

Department of Science & Technology
(International Division)

Indo-Italian Program of Cooperation in Science & Technology 2002–2004
(Call for Proposals)

The Indian Department of Science & Technology (DST) together with Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE) proposes to select very limited number of new, joint activities to be implemented within the framework of Indo-Italian Program of Cooperation (POC) in Science & Technology for the period 2002–2004. These agencies propose to co-finance only exchange visits of scientists (short-term of up to a maximum of 10 days and long-term of 1 month of up to a maximum of 3 months) in relation to joint research projects; utilization of advanced research facilities; specialized training programs and joint workshops, seminars, meetings, etc. convened in India or Italy.

The interested Indian scientists are requested to consult their Italian counterparts in submitting a jointly signed Indo-Italian proposal, duly endorsed by the Heads of the respective Institutions in any of the following S&T fields:

- Electronics and robotics (including information technology, computer science, microelectronics and microsystems);
- Medical & Health Sciences (including medical radiology and medical biotechnology);
- Agricultural Sciences (including agricultural biotechnology);
- Materials Science & Technology;
- Energy and Environment (including polar science research, seismic hazard assessment and microzonation, SAR Technology and its applications, high energy physics);
- Physics, Technology and Application of Accelerated Particles;
- Technologies for monument conservation and restoration.

Preference will be given to joint research projects that strengthen scientific productivity and technological development relevant to the needs of both countries; projects of national importance that can benefit from accessing international class advanced research facilities in Italy and human resource development through specialized training and joint workshops/conferences convened in India and Italy.

The application forms for preparing Indo-Italian Proposals can be obtained from International Division of DST (Attn. Ms. Sadhana Relia, Scientist F & Officer-in-charge Indo-Italian S&T Program e-mail: srelia@alpha.nic.in, sadhana_relia@hotmail.com Fax: +91-11-6862418). DST will entertain Indo-Italian proposals (1 original and 8 copies), with signatures of collaborating scientists and their heads of institutions duly forwarded by competent authorities, from Indian scientists before **31 October 2001** (1700 hrs). The Italian collaborating scientist could be advised to submit a copy of the Indo-Italian proposal to MAE, Capo Ufficio v della DGPC, P.le Famesina 1,00194 Roma (Attn. Dr. Letizia Gori e-mail: goril@esteri.it Fax: 0039-06-3691-7121).