

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

The National Research Council of Italy

and

the National Scientific and Technical Research Council of Argentina

The National Research Council of Italy (hereinafter, CNR) and the National Scientific and Technical Research Council of Argentina (hereinafter, CONICET), hereinafter referred to as the "Parties", have agreed to draw up the following Agreement

Article I - Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to further strengthen cooperation in scientific research between Italy and Argentina. The Parties, on a basis of equality and mutual benefit, will collaborate on the following (but not limited) scientific areas:

- Applied Acoustics;
- Bio-Construction Lab.;
- Fisheries Ecology;
- Deep Sea Mining;
- Marine Spatial Planning;
- Extreme marine environments;
- Ocean Energy;
- Law of the Sea and Maritime Law.

Article II - Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will collaborate, as a general principle, through the following joint activities:

- Joint laboratories;
- Publication of joint scientific articles on international peer-reviewed journals;
- Feasibility assessment for joint oceanographic surveys;
- Joint research activities, including: deployment of cabled hydrophones in Argentine Seas, selected *in-situ*, small scale tests and experiments, collection of oceanographic data.

Article III - Financial support

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For the following Joint laboratory: CAIMAR Joint Laboratory (CAIMAR JL), selected by CNR for the years 2017-2019, - Italian Principal Investigator and Institute: Dr. Giuseppa BUSCAINO, Permanent Researcher at the CNR, Institute for Marine and Coastal Environment (IAMC-CNR) - Foreign Principal Investigator and Institute: Dr. Diego Horacio RODRÍGUEZ, Independent Researcher at the CONICET - CNR will grant the Italian research team an annual amount of € 50,000.00 and CONICET will provide grants to the Argentine research team to cover campaign costs up to an annual amount of € 50,000.00;

Article IV - Intellectual Property Rights

The contents and results of the activities carried out under the above mentioned Joint Laboratory may be used or published by CNR and/or CONICET following the normal provisions in force on this issue within the scientific community. Each partner retains the intellectual property rights on the results deriving from the activities performed during the Joint Laboratory.

Article V - Entry into Effect, Duration, and Termination

This Agreement shall enter into effect on the date of its signing by the Parties.

This Agreement shall remain in force until the expiration of CNR funding.

Either Party may notify the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement, in which case any existing program will be brought to an orderly conclusion and the funding will be suspended.

For any dispute arising from the application or interpretation of this agreement, the parties agree to exhaust all measures to end the conflict, in case they cannot reach an agreement they will be submitted to an International Tribunal in accordance with the applicable international standards.


Notification will have to be forwarded six months in advance of the termination of the Agreement.

This Agreement is drawn and signed in four originals, two in English and two in Spanish.

Date:

For the National Research Council of Italy

The President, Prof. Massimo Inguscio



For the National Scientific and Technical Research Council of Argentina

The President, Dr. Alejandro Ceccatto



Dr. Alejandro Ceccatto
Presidente CONICET