.6. Participating researchers abide by the laws of the receiving country and regulations of the host institutions.

## Article 5 Intellectual Properties

- 5.1. Intellectual property rights shall belong to the researcher/s and/or the researcher's employing Research and Development organizations which abide by the rules of their countries. Due acknowledgement of support received from the Parties should be made in any publication resulting from the research.
- 5.2. Scientific and technological results and any other information derived from the cooperation activities under this Agreement, will be announced, published or commercially exploited with the consent of both cooperating partners and according to the international agreements concerning intellectual property rights to which states of the Parties are both signatories.

## Article 6 Initiation and Termination

- 6.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date when it is signed by both Parties.
- 6.2 This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of four years and shall automatically be renewed for further periods of four years, unless either party notifies in writing its intentions to terminate this Agreement at least six months prior to the renewal date.
- 6.3 The termination will come into effect in six months from the date of the said notification. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the projects or programmes undertaken under this Agreement and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Agreement.

This Agreement is signed in 2 authentic originals in English both being equally valid.

For the National Research Council of Italy

Date: 3 0 LUG, 2015

Prof. Luigi NICOLAIS,

President

For the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey

Date:

Prof. Mehmet ÇELİK,

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