

EXECUTIVE PROTOCOL
TO THE AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND
THE CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE
for the period 2016-2018

In compliance with Article II of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation signed between the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS) and the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche of Italy (CNR) signed in Budapest on 16 September 2015 and in Rome on- **5. OTT. 2015**..... (hereinafter referred to as Parties), both Parties have agreed upon the following provisions:

I. Field of cooperation

Present Executive Protocol sets the selection and evaluation procedures and financial guidelines of joint research projects under the above Agreement for the period 2016-2018.

Co-operative actions are based upon the principle of reciprocity for the mutual benefit of both Parties.

II Form of Cooperation:

Joint research projects

Joint research projects are performed with the participation of the research teams of both Parties and the Parties will support up to 12 joint research projects every year implemented on specific subjects upon the availability of funds for bilateral cooperation. The duration of a joint research project will normally be three years.

Selection criteria:

- The selection of joint research projects is based upon joint project proposals submitted in both countries with the approval of both host institutions;
- Each Party is responsible for the scientific evaluation of joint projects that should be based on scientific excellence;
- Funding decision is made upon the availability of funds for bilateral cooperation;
- Open call for new project proposals can be launched every three years on the basis of mutual consent of the Parties.

Special eligibility provisions by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences:

- Financial contribution for joint research projects can only be granted to the research network of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (research centres, research institutes, Academy research groups affiliated to universities);
- Principal investigators from the side of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences are required to be employed by an institution within the research network of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (research centres, research institutes, Academy research groups affiliated to universities).

Special eligibility provisions by the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche:

- Financial contribution for joint research projects can only be granted to the research network of the CNR;
- Principal investigators from the side of the CNR are required to be CNR's researchers.

Ex-post evaluation of joint research projects

Following the end of the funding period principal investigators are required to submit a project report based on the results of the project with reference to the research and financial plan described in the application form.

List of joint research projects

The list of joint research projects mutually approved shall be annexed to this Executive Protocol.

III. Financial guidelines and conditions

The Parties agree to cover the costs of the participants from its own country. For each project the Hungarian Academy of Sciences will annually provide funds for international travel, accomodation and per-diem expenses in Italy, the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche will provide up to 4,000.00 Euro to the Italian research team, including (international and domestic) travel, and accomodation expenses.

Principal Investigators are responsible for the use of the funding provided by their academy to implement joint activities. It is the responsibility of Principal Investigators to make necessary arrangements to organise their visits to the partner institutions and to receive visiting scientists from partner institutions.

The support given by the Parties to the research teams shall complement the proper resources of each team, and is intended to subsidize the general costs linked to the international nature of the projects. Each research team may apply for complementary support from other institutions.

If the cost of living changes significantly both Parties will, in accordance with the legal regulations in their respective countries, seek for means to adjust the allowances.

IV. Medical Insurance

Visitors should have a valid health insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country. The responsibility for the provision of adequate insurance against accidents that may occur during the stay in the host country rests with the Sending Party. The Receiving Party shall provide the visitor with all indispensable organisational assistance in situations requiring such steps.

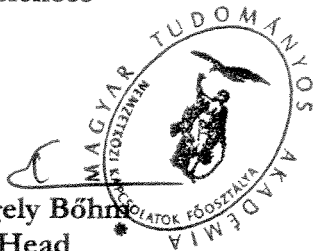
V. Validity

This Protocol shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 and shall remain valid until 31 December 2018, unless revoked in writing by either Party with at least six months' notice.

The terms of the present Protocol may be modified on the basis of mutual understanding of the Parties and shall be enclosed in further Annex.

This Protocol has been signed in Budapest on *21 September* and in Rome on *5 October* in two identical copies in English each of them being equally authentic.

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