

**Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
between
The National Research Council of Italy
and the Sulaymani University, Kurdistan Region, Iraq**

The Sulaymani University of Iraq and The National Research Council of Italy (CNR) (hereinafter collectively referred to as the Parties) have agreed to conclude the following Agreement:

Article I Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to further strengthen cooperation in scientific research between Iraq and Italy. The Parties will, on a basis of equality and mutual benefit, promote and support cooperation between highly qualified researchers and between research institutions in their respective countries in all fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, physics and material sciences.

Article II Forms of Cooperation

Under this Agreement, cooperation may include the following activities:

- a) Joint research projects and seminars
- b) Stay of Iraqi Undergraduate and Postgraduate students in Italy for study and research, at CNR Institutions.
- c) Other cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed upon

Article III Practice

The Parties will implement the activities stipulated in Article II as follows:

1. The Parties will select joint research projects and joint seminars via consultation based on their respective review results of submitted proposals, with a practice of equal cost –sharing between the Parties.
2. For Art II, comma B - Iraqi Undergraduate and Postgraduate students in Italy for study and research, all cost will be covered by the Iraqi side.

Article IV Observance of Regulations

The Parties will require participating researchers to abide by the laws of the receiving country and regulations of the host institutions.

Article V Intellectual Properties

The Parties will encourage researchers and their institutions to ensure the protection and proper distribution of intellectual property resulting from projects funded under this Agreement. Due acknowledgement of support received from the Parties should be made in any publication resulting from the research.

Article VI Others

Administrative procedures and implementation details not stipulated in this Agreement will be provided separately in the Joint Guidelines for Implementation or agreed upon via correspondence.

Article VII Validity, Amendment, Termination

This Agreement will come into force on the date of its signing and continue thereafter for four years, and shall duly supersede the following agreements between the Parties. This Agreement may be extended for the same period of validity, four years, in absence of a termination notice by either party. Either party may notify the other of its intention to terminate this Agreement during the period of its validity. Notification shall be made in writing at least one year in advance of the termination of the Agreement. The arrangements made within the framework of the program will continue to apply to all projects that have not been completed by the date of the program's termination.

This Agreement is made and signed in duplicate in English, both being equally authentic.

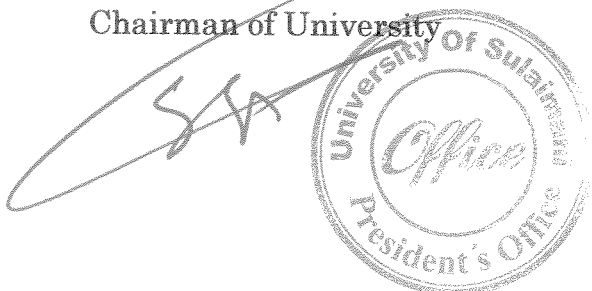
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For the Sulaymani University
Kurdistan Region, Iraq

For the Consiglio Nazionale
delle Ricerche of Italy

Prof. Salahalddin S.Ali
Chairman of University

Prof. Luigi Nicolais
CNR President



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Nicolais', written over the printed name of Prof. Luigi Nicolais.