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## Torino - Weizmann Collaborative Program: Scientific Cooperation and Exchange

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**SCIENTIFIC AREAS:** In 2007, the Torino-Weizmann Exchange Program was established between the Weizmann Institute and the De Benedetti Foundation (De Benedetti Foundation- Cherasco), a non-profit Italian organization located in Torino, Piedmont, Italy, with the purpose of promoting joint scientific research between the Weizmann Institute and Piedmont universities or research institutes. The foundation will fund basic research projects with potential medical relevance. The primary goal of the exchange program is to encourage the enrollment of qualified Piedmont students and researchers in Weizmann Institute laboratories, according to the following options:

- Undergraduate students - through the Karyn Kupciner International Science School for Overseas students, 10 weeks to 4 months program
- Visiting students - for graduate students enrolled in degree programs in Italian universities, who wish to study at the Institute for a limited time
- M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs at the Weizmann Institute, 2 and 4.5 years, respectively
- Postdoctoral fellows – for Ph.D. or M.D. degree holders from Italian universities who wish to join an Institute lab for 1-3 years
- Visiting scientists – for tenure or tenured-track scientific personnel from Italian universities or research institutes who identify a Weizmann Institute scientific personnel member interested in hosting them at the Institute – flexible periods
- Specific research collaborations among Weizmann and Piedmont scientists in order to establish strong and durable scientific connections

**ELIGIBILITY:** All candidates must meet the academic requirements of the Weizmann Institute (valid for students and postdocs).

**COOPERATION:** Research projects funded by the Torino - Weizmann collaboration will be carried out at the Weizmann Institute of Science. The mode of collaboration between the Weizmann scientist(s) and the Torino counterpart(s) shall be defined in each proposal.

**AMOUNT:** Up to €25,000.

**SUPPORT PERIOD:** 1 year.

**SUBMISSION DATE:** 31 July 2008 - to the RGP.

**EVALUATION:** The proposals will be evaluated by a joint Scientific Advisory Committee, composed of representatives from the Weizmann Institute and the De Benedetti Foundation.

**NUMBER OF AWARDS:** 1 grant will be awarded.

**ACTIVATION DATE(S):** October 2008.

**MODE OF APPLICATION:** Applications must be submitted to the RGP in 1 hard copy, as well as in electronic (Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF) format. For further information at the Italian university, please contact [Prof. Massimo Aglietta](#). The proposals should include:

- A short description (1-3 pages) of the collaborative project
- A description of how the budget is going to be used
- Curriculum vitae and list of relevant publications during the last 5 years of the applicants

**TOSEFET MEHKAR ALLOWANCE:** This is to remind you that according to national agreements, budgets of internal funding sources may NOT be used for Tosafot Mehkar (*i.e.* cannot be used for salary supplements).

**KEYWORDS:** Life Sciences, Chemistry

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