

International Members of the Scientific Council of the CNR

The Italian National Research Council (CNR) is a public Organisation; its duty is to carry out, promote, spread, transfer and improve research activities in the main sectors of knowledge growth and of its applications for the scientific, technological, economic and social development of the Country.

To this end, the activities of the organization are divided into macro areas of interdisciplinary scientific and technological research, concerning several sectors: biotechnology, medicine, materials and components, environment and land, information and communications, advanced systems of production, judicial and socio-economic sciences, classical studies and arts.

CNR is distributed all over Italy and abroad through a network of institutes aiming at promoting a wide diffusion of its competences throughout the national territory and at facilitating contacts and cooperation with local firms and organizations.

This call is addressed to International as well as National experts who wish to be considered for membership in the Scientific Council of CNR.

The Scientific Council¹ will be composed by ten experts chosen amongst prominent scientists with the appropriate international qualification profile level irrespective of their nationality or country of residence. Members will be chosen to cover the main CNR scientific domains. Among the ten members, four two should come from the CNR scientific community.

The Council has the duty of proposing strategic issues and give advice on planning and programming of scientific activities of CNR, reporting to the President and the Board of Directors. Reimbursement of travel expenses and a participation allowance² to meetings are envisaged.

The main tasks of the Scientific Council are:

- To advise on the ten-year strategic vision document, the three-year plan of activities, budget and annual assessment reports and any other topic arisen by the President;
- To advise on strategic projects of national interest, also recurring to international peer-review assessment;
- To carry out analysis and insights aimed at the construction of the ten-year strategic vision document;
- To validate data and information regarding scientific productivity to be transmitted to the *National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes*;

Scientific Committee meetings will be held approximately every forty days, eventually through videoconference. Analysis and reports could be produced more frequently, as required from the Board or by the President.

¹ As stated in the Statute of CNR, (articolo 8)

² As stated in the Statute of CNR Art. 12, comma 5. The amount of the allowance will be fixed by Ministerial decree..

Eligibility

Applicants should have proven experience and expertise within at least one of the following Scientific Domains:

- a) Biotechnologies
- b) Medical Science and Technology
- c) Materials Science and Technology
- d) Earth and Environment Science and Technology
- e) Information and Communication Science and Technology
- f) Productive Systems Science and Technology
- g) Law and Socio-economic Sciences
- h) Humanities and Cultural Heritage

Within this framework applicants must have:

1. Proven scientific experience and leadership
2. Knowledge of research policy issues, especially those related to planning and programming of activities within a Research Performing Organisation;
3. Good knowledge of scientific evaluation processes at European and International level;
4. Good knowledge of English

Application procedure

Applications should be sent to callcs@cnr.it enclosing:

1. A cover letter, stating the scientific domain of interest
2. A summary CV
3. A list of selected publications
4. A declaration stating that the Applicant is not a manager nor an employee of companies or enterprises involved in research projects with CNR as a partner.

Applications must be submitted within the deadline of February 26th 2012.

A reply message indicating that the Application was received will be sent to all applicants.

Selection process

An international Search Committee³ has been nominated to provide to the Board of Directors with a first selection of candidates to be appointed as members of the Scientific Council.

³ Vicepresident's decision n.81 of 16/11/2011 and integrated with decision n.4 of 13/01/2012

The Search Committee will assess all applications looking mainly at:

- Highest international scientific standards
- Unquestionable competence in at least one of the above stated scientific domains
- Experience in leading research organizations or strong R&D oriented industries
- Interest in assisting the CNR to shape its research operations and willingness to travel

The Search Committee will identify a group of at least twenty experts of which at least four from CNR scientific community and the remaining ones from national, European and international scientific communities.

The Board of Directors will select, within the above group, ten members that will be called to compose the Council, two of whom will be CNR researchers.

February 6th 2012

The Search Committee