

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

OF JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN ITALY AND EGYPT FOR THE YEARS 2008-2010

Within the framework of the Scientific and Technical Co-operation Agreement between Italy and Egypt, signed in Cairo on April 29, 1975, the General Directorate for Cultural Promotion and Co-operation – Office V of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of State for Scientific Research of Egypt initiate herewith the procedures for the drafting of the Executive Programme of Scientific and Technological Co-operation for the years 2008-2010.

1. PROCEDURES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF RESEARCHERS

1.1 PURPOSES

Submission of joint research projects by researchers of both Countries is requested, with the aim of encouraging scientific and technological co-operation between Italy and Egypt. Each researcher may submit one project only. Financing will be granted exclusively for the exchange of researchers holding Italian nationality (or a EU nationality and who are working for an Italian institution) and Egyptian nationality.

1.2 PRIORITY RESEARCH AREAS

Projects may be submitted in the following priority research areas:

- Basic Sciences;
- Bio sciences (including Health and Biotechnology);
- Environment and energy;
- Information and Communication Technology (I.C.T);
- Nano-technology;
- New materials and ecologically sustainable technologies;
- Technology transfer and innovation;
- Space and remote sensing technologies;
- Technological transfer to SMEs;
- Technologies applied to cultural heritage.

1.3 PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS

The same project must be submitted by the Italian and Egyptian co-ordinators to their respective administrations at the addresses given below (see 1.6). Projects submitted to only one of the two Parties will not be considered.

The projects, covering three years (2008-2010), must be drafted in English, signed by the project co-ordinator and must include the following details:

- title, research area (only one area must be indicated), three key-words of the project, names and personal data of the Italian/Egyptian co-ordinators;
- composition and description of the research unit;
- short c.v. listing the Italian/Egyptian co-ordinator's 5 publications relevant to the project;
- short description of the Italian/Egyptian research institution;
- description and purposes of the project;
- expected results and available financial resources. In the case of a project already in progress, the Italian and Egyptian co-ordinators must indicate the current status and the results that have been achieved so far.

The scientific project can be also dealing with experimental work for thesis, to be developed jointly between the two research Institutions. The thesis must be agreed upon by the two Institutions and a period of time of minimum three months and maximum nine months must be spent in Italy. In this case the Italian Government will consider the possibility to award a grant to the foreign student.(see Annex2)

1.4 PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION AT NATIONAL AND BILATERAL LEVEL

The projects will be initially evaluated at national level. Subsequently, a joint assessment will be carried out by representatives of the two Parties (in the meeting of the Joint Committee) in order to select the projects admitted for funding.

The projects will be assessed according to the following criteria:

1. qualifications and experience of research teams;
2. methodology, approach, strategy, structure, and documentation;
3. sufficiency of existing and proposed research infrastructure;
4. level of originality and innovation;
5. social and developmental added value for Italy and Egypt;
6. purpose of cooperation among the research teams;
7. exploitation of results;
8. dissemination of results.

Preference will be given to projects that involve industrial counterparts, benefit from third parties' funding (such as public and private research institutes and organizations) and/or take part in multilateral and European research programmes, particularly the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union.

1.5 FINANCING OF PROJECTS

Only the cost of the exchange of researchers will be financed. Annually one short-term stay (up to 10 days) or one long-term stay (1 month = 30 days) will be financed per project.

The Italian Party (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) will pay researchers holding Italian nationality (or a EU nationality and who are working for an Italian institution) international travel expenses and will give a contribution towards accommodation expenses in Italy of researchers holding Egyptian nationality. The Italian Party shall grant the researchers holding Egyptian nationality a monthly amount of 1300 Euro (one thousand and three hundred) for long term stays (30 days), and a daily amount of 93 Euros (ninety three) for short stays (up to 10 days).

The Egyptian Party (Ministry of State for Scientific Research) will pay researchers holding Egyptian nationality international travel expenses and will give a contribution towards the accommodation expenses in Egypt of researchers holding Italian nationality (or a EU nationality and who are working for an Italian institution). The

Egyptian Party shall grant the researchers holding Italian nationality (or a EU nationality and who are working for an Italian institution) a monthly amount of L.E 4.000 (four thousand) for long term stays (30 days), and a daily amount of L.E 350 (three hundred and fifty) for short stays.

1.6 SUBMISSION OF JOINT PROJECTS

The Italian and Egyptian co-ordinators must submit their proposals to the Ministries responsible for the implementation of the Executive Programme of Scientific and Technological Co-operation in the two Countries. Projects that have not been submitted in both Countries in accordance with the above-mentioned procedures will not be considered.

