Public Call for the allocation of 70 Training Scholarships for Graduates and graduated Administrators from outside the EU, with citizenship and permanent residence in one of the following countries: Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia Herzegovina and Albania to be carried out at selected National Research Council Institutes on the Italian territory, and financed by the Multi-Disciplinary Training Programme “Sciences for DIPLOMAzia – Project DIPLOMA” - MAE DGCS (CUP B56J13000320006)

THE DIRECTOR

PROVIDED the Official Pronouncement dated 31 December 2009 No. 213, on the “Research Centres Reform” according to Art.1 of Law 27 dated 27 September 2007, No 165;

PROVIDED the CNR Statute promulgated by the CNR President with Pronouncement No 000018 dated 10 March 2011, as by public announcement on the website of the Ministry of Education, University and Research and on the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy No 90 of April 19, 2011 and implemented as from May 1, 2011;

PROVIDED Law No 241 of August 7, 1990 with new guidelines on administrative procedures and legal access to administrative documentation and following amendments;

PROVIDED the Rules and Regulations of CNR, of May 4, 2005 as published on the ordinary Annex No 101 of the Italian Republic Official Gazette No 124 of May 30, 2005 and specifically Art 47;

PROVIDED the DPR No 445 of December 28, 2000 regarding “Procedures and Regulations on Administrative Documentation” and following amendments;

PROVIDED the Official Pronouncement dated June 30, 2003 No 196 regarding “Private Data Protection”;

PROVIDED the CNR President Pronouncement No 48, Ref No 9877 dated June 6, 2006 and in particular Art 3, subsection 6 and 7;

PROVIDED the Ministry of Simplification and Public Administration Pronouncement No 14/2011 for the implementation of new guidelines on certifications and self-declarations as in Art 15 of Law No 183 of November 12, 2011;

PROVIDED the Official Pronouncement No 33 of March 14, 2013 on the “Reform of Obligations of publication, transparency and sharing of information by Public Administrations”;

PROVIDED the Convention Ref No AMMCNT – CNR N.0068091 signed on October 24, 2013 between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – General Direction for the Cooperation to Development and the National Research Council of Italy regarding the Multi-Disciplinary Programme Sciences for DIPLOMAzia, financed mainly by the MAE DGCS;

ESTABLISHED the financial covering of the consequent expenses on the funds deriving from the above-mentioned Convention by Decree Ref No 313/UARI dated November 25, 2013;

Declares as follows
A **Public Call** is launched for the allocation of 70 **Training Scholarships for Graduates and graduated Administrators** from outside the EU, with citizenship and permanent residence in one of the following countries: **Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia Herzegovina and Albania** to be carried out in the following disciplines:

- Marine Engineering
- Agrifood Sciences
- Cultural Heritage

For each of the thematic areas relevant training courses will be organised:

**Course 1. Governance** and management of marine and fishing policies;

Course 2. Management and Usage of agrifood resources with the aim of fostering sustainable agriculture and forestry as well as reduction of the effects of climate changes;

Course 3. **Governance** of knowledge, and management, conservation, promotion and sustainable fruition of Cultural Heritage.

**All training will be carried out in Italy and in the English Language.**

Contact Structures as follows:

**Course 1**
- Institute for Marine and Coastal Environment IAMC - Capo Granitola (Trapani)
  - Scientific Coordinator: Dr Salvatore Mazzola

**Course 2**
- Department of Agrifood and Biological Sciences (DiSBA)
  - Scientific Coordinator: Dr Domenico Pignone

**Course 3**
- Institute of Archeological Heritage - Monuments and Sites (IBAM), Catania
  - Scientific Coordinator: Dr Daniele Malfitana;
- Institute for the Study on Ancient Mediterranean (ISMA), Area di Ricerca di Montelibretti, Roma
  - Scientific Coordinator: Dr Sergio Ribichini
- Institute for Technologies Applied to Cultural Heritage (ITABC), Area di Ricerca di Montelibretti, Roma. Scientific Coordinator: Arch Paolo Salonia;
- Institute for the Conservation and Promotion of Cultural Heritage (ICVBC), Area di Ricerca di Sesto Fiorentino, Firenze. Scientific Coordinator: Dr Marco Realini
Scholarships will be as follows:

- 28 for Course 1
- 28 for Course 2
- 14 for Course 3

**University Degree Requirements:**

**Course 1:** Environmental Sciences, Natural Sciences, Life Sciences, Chemistry, Geology, Environmental Engineering.

**Course 2:** Agricultural Sciences, Forestry, Animal Production Sciences, Food Production Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Life Sciences, Natural Sciences, Biotechnology, Environmental Sciences.

**Course 3:** Physics, Geology, Chemistry, Cultural Heritage Preservation Sciences, Architecture (with specialisation in Restoration Sciences, History of Urban Planning), Archeology, Ancient Sciences, literary philological and historical-artistic, Historic Sciences.

**The Gross Monthly Sum of Euro 1,600,00 will be provided for six months.**

**Article 2**

This scholarship is not be added to others, nor to financial support received in any other shape and amount by the Italian State.

It is forbidden for the selected candidate to receive any other type of financing from CNR in any shape or form.

The selected candidate will be insured, by CNR, for any work-related injury which may occur during his/her stay at CNR institutes.

**Article 3**

Application is open to all and limited to **Graduates and Graded Administrators** citizens and residents of one of the following countries: **Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia Herzegovina and Albania.**

**Requirements:**

a. University Degree as specified above in Article 1 for each Course.

b. Date of Birth not earlier than 1973.

c. Excellent knowledge of the English Language, official certification obtained will be preferred.

It is strictly excluded any possibility of age limitation exemption.

