

**MINUTES**  
**of the Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between**  
**Romania and the Argentine Republic**  
**Working Programme 2013-2015**

According to article 3 of the Agreement for cooperation in the field of science and technological development between the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports of Romania (MECTS) and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation (MINCYT) of the Argentine Republic, signed in Bucharest, on 10 June 2011, the Romanian-Argentine Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation has been established.

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The list of representatives in charge of Romanian-Argentine cooperation is given in **Annex 1**. The institutions responsible for cooperation in science and technology between the two countries are:

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The Parties discussed various ways of promoting and strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of science and technology and adopted the following agenda:

- I. Joint cooperation in the field of science and technology**
- II. Evaluation and selection of proposed research projects to be funded in 2013-2015**
- III. Next meeting of the Joint Committee**
  - III.1 Setting the date for the next Call for proposals
  - III.2 Joint fields of S&T cooperation
  - III.3 Place and date for the next meeting of the Joint Committee

- I. Joint cooperation in the field of science, technology and innovation**

The scientific and technological cooperation between the Parties will be implemented by means of:

- Exchange of scientists for carrying out research and technological development activities, training and exchange of knowledge;
- Bilateral seminars, symposia and workshops on issues of mutual interest within the framework of the bilateral R&D projects;

## **II. Evaluation and selection of proposed bilateral research projects to be funded in 2013-2015**

Further to the launch of the Call for Proposals for the RO-AR S&T Cooperation in 2012, the Joint Committee reviewed and discussed 11 proposals jointly submitted to MINCYT and MNE using the application forms. One project called "*Development Of Parallel Manipulation In Medical Applications*" was considered administrative non-eligible for not being submitted to the Romanian coordination office.

**The Parties decided to support 7 bilateral research projects which are listed in Annex 2.**

The selection of the future funded projects has been done taking into account the average mark between the evaluation scores awarded by the RO and AR Parties, in the decreasing order, and the available budget of each Ministry.

Projects will be jointly financed for a period of 24 months, with no the possibility of extension, between July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Detailed provisions and procedures agreed by the Parties are presented in the Call for Proposals in Annex 3 as follows:

The grants will be provided by MINCYT in Argentina and UEFISCDI in Romania, based on the biannual contracts concluded with the responsible research institutions.

### **1. Funds provided by Romanian side**

#### **A) Romanian scientists visiting Argentina**

- Medical insurance, international and internal travel expenses up to the city of arrival in the host side, both ways.

#### **B) Argentine scientists visiting Romania:**

- 60 RON as daily allowance and separately accommodation costs in the guest house/hotel with reasonable amenities (the Romanian side shall adjust its grants in accordance with the current legislation).
- In-country travel expenses necessary for the implementation of the joint work. This category cost will be granted based only on a dully justification of travel needs according to the work activities underlined in the project and in the interest of the project.

### **2. Funds provided by Argentine side**

#### **A) Argentina scientists visiting Romania:**

- Medical insurance, international and internal travel expenses up to the city of arrival in the host side, both ways.

#### **B) Romanian scientists visiting Argentina**

- 4800 pesos as living cost for the entire period and accommodation costs in case of short-term visits of 15 days; 6000 pesos as living cost for the entire period and accommodation costs in case of long-term visits of 30 days (the Argentine side shall adjust its grants in accordance with the current legislation)
- In-country travel expenses necessary for the implementation of the joint work – There is not the case on the Argentine territory.

In Romania, the host team will be in charge to make the necessary arrangements and payments for the in-country travel cost.

In Argentina, the in-country travel cost will not be necessary since no in-country travel is foreseen within the project activities.

	<b>Romanian researchers travelling to Argentina</b>	<b>Argentine researchers travelling to Romania</b>
Airfare travel cost	<i>UEFISCDI in charge. Economy Class, point to point</i>	<i>MINCYT in charge. Economy Class, point to point</i>
Expenses incurred by visits	<i>MINCYT in charge.</i>	<i>UEFISCDI in charge.</i>

The number of approved long- and short-term visits is mentioned for each project in the **Annex 2** over the period of two years.

Argentine and Romanian Project Directors shall submit by the end of the first year of the project, a progress report of the activities carried out, which will serve as a basis for the approval of the exchanges for the following year.

Both long- and short-term visits should be carried out only by the members of the project team indicated in the application form. Any change in the composition of the respectively team should be requested at the time of submission of the Progress Report of the project with due justification, which shall be submitted for review.

### **III. Next meeting of the Joint Committee**

3.1 The Joint Committee agreed that the Romanian and the Argentine Parties should launch the next call for proposals for the period 2015-2017 by the beginning of October 2014, with the deadline for the submission of project proposals by December 2014.