Procedures applicable to Italian researchers. The Italian co-ordinator must submit the research project proposal by filling out the enclosed form (see Annex 1) and forwarding it no later than November 15, 2007, in two copies, by post, with the words "Programma Italia – Egypt" clearly written on the envelope to the following address:

*Ministero degli Affari Esteri
D.G.P.C.C. – Ufficio V
Piazzale della Farnesina, 1
00194 Roma*

In addition, the Italian project co-ordinator must e-mail one copy of the research project proposal (in *MS Word, pdf or text format*) to the following addresses:

paolaantonietta.deangelis@esteri.it and franco.porcelli@esteri.it .

Procedures applicable to Egyptian researchers.

The Egyptian co-ordinator must submit the research project proposal by filling out the enclosed form (see Annex 1) and forwarding it no later than November 15, 2007 in two copies, by post, with the words " Egypt-Italy Scientific cooperation 2008-2010 clearly written on the envelope to the following address:

Ministry of State for Scientific Research
101 Kasr Aini St. (2nd floor) , Cairo, Egypt .
Tel:(0202) 27921284 -82
Fax:(0202) 27921280

1.7 PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

For the Italian Party, the list of the selected projects will be posted exclusively on the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the address www.esteri.it following the breadcrumb Foreign Policy > Culture> Activities > Scientific Technological Cooperation > Executive programmes > Culturale Scientifica Tecnologica in Vigore.

The general administrative and financial rules will be found only on the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the address www.esteri.it following the breadcrumb Foreign Policy > Culture> Activities > Scientific Technological Cooperation > Executive programmes > Scientifica Tecnologica in Vigore.

For the Egyptian Party, the list of the selected projects will be posted exclusively on the website of the Egyptian Sciences and technology Portal at the address www.estp.sci.eg .

1.8 REPORTS ON THE PROJECT

At the end of each year the Italian and the Egyptian co-ordinators shall report on the progress of their projects. Funding for the next year will not be given if the co-ordinators fail to submit their progress reports.

2. PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR SIGNIFICANT BILATERAL PROJECTS ("PROGETTI DI GRANDE RILEVANZA" AI SENSI DELLA L. 401/90)

In the course of validity of the Executive Programme, the Italian Party will also consider granting an annual special financial contribution, within the limits of the available financial resources, to significant bilateral research projects ("progetti di grande rilevanza"), provided that they have already been inserted in the Executive Programme.

The procedures to be awarded the above-mentioned special funds are as follows:

2.1 Within the terms valid for the call for proposals under point 1.2 – 1.3 (criteria, priority areas) the Italian co-ordinator must submit a preliminary indication of a significant joint project proposal by filling out the enclosed form (see Annex 3) and forwarding it no later than November 15, 2007, in two copies, by post, with the words "Programma Italia-Egypt" clearly written on the envelope, to:

*Ministero degli Affari Esteri
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Piazzale della Farnesina, 1
00194 Roma*

The Italian project co-ordinator must also e-mail one copy of the significant joint project proposal (in MSWord, pdf or text format) to the address:

paolaantonietta.deangelis@esteri.it and franco.porcelli@esteri.it

These preliminary indications of significant joint projects will be evaluated by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – D.G.P.C.C. – Office V and submitted for approval to the Egyptian Party. If agreed upon, these project proposals will be inserted in the Executive Programme.

2.2 The significant joint research projects inserted in the Executive Programme will constitute a short-list of projects entitled to apply for funding in accordance with the specific call for proposals issued by Office V of D.G.P.C.C. of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and published on the web every year. The call for proposals is usually published every autumn for the following funding year.

Details on such projects (in compliance with Law 401/90) are available on the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, www.esteri.it following the breadcrumb Foreign Policy > Culture > Activities > Executive programmes > Scientifica Tecnologica in fase di negoziato.

NB: each researcher may submit one project only; the preliminary indication of a proposal as significant bilateral project excludes the possibility for the project co-ordinator of the same project to apply for funding as a joint research project (funding for the exchange of researchers) pursuant to point 1 of the present call for proposals.

