



*Embassy of Italy in Israel*

**ITALY- ISRAEL**

## **The Academic and Scientific Cooperation**



## The bilateral cooperation is based on two major intergovernmental agreements

- **The Agreement on Industrial, Scientific and Technological Research and Development Cooperation Between Italy and Israel** (signed on June 16, 2000 and become effective in 2002). The Agreement aims to develop and sustain long-term R&D collaboration between Italian and Israeli industries & research institutions.
- **The Israel-Italy Cultural Agreement** (originally signed on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1971 and currently in phase of renewal) and its following programs, which aims to promote cooperation in the fields of education, science, culture youth and sport.
- In addition there are dozens of bilateral agreements signed between universities, research institutions and ministries/national agencies of the two countries.



# IT-IL AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION

17 years of implementation (started in 2002)

8-10 Millions Euro of binational activities each year

Our Partners:

- **The Israeli Innovation Authority**
- **The Israeli Ministry of Science and Technology**
- **The Council of Higher Education (CHE)**

Responsibility for the operation of the agreement on the Italian side was given to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and in part delegated to the **Embassy of Italy in Israel**.

# The Agreements are locally managed in Israel at the Embassy of Italy respectively by:

1. The Science Office  
(directed by the Scientific Attaché  
Prof. Stefano Ventura)
2. The Cultural Office, in charge of  
institutional relations in the  
cultural and educational fields



# IT-IL AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION – TOOLS FOR COOPERATION



## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS – SCIENTIFIC TRACK**

Joint research on a common project



## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS – INDUSTRIAL TRACK**

Joint development of an innovative product by two enterprises (supported by academia)



## **RITA LEVI MONTALCINI PRIZE**

Scholars exchange



## **JOINT LABS**

Seed money to start a bilateral laboratory



## **BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC EVENTS**

12-14 bilateral scientific events yearly



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS – SCIENTIFIC TRACK

- Cooperation may take the form of:
  - Joint research activities in which a common project, or interdependent subprojects of a single project, are conducted in the Italian and the Israeli laboratories;
  - Exchange of researchers for short and long term visits;
  - Complementary methodological approaches to a common problem;
  - Joint use of research facilities, materials, equipment and/or services by cooperating scientists;
  - Submission of joint research projects by research groups of both countries is requested with the aim of encouraging scientific and technological co-operation between Italy and Israel. Each joint research team may submit one project only. Financing will be granted exclusively for joint projects submitted by Italian researchers (or researchers of EU nationality and legally resident in Italy) and Israel researchers.
- **Budget:** up to € 100,000 per project per party and up to 8 research projects per year.
- Research projects can span a maximum period of two years/24 months.
- At the end of the second year, two projects will be selected for a one year consolidation grant worth € 50,000 per party.
- **Areas of cooperation:** Two themes, changing every year, jointly determined by both Parties.



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS – SCIENTIFIC TRACK

**Call for proposal - 2019**

**Subjects:**

1. Target drug delivery – personalized medicine;
2. Green Chemistry and development of novel environmental friendly polymers/materials.

**Timing:** the call will be open on June 18th, 2019 and the deadline for the proposals submission will be October 28th, 2019.

The full text of the call will be published on the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation  
<http://www.esteri.it>



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS – INDUSTRIAL TRACK

**Budget:** variable, around € 800,000 per year per party.

**Responsible bodies:**

- Israel: ISERD, a branch of Israel's Innovation Authority
- Italy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Directorate General for Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation
- **Areas of cooperation:** open





# GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Italian consortium (leaded by either a University or an Enterprise) funded by MAECI
- Israeli consortium (leaded by an Enterprise) funded by the IL National Authority for Innovation.
- Funding is given by an initial lump, and successive tranches.
- Full sharing of intellectual properties between the two consortia.
- If successful, the consortia will pay-back the received grants through a small percentage of the royalties.
- Matching of interests is fundamental: consult Italian Embassy in Israel, and National Authority for Innovation.

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# RITA LEVI MONTALCINI PRIZE

- The prize has been established in 2015 in collaboration with the Council of Higher Education. The objective of the prize is to realize yearly an exchange of top scholars (one per country) to spend a minimum of 4 months in the respective country focusing on an agreed upon project.
- **Budget:** Each country contributes €40.000 which are granted to the hosting university/ research center.
- **Timing:** The procedures, as well as the timetable of the call, for the awarding of the prize differ between the two countries.
- **Areas of cooperation and responsible bodies:**

	ITALY	ISRAEL
Disciplines	Determined yearly	All fields
Deciding body	CRUI – Italian conference of University Rectors (defines the area of interest every year and decides the winner)	Council for Higher Education together with the Forum of Israeli Vice Presidents for Research



- **Call 2019:** [www.fondazionecruai.it/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/1\\_PRLM\\_AVVISO-Presentazione-progetti\\_2019.pdf](http://www.fondazionecruai.it/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/1_PRLM_AVVISO-Presentazione-progetti_2019.pdf)
- **Subject:** Big Data for Social Innovation
- **Deadline:** 28/06/2019



# JOINT LABS

Long term funding for two universities or research centers, one Italian, one Israeli, which already have a strong record of collaboration in the specific field. The contribution is “seed money” for the two institutions to establish a joint laboratory in order to start a joint long-term project (3 years). The goal is to bring the joint project to a higher stage of development so that it can apply for European and International grants.

**Funds:** €200.000 per lab

**Responsible bodies:**

- Italy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Israel: Ministry of Science and Technology

**Areas of interest:** open

**Selection scheme:** First stage: Call for short (5-6 pages) Expression of Interest. Second stage: 4-5 submitted projects will be asked to submit a Full Proposal. One Full Proposal will be financed every year.

**Timing:**

- MAY: decision of the current year call topic at the joint committee
- JUNE/JULY: call for Expressions of Interest opens

**Subject for 2019:** Precision Agriculture



# BI-LATERAL SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

- Every year the Embassy of Italy holds a calendar of about 12-13 bilateral scientific events
  - **Area of interest:** all fields
  - **Timing:** proposals for meetings to be held during the following year must be submitted to the Scientific Office of the Embassy by July-August and include a brief description of the theme and its relevance for the bilateral relationships; a list of potentially interested scientists, institutions and enterprises in Italy and in Israel; and a draft program.
- Every year the Israeli Ministry of Science and Technology and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation organize two bilateral events each, respectively in Israel and in Italy

# IT-IL CULTURAL AGREEMENT TOOLS FOR COOPERATION



Scholarships to study in Italy



Italian language in Israel:

- Grants for schools and universities
- Italian lecturers



Experts and scholars exchange



# SCHOLARSHIP FOR ISRAELI STUDENTS STUDYING IN ITALY

- The Italian Ministry of Foreign affairs awards yearly several scholarships to Israeli students enrolled full time in an Italian institution
- In 2018 the Embassy awarded 6 scholarships.
- The program is suited for MA degrees **(not including Medicine)**, PhD students, students enrolled in a program of Italian language, students of advanced training in Arts and Music.



# TEACHING OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE

- Yearly **grants** are available to Israeli institutions of higher education teaching Italian. The grant size depends on the number of courses and students enrolled. Currently 4 Israeli universities/colleges receive the grant.
- The Italian MFA Possibility to have a **lecturer of Italian language** paid by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to teach Italian in Israeli institutions. We currently have one lecturer at TAU and one lecturer at HUJI.

# OTHER AVAILABLE TOOLS

- Financial contribution for visits of scholars, experts and other personalities of culture and academia, in both directions.



# Thank you!

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