

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR SCHOLARLY AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
between
THE ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL – CNR
and
THE UZBEKISTAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**

The Italian National Research Council (hereinafter referred to as CNR) and the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as UAS), in pursuance of provisions of the Agreement on cultural and scientific cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Government of the Italian Republic, ratified on 13th of August 1997, intending to extend and strengthen scientific and technical cooperation, based on the principles of mutual benefit, equity and respect, have agreed to launch a programme of scientific and technological cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “Programme”) as outlined in the following articles.

Article I

1. Roles of CNR and UAS

Through the Programme, CNR and UAS aim at fostering mutual understanding and promoting scientific cooperation between scholars and scientists of CNR and scholars and scientists of UAS.

2. Fields of cooperation

The Programme under this Memorandum shall cover all fields but priority shall be assigned to the following specific ones:

- a) Biological and medical sciences
- b) Biotechnologies
- c) Energy
- d) Agriculture
- e) Water resources management
- f) Technologies for wastewater treatment

The Parties shall facilitate and promote mutually beneficial bilateral scientific and technological relations within the framework of this Memorandum in accordance with the national legislation of Parties.

3. Participants

Individual participants in the Programme under this Memorandum shall be scientists belonging to the institutes of CNR on the Italian side and to the institutes of Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences on the Uzbekistan side.

Research institutes participating in the Programme under this Memorandum shall be:

- in Italy – the institutes belonging to CNR;
- in Uzbekistan – scientific research institutes of UAS

Nothing in this Memorandum will be construed as limiting the participation of other parties in the specific activities, as deemed appropriate by the signatories of this Memorandum, on a case by case basis.

Article II

The Programme of cooperation shall include the following categories:

- a) Joint projects;
- b) Joint seminars, workshops or other scientific meetings;
- c) Exchange of researchers;
- d) Exchange of scientific documentation.

Article III

The two parties should perform the following roles:

- (i) to identify priority areas for cooperation, in addition to those listed in Article I-2, in consultation with each other, and taking into account both academic and financial feasibility.
- (ii) to establish the framework of cooperation for each selected area (key institutions, key persons, forms of cooperation, financing etc) by launching specific calls of bilateral research proposals.
- (iii) to review on-going research proposals and consult each other about the continuation.
- (iv) Set starting and duration of cooperative research projects. This review and consultation will be carried out biennially by the points of contact identified below to maintain close mutual exchange of information.
- (v) to ensure that the cooperation will bring real benefits to both countries by checking the results obtained by the funded research projects.

Article IV

The co-operative activity will be undertaken within the scientific remits and budgetary appropriations of both parties. The partners will form an agreement on the funding of each activity prior to committing to undertake each activity. In addition, calls of funding research proposal can be launched using specific economic resources managed by Uzbekistan, Italy and other entities.

Article V

Officials of the parties shall correspond or meet whenever necessary to discuss the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

By mutual consent of the Parties this Memorandum may be amended and supplemented with separate protocols, which are an integral part of this Memorandum.

Article VI

This Memorandum of Understanding should not prevent nor limit cooperative activities under individual or institutional agreements, irrespective whether these activities are supported financially by either party or not. Duplication of funding should anyway be avoided.

Article VII

All questions or disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum shall be settled by mutual agreement of the Parties.

Article VIII

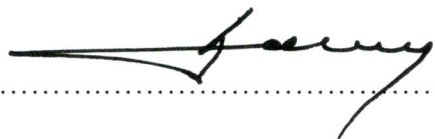
This Memorandum is valid from the day it is signed and will remain in force for a period of five years. This Memorandum will be automatically extended thereafter for successive periods of five years each, unless revoked in writing by either Party 6 month prior to the expiration of the respective period. This Memorandum may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties.

Done in _____ “_____” _____2021 in three originals each in Italian, Uzbek and English languages of the Parties, each text being equally authentic. In the case of any disagreement of interpretation of this Memorandum, the Parties shall be guided by the English text.

For the
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