MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

Between

THE ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL – CNR And SERBIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS – SASA

The Italian National Research Council (hereinafter referred to as CNR) and the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (hereinafter SASA);

Desiring to further strengthen the scientific and technological cooperation between Italy and Serbia;

Have agreed to launch a program of scientific and technological cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "program") as outlined in the following articles:

Article I. Framework of Cooperation

1. Roles of CNR and SASA,

Through the programs, CNR and SASA shall promote scientific cooperation between the scientists of two institutions;

2. Field of cooperation

The program under this memorandum shall cover all fields of natural and applied sciences; priority shall be assigned to the following specific fields such as;

- a) Information technology
- b) Material science
- c) Chemistry of biologically active compound
- d) Environmental technology
- e) Humanities and Social science

3. Participants

Participants in the programs under this Memorandum shall be scientists belonging to the institutes of CNR and SASA respectively;

4. Research institutes

Research institutes in the program under this memorandum shall be the institutes belonging to CNR and other scientific institution and SASA respectively.

Article II. Types of Programs of Cooperation

The programs of cooperation shall consist of the following categories:

- a) Joint research projects
- b) Joint seminars, workshops or other scientific meetings
- c) Scientists Exchange
- d) Exchange of scientific documentations.

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Article III. General principle cooperative activities

- a) As a general principle, cooperative activities will be carried out on the basis of mutual benefit;
- b) Joint workshops will be a maximum of two per year, one to be held in Italy and one in Serbia; their duration will be of 5-7 days including possible visits to institutes and laboratories; the maximum number of participants will be five on each side;
- c) Exchange of delegations will be a maximum of two per year, one from Italy to Serbia and vice versa; delegations will include a maximum of five representatives. The visits will last at least on week.

Article IV. Financial regulations

As a general rule, the sending party will bear the expenses of international transportation to the principal city in the host country in which the visit/workshop will take place.

The receiving party will cover the living costs (accommodation and per diem allowance) during the stay in the host country.

The receiving party will cover the domestic travel costs in accordance with the earlier accepted program of the visit.

The sending party will pay (following its own rules) for emergency medical care of its scientists during the stay in the host country.

Article V. Supervision of the Program

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

Article VI. Additional activities

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. Effectiveness of the Memorandum

This Memorandum is valid from the day it is signed and remains 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 one year prior to the expiration of this Memorandum may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties.

This Memorandum was executed in Belgrade on May 4, 2006, in two authentic originals in English.

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