

**CROATIA-ISRAEL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COOPERATION**  
**Call for Project Proposals**  
**2008- 2009**

A. Within the framework of the Israeli-Croatian agreement on scientific cooperation, the governments of the two states provide financial support for joint research projects carried out by Israeli and Croatian scientists. Croatian-Israeli research teams are hereby invited to submit joint proposals in one of the six categories detailed below.

1. Biomedicine, Biomedical Engineering
2. Biotechnology
3. Environment, Agriculture, Water
4. Applied Physics, Applied Mathematics, Electro - Engineering
5. Chemistry, Advanced Materials, Energy, Nano-Technology
6. Computer Science and Informatics

**The application must state to which category the proposal belongs.**

**B. MODE OF COOPERATION**

Cooperation may take the form of:

- joint research activities where interdependent subprojects of a single program are conducted in the Croatian and the Israeli laboratories;
- complementary methodological approaches to a joint problem;
- joint use of research facilities, materials, equipment and/or services by cooperating scientists;
- joint planning of research and evaluation of results

**C. LEVEL OF FUNDING AND PROJECT DURATION**

The framework of funding is 600,000 USD for the overall research cooperation, for the period of two years, divided equally between the parties.

Support will be given to **6** joint projects requiring a budget of up to 100,000 USD (25,000 USD for each side per year). Projects should be planned on a **two year basis**. Contracts will be signed accordingly.

**D. ELIGIBILITY**

1. Proposals must involve a Principal Investigator from each country.
2. The Principal Investigator on each side must be affiliated to an academic institution or research institute. Researchers from industry may take part in the program as partners in teams headed by Principal Investigators from an academic institution or research institute.
3. The Principal Investigator and the affiliated Research Authorities are expected to take responsibility for the execution of the research work throughout the duration of the project.
4. Proposals should be submitted in English on the attached forms in 10 copies to each of the Cooperating Agencies in each country, to the following addresses. The application forms and accompanying material (in 'pdf' or 'doc' format) should be submitted together on CD as well.

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All applications, including all relevant materials and attachments, must be received not later than **1.5. 2008.**

### **E. Mutual Visits**

Participating scientists are encouraged to spend an extended period of time visiting their counterpart's institutions. So long as the visits are an integral part of research collaboration, international travel and in-country living expenses of visiting scientists will be borne by the funding agencies. International travel costs should be included in the budget of the visiting side, while in-country living expenses should be included in the budget of the host side. The visits must take place in Croatia or Israel only, while visits to third countries are not to be integrated in the budget of the project.

The total duration of visits in one direction, which will be funded, is not more than one month a year.

### **F. EVALUATION CRITERIA & PROCEDURES**

1. Proposals will be evaluated by a joint Israeli-Croatian scientific committee. Evaluation will be based on:

- a) Scientific merit;
- b) Extent of genuine collaboration between the Croatian and Israeli research teams.

### **G. CONTRACTS, PAYMENTS AND REPORTS**

1. The expected starting date for approved projects is **1.9.2008.**

#### 2. Contracts

Upon approval of a particular project, separate contracts will be signed in Israel and Croatia respectively, between the responsible funding agency and the institution of the Principal Investigator. The contracts will include provisions regarding intellectual property rights, as agreed upon by the Croatian and Israeli research teams. A request for the continuation of research funding must be submitted to the responsible agencies on the appropriate forms at least two months prior to the end of the first year of the project, together with the annual scientific report.

3. While projects are, in principle, to be authorized for a period of two years, **the research contract relates to the first year only. The responsible agencies reserve the right not to fund a second year of work for scientific-professional, administrative or budgetary reasons.**

4. Payments

Payments will be made in keeping with the provisions of the contracts mentioned above, according to the practices and regulations in effect in each country.

5. Reports

**a) Financial Reports**

Financial reports will be submitted according to the practice of each country, as specified in the research contract.

**b) Scientific Reports**

A joint scientific report must be submitted to the funding agencies two months prior to the end of the first year of the research contract, together with the request for continuation of research funding (see Paragraph G[2] above).

A joint final report covering the work carried out during the entire two-year project period must be submitted within two months of the conclusion of the project. Additional interim progress reports may be required, according to the practices and regulations of each country, as specified in the research contracts.

**H. INFORMATION**

Additional information can be obtained from the following:

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