



## Ambasciata d'Italia in Spagna

### *“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”*

#### **Purpose**

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) instituted the *“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”* in the year 2017 to recognize an Italian eminent scientist who, in performing her/his research abroad, has made a remarkable contribution to the advancement of science and technology, thus improving Italy’s S&T relations with foreign countries and with International Organizations.

The award will be presented during the Italian Scientific Attachés Conference in Italy to be held in Rome on January 10, 2017. All fields of science and technology are included under this award. The award consists of an engraved medal and a certificate of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

#### **Eligibility**

- The *“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”* is available to Italian scientists who have given an outstanding contribution in the field of science and technology and in the field of the advancement of scientific cooperation, through their activity in one of the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Japan, Great Britain, India, Israel, Mexico, The Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, USA, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and Vietnam.
- The nominee should be living and working in the country where they are nominated for the award, at least since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.
- A nomination should be provided by an eminent scientist who is holding a leading position in a Scientific Academy, University, Research Institute or S&T Department of the Government of the Country in which the nominee is working.
- The nominee should have an excellent academic and/or scientific career and should have joint publications in high impact journals and/or should have invented technologies supported by local/international patents, in collaboration with the scientists from the above-mentioned Countries in which she/he lives and works. Research in multilateral organizations hosted in the above-mentioned Countries will be considered as well.
- Age limit of the nominee: 45 years or below, at the time of the submission of the nomination. The award will be granted without any restriction of sex, race or religion.

## **Evaluation Criteria and Mode of Selection**

Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- The scientific impact of the nominee's work and research
- Relevance of the nominee's work to Italy's S&T cooperation with the above-mentioned Countries
- Potential for significant long-term collaboration
- Potential to broaden the collaboration to a wider institutional level
- Nominee's contribution to creative/innovative collaboration models
- Nominee's efficient use of research infrastructures

The Award Committee, chaired by Minister Plenipotentiary of MAECI, Mr Fabrizio Nicoletti, will be composed by Presidents of the major Italian Research and Academic Institutions.

The Award Committee will communicate the winner of the Award by mid-December 2016.

The winner of the *Italian Bilateral Cooperation Award* will be awarded in a Ceremony at the MAECI on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Paolo Gentiloni, and the Minister of Education, University and Research, Stefania Giannini.

## **How to Apply**

The Call for Nomination is published on the website of the Italian Embassy in Madrid and notice of it has been diffused to universities and research centers.

Any scientist and institution willing to present a nomination may submit the format herewith enclosed to the following email address: [madrid.scienza@esteri.it](mailto:madrid.scienza@esteri.it)

## **Nomination Form**

### **Nominee**

Name:

Institution:

Present Position:

Postal address:

Email address:

### **Nominator**

Name:

Institution:

Present Position:

Postal address:

Email address:

**Please send the form to the Italian Embassy in Madrid by the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016, together with the following details merged in one .pdf file:**

1. Short Motivation for making this award (maximum 100 words).
2. Nominee's major scientific achievements (maximum 1 page).
3. Nominee's short CV (maximum 1 page) .
4. List of nominee's most important publications ( maximum 1 page).
5. Eventual letters of support for the nomination (maximum 2 letters of maximum 1 page each).