The applications will have to be sent by the Romanian project leaders to the Romanian responsible institution and by the Argentine project leaders to the Argentinian responsible institution, respectively.

Both Parties agreed to stimulate bilateral cooperation, which could be the basis for joint participation in projects under Horizon 2020 of the EU and other European initiatives and multilateral programs.

3.2 Parties will jointly agree upon the priority fields of S&T cooperation by means of electronic communication before launching the next Call for proposals.

3.3. The next meeting of the RO-AR Joint Committee will be held by mid June 2015, in order to analyze the cooperation, create favorable conditions for further cooperation and select new projects for the years 2015-2017.

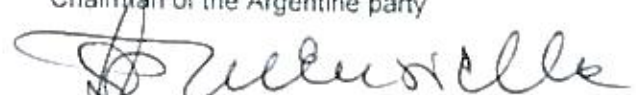
The stipulations of this Protocol shall come into force upon its signing and shall prevail until signing the next Protocol.

**Annexes 1, 2 and 3 are integral part of this Protocol.**

Chairman of the Romanian party

  
Mrs. Anca GHINESCU

Chairman of the Argentine party

  
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RO-AR bilateral cooperation-2013-2015 ANNEX 2 - APPROVED PROJECTS

Acronym	Project title	Area	RO Project Director	AR Project Director	Study visits approved	
					2013	2014
<b>NANOMET</b> RO/12/01	Extending Novel Metathesis Concepts and Techniques to Synthesis of Advanced Organic Molecules and Nanostructured Architectures	Chemistry	<b>Ileana Dragutan</b> Institutul de Chimie Organica "C.D. Niculescu" al Academiei Romane	<b>Ernesto Gabino Mata</b> Instituto de Quimica Rosario	1sv AR-RO 15d 1sv RO-AR 15d 1sv RO-AR 15d	1lv AR-RO 30d 1sv RO-AR 15d 1sv RO-AR 15d
<b>PROTEOLAB</b> RO/12/02	Impact of stress conditions in functional lactic acid bacteria : a proteomic approach	Agriculture	<b>Medana Zamfir</b> Institutul de Biologie Bucuresti al Academiei Romane	<b>Fernanda Beatriz Mozzi</b> Centro de Referencia para Lactobacilos	1lv AR-RO 30d 1lv RO-AR 30d	1lv AR-RO 30d 1lv RO-AR 30d
<b>NOIGENBIOMIMAN</b> TIBAC RO/12/03	New generation of temporary and permanent implants based on alloy with non toxic elements and innovative controlled micro and nano surface layers with biomimetic and antibacteriostatic properties	Health	<b>Ioana Demetrescu</b> Universitatea Politehnica Bucuresti	<b>Silvia Marcela Cere</b> National Institute in Material Science and Technology	1sv AR-RO 15d 1sv RO-AR 15d 1sv RO-AR 15d	1 lv AR-RO 30d 1lv RO-AR 30d
<b>CO2PHEQthermoPP</b> op RO/12/04	Phase behavior & thermophysical properties of systems containing carbon dioxide and their role in carbon capture and storage	Environment	<b>Catrina Secuianu</b> Universitatea Politehnica Bucuresti	<b>Martin Cismondi Duarte</b> Universidad Nacional de Cordoba - Facultad de Ciencias Exactas, Fisicas y Naturales	1sv AR-RO 15d 1lv RO-AR 30d	1 lv AR-RO 30d 1lv RO-AR 30d
<b>ArgSafe RO/12/05</b>	Using Argumentation for justifying safeness in complex technical systems	Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	<b>Adrian Petru Groza</b> Universitatea Tehnica din Cluj-Napoca	<b>Sergio Alejandro Gomez</b> Universidad Nacional del Sur	1lv AR-RO 30d 1lv RO-AR 30d	1 sv AR-RO 15d 1sv RO-AR 15d 1sv RO-AR 15d
<b>IMOGLOB-POP</b> RO/12/06	The impact of global changes on populations at the limit of their range	Environment	<b>Dan Cagalnicanu</b> Universitatea Ovidius din Constanta	<b>Federico Marangoni</b> Universidad Nacional de Misiones, Facultad de Ciencias Exactas, Quimicas y Naturales	1sv AR-RO 15d 1lv RO-AR 30d	1lv AR-RO 30d 1lv RO-AR 30d
<b>DAMS RO/12/07</b>	Development of analytical methods based on supramolecular systems to detect and quantify nanomaterials	Environment	<b>Mihaela Kusko</b> Institutul National de Cercetare-Dezvoltare pentru Microtehnologie	<b>Veglia Alicia Viviana</b> Instituto de Investigaciones Fisicoquimicas de Cordoba	1sv AR-RO 15d 1lv RO-AR 30d	1lv AR-RO 30d 1lv RO-AR 30d