**Article 4**
The application can be made **ONLY on the website**, using the page [http://www.cnr.it/diplomazia/](http://www.cnr.it/diplomazia/) and following the relevant instructions.

The deadline is February 28 2014, by h.15.00 CET, starting date for presentation will be January 13, 2014.

The online system will be certification of date and time of presentation and at the deadline will automatically no longer accept any further applications.

The application will be deemed valid only if the candidate provides all requested information and attaches all documents required by the application online form. Only valid applications will be considered for evaluation.

The online system will automatically send a confirmation email following the correct presentation of the application.

In order to be able to apply, candidates will have to register online first and obtain access credentials to be used to open and fill in the application itself.

Each candidate can present only one application. Should there be more than one application by the same candidate, he/she will automatically be excluded from the selection.

The following documents in PDF format MUST be attached to each application:

1. **University Degree Diploma or Certification**
2. **Valid Document of Identification undersigned by the candidate in a readable manner**

Further titles and certifications (such as Phd, specialization courses etc...) and reference letters by public and/or private institutions can also be attached.

The Italian Diplomatic Representations in the relevant Countries will verify the existence of the formal requisites and will forward all suitable applications to the International Agreements and Relations Office of the CNR.

All communication regarding this matter will be sent to candidates at the email address they indicate on the online application form.

**Article 5**

Automatic exclusion will be caused by:

- Application presented in a different manner from the instructions given in Art.4;
- Lack of academic title as described in Art.3, subsection a);
- Lack of age prerequisites as described in Art.3, subsection b).

**Article 6**

Candidates will be evaluated by a Commission nominated by the Director of the International Agreements and Relations Office of CNR, with the participation of a member of the MAE – DGCS.

The provision of appointment of said Commission is published on the CNR Website on [http://www.cnr.it/sitocnr/ICNR/Attivita/Attivitainternazionali/Attivitainternazionali/Diplomazia.html](http://www.cnr.it/sitocnr/ICNR/Attivita/Attivitainternazionali/Attivitainternazionali/Diplomazia.html)

Evaluations can be carried out by the Commission also via IT.
Each candidate can receive up to 30 points.

At the end of this process of evaluation, a merit ranking list will be created, which will include only candidates who have reached a score of at least 18/30 points.

The proceedings of the Commission will be undersigned on each page by its President, Members and Secretary. The ranking list will be formally approved by the Director of the International Agreements and Relations Office, who will nominate the winners following positive verification of all procedure.

On an equal point score, the preference will be given to the candidate with:

a. Less years from the date of achievement of the Academic title;

b. In case of further tie, to the younger candidate.

The merit ranking list will be published on the CNR website on the following page:
http://www.cnr.it/sitocnr/IlCNR/Attivita/Attivitainternazionali/Attivitainternazionali/Diplomazia.html

Article 7

Should any scholarship be made available again due to the renunciation or decadence of the winners, they will be re-assigned to the candidate next in line on the merit ranking list, within one week of the event.

Should the winner within one month from the beginning of the training course activity, renounce or decay for the reasons described in Article 2 above, the scholarship can be offered to the candidate next in line on the merit ranking list, according the financial situation and to the Scientific Coordinator evaluation of the opportunity for a substitute to joining an already started training course.

Article 8

The Director of the International Agreements and Relations Office will send the winners the formal acceptance letter, with the starting date of the relevant training course.

Those who win and do not reach Italy within the time indicated in the above-mentioned letter, will decay.

Those who start the course, and do not continue to the end of the course, or repeatedly miss out and do not participate, without a proven and justifiable reason, will be declared formally excluded from any further fruition of the scholarship by the Director of the International Agreements and Relations Office.

The person will be informed of the beginning of such disciplinary act and will have the possibility of clarifying his/her position in writing, before a conclusion is reached, be it a dismissal of the procedure or the actual decadence from the scholarship, and formally communicated to him/her.

Article 9

The scholarship will be paid in monthly installments.

The first payment will be made after the Scientific Coordinator of the course has verified that the winner has actually started the training at the designated Institute and is endowed with the necessary language skills for attending the course, the lack of such requisite will cause the decadence of the person from the scholarship programme.

The following installments will be paid in advance each month, unless the Coordinator of the Course communicates that the conditions outlined in Article 8 of this Call have been observed and have to be investigated upon.
Those who after the beginning of the course, have renounced or have been declared excluded, will have to return all anticipated sums received and not yet accrued at that specific time.

The official request for reimbursement of the sum received will be made by the Director of the International Agreements and Relations Office, as well as the formal calculation of the sum to be returned.

Article 10

According to Article 13 of Provision No 196, dated June 30, 2003 personal data provided by candidates will be used for the management needs of this Call and all ensuing communication between the parties.

The disclosure of such data is necessary for the evaluation of the prerequisites for participating to the Call, without which the application is automatically excluded.

The candidate fully enjoys the rights described in Article 7 of the above-mentioned Provision, among which the right of access to personal data as well as other complementary rights such as those of correcting, updating, completing or cancelling incorrect data and also that of opposing for legitimate reasons to the use of personal data as such.

The Director of the International Agreements and Relations Office is also responsible for this procedure and the consequent treatment of sensitive personal data.

Article 11

The right of access to all proceedings of the selection procedure is regulated by Law No 241 of August 7, 1990 and following integrations and amendments, and can be implemented according to Article 10 of Provision No 22 of May 18, 2007 as integrated and modified by Provision No 62 dated November 8, 2007 and with the limitations in its Article 12.

Article 12

This Call is published on the CNR website on the following page:
http://www.cnr.it/sitocnr/lIICNR/Attivita/AttivitaInternazionali/AttivitaInternazionali/Diplomazia.html

THE DIRECTOR
Dr Virginia Coda Nunziante

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