Rome on September 15,2007

ANNEX 1
Application for Joint Projects for the exchange of researchers
within the Executive Programme Italy-Egypt

1.1

Project proposal

Title (max: 120 characters)	
Area:	
Key-words (3):	
Place of implementation:	
Foreign research unit:	

Italian Institution submitting the proposal

(University, research body, other: specify):	
(public/private: specify)	
Official name:	
Address (street, post code and city):	
Telephone	Fax:
E-mail:	

Italian Scientific co-ordinator

Surname, Name:	
Qualification:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Contact address (street, post code and city):	
E-mail:	

Egyptian partner institution

(University, Research body, other: specify):	
(public/private: specify):	
Official name:	
Address (Street, post code, city):	
Telephone:	Fax:
E-mail:	

Egyptian scientific co-ordinator

Surname, name:	
Qualification:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Contact Address (Street, post code, city):	
E-mail:	

1.2

Composition and description of the Italian research unit involved in the Project

Name:	Function:
Name:	Function:
Name:	Function:
Name:	Function:
Name:	Function:

1.3

Italian scientific co-ordinator's cv

(max: 20 lines including 5 bibliographical references)

1.4

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

(points 1- 7 in max. 3 pages; place any pictures on separate sheet)

1) INTRODUCTION
2) OBJECTIVES - Indicate the objectives and the scientific and/or educational basis of the project (highlight reasons for collaborating with the foreign partner)
3) METHODOLOGY - Indicate in an analytical form the research and/or educational stages, emphasising the roles played by the Italian and foreign research units

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4) RESOURCES – Indicate the Italian and foreign financial and human resources, specifying the months per man devoted to the project by each member of the research unit. Indicate also the scientific instrumentation available and necessary for the project implementation

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5) EXPECTED RESULTS – Indicate the expected results with particular regard to technological transfer and/or development of human resources, impact on scientific and technological relations

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6) Collaborations already developed with the partner country (If any)

7) BIBLIOGRAPHY – Indicate 5 bibliographical references relevant to the project

Date

Signature

ANNEX 2
Application for Joint Experimental Thesis Proposal
within the Executive Programme Italy-Egypt

2.1

Project proposal

Experimental Thesis Work	Second Level Degree <input type="checkbox"/>	PhD Thesis <input type="checkbox"/>
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Title (max: 120 characters)	
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Research Field:

Key-words (3):

Expected length in Italy: (minimum 3, maximum 9 months)

Place of implementation:

Italy:

Foreign Country:

Accommodation availability (Italy) Canteen availability (Italy)

Egyptian Student's Surname, Name
(only if known and already contacted)

Italian Scientific Tutor submitting the proposal

Surname, Name:

Qualification:

Telephone:	Fax:
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Contact address (street, post code and city):

E-mail:

Egyptian Scientific Tutor

Surname, Name:

Qualification:

Telephone:	Fax:
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Contact Address (Street, post code, city):

E-mail:

Italian Institution

(University, research body, other: specify):

(public/private: specify)

Official name:

Address (street, post code and city):

Telephone	Fax:
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E-mail:

Egyptian Institution

(University, research body, other: specify):

(public/private: specify)	
Official name:	
Address (street, post code and city):	
Telephone	Fax:
E-mail:	

2.2

ITALIAN RESEARCH UNIT COMPOSITION

(Researchers, Students, Technical Staff) working on the thesis project

Name:	Function:
Name:	Function:
Name:	Function:
Name:	Function:
Name:	Function:

(enlarge if needed)

2.3

PROJECT RELATED REFERENCES

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

(enlarge if needed)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Please write no more than **two pages** describing clearly the thesis work offered, underlining the complementarities of the research shared between the two Institutions. Remember to state clearly the starting date and the time validity of your thesis offered to suitable students.

Please note that you will be committed to follow the student during his/her thesis and to collaborate with the sending Institution up to the Degree. Abstract of the work and Degree must be made available to Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1) OBJECTIVES – Indicate the objectives and the educational basis of the project (highlight reasons for collaborating with the foreign partner). State period to be spent in Italy (min3 max 9 months) and in
2) METHODOLOGY – Indicate in an analytical form the educational stages, emphasising the roles played by the Italian and foreign research units.
3) RESOURCES – Indicate the Italian and foreign resources, specifying the research unit members in charge of the project. List scientific instrumentation available for the project implementation and to be used by the student.
4) EXPECTED RESULTS –State clearly the date on which the project will be completed and ready for the thesis dissertation. State if the results will be published and/or if a Patent will be submitted for registration.

Date

Signature

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Annex 3</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Application for significant bilateral projects</h3>
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* Applying for funding under this scheme excludes the possibility of applying for funding for the exchange of researchers

3.1

Project proposal	
Title (max: 120 characters)	
Area:	
Key-words (3):	
Place of implementation:	
Foreign research unit:	
Duration of the project (1,2,3 years):	
Total annual budget: €	
Annual funding requested from MAE: €	
Annual funding of the Institution : €	
Other funding (if any): €	
Italian Institution submitting the proposal	
(University, research body, other: specificity)	
(public/private: specificity)	
Official name:	
Address (street, post code and city):	
Telephone:	Fax:
E-mail:	
Italian scientific co-ordinator	
Surname, name:	
Qualification:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Contact Address (street, post code and city):	
E-mail:	
Egyptian partner institution	
(University, research body, other: specify):	
(public/private: specificity):	
Official name:	
Address (Street, post code, city):	
Telephone:	Fax:
E-mail:	

Egyptian scientific co-ordinator	
Surname, name:	
Qualification:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Contact address (street, post code, city):	
E-mail:	

3.2

Composition and description of the Italian research unit involved in the project

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Name:	Function:
Name:	Function:
Name:	Function:
Name:	Function:

3.3

Italian scientific co-ordinator's cv

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5) EXPECTED RESULTS – Indicate the expected results with particular regard to technological transfer and/or development of human resources, impact on scientific and technological relations

6) Collaborations already developed with the partner country (If any)

7) BIBLIOGRAPHY – Indicate 5 bibliographical references relevant to the project

3.5 MODELLO DI PREVENTIVO PRELIMINARE DELLE VOCI DI SPESA (Progetti di Grande Rilevanza)

Si richiede di compilare il modello di preventivo annuale quale preventivo di massima, al fine di valutare la congruità finanziaria del progetto proposto. Successivamente per i progetti selezionati e inseriti nel Programma Esecutivo, sarà richiesta la presentazione di un preventivo dettagliato, al fine di concorrere al bando annuale per l'assegnazione dei fondi per i progetti di grande rilevanza ai sensi della Legge 401/90.

- NB:
- 1) Le voci di spesa devono corrispondere alle attività previste.
 - 2) Tutti i compensi si devono intendere comprensivi di eventuali oneri fiscali, previdenziali, assicurativi, contributivi, nonché di ogni altro onere accessorio. L'Ente si farà carico del loro assolvimento.
 - 3) I costi fissi della struttura (stipendi, canoni vari, etc.) non devono superare il 10% del costo complessivo del progetto.
 - 4) I costi per l'acquisto di attrezzature inventariabili sono ammissibili nella misura max. del 10% del costo complessivo annuo.
 - 5) Saranno ammesse alla rendicontazione le spese supportate in stretta e univoca relazione alla realizzazione del progetto presentato.
 - 6) Le spese di viaggio sono ammissibili soltanto tra l'Italia e il Paese con cui si realizza il progetto.
 - 7) Le spese per la partecipazione a convegni (strettamente inerenti il progetto) sono ammissibili soltanto se questi si svolgono in Italia o nel Paese straniero con cui si realizza il progetto

MODELLO DI PREVENTIVO DELLE VOCI DI SPESA

	<i>Numero/Quantità</i>	<u>Costo medio unitario</u>	<i>Totale</i>
SPESE PERSONALE STRANIERO			
Viaggi ricercatori/esperti e/o borsisti dall'India in Italia			
Soggiorni ricercatori/esperti Indiani in Italia (costo giornaliero)			
Viaggi ricercatori/esperti e/o borsisti Indiani in Italia			
* Soggiorni borsisti Indiani in Italia (costo giornaliero)			
* Spese per prestazioni professionali (costo giornaliero)			
SPESE PERSONALE ITALIANO			
Viaggi docenti/ricercatori/esperti italiani in India			
* Soggiorni docenti/ricercatori/esperti italiani in India (costo giornaliero)			
Viaggi docenti/ricercatori/esperti italiani in Italia (costo giornaliero)			
Soggiorni docenti/ricercatori/esperti italiani in Italia (costo giornaliero)			
* Spese per prestazioni professionali (costo giornaliero)			
* Spese per contratti di ricerca dedicati al progetto (costo mensile)			
* Spese per personale strutturato (costo mensile)			
ALTRE SPESE			
Attrezzature (inventariabile)			
Organizzazione workshop (specificare)			
Materiale di laboratorio (specificare)			
Spese di gestione della struttura (dettagliate)			
Materiale di facile consumo (materiale specifico per l'attività) (non inventariabile)			
Spese per pubblicazioni (specificare)			

Altro (specificare)			
TOTALE			

Data:

Firma: