



Embassy of Italy
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**Expression of interest for the organization of scientific web-seminars
(webinars, videoconferences, web meetings)
coordinated by the Science Office of the Embassy of Italy to the State
of Israel**

In the context of the current CoViD-19 pandemic emergency, and of the consequent restrictions on mobility and meetings, the Embassy of Italy intends to collect expressions of interest by Israeli academic institutions, research centres, and non-profit organizations operating in the State of Israel with specific experience and knowledge of the Israeli and Italian academic communities and high-tech innovation ecosystems to support the Embassy's Science Office in the planning, organization and management of eight scientific webinars, to be held online during 2020, in the framework of the Agreement on Industrial, Scientific and Technological Cooperation between Italy and Israel.

The scientific seminars are listed below:

1. AI & Robotics technologies applied to human health.
2. Space factories. Emerging industrial applications to be installed on space stations and satellites.
3. Innovative research for nuclear energy.
4. Digital Health: the use of clinical data to generate tools for the improvement of patient health.
5. Nanomaterials for the future. Synthesis, properties, characterizations, and potential applications.
6. Advancing desertification in the Mediterranean region: environmental and societal consequences.
7. Blue Economy.
8. Prophylaxis and treatment of hospitalized and home-treated positive CoViD-19 patients.

Such academic institutions, research centres, and non-profit organizations will tightly collaborate with the Embassy's Science Office and operate under the directives of the Scientific Attaché (Head of the Office), in order to deliver the following services:

- define the web-seminars (webinars) program;
- raise awareness and promote the involvement of the scientific and innovation communities in both Countries;
- organize the logistics of the events, including the setup of adequate web pages hosting IT and internet communication systems such as platforms for

videoconferencing, the registration of participants and the distribution of relevant documentation;

- supply technical assistance during the meeting sessions;
- provide media and social media coverage, including contacts with the press.

The academic institutions, research centres, and non-profit organizations interested in such cooperation, shall submit an expression of interest through a headed-letter duly signed by the legal representative of the organization. Such letter shall specify the following:

1. a statement on the availability to cooperate under the directives of the Scientific Attaché of the Embassy;
2. a description of the specific experience and knowledge of the Israeli and Italian academic and research communities and high-tech innovation ecosystems;
3. a description of the technical (IT, web management) expertise available for the organization of the seminars;
4. an economic offer for the required services (such offer shall not exceed NIS 80.000 for the total of eight webinars).

The letter must be written in English and be addressed to: The Embassy of Italy - Science Office - Trade Tower - Rehov Hamered 25 - 6812508 Tel Aviv. The letter shall be delivered in attachment to an e-mail sent no later than Friday May 22nd 2020 at 12:00 (Tel Aviv time) to telaviv.scienza@esteri.it and amm.telaviv@esteri.it.

Based on the received expressions of interest, the Embassy will enter into a direct negotiation with the interested academic institutions, research centres and non-profit organizations to define a contract containing a detailed program of activities and a final budget for the requested service. The Embassy will give priority to those partners who demonstrate their ability to engage with the academic, research and high-tech communities of both countries.

Tel Aviv, May 8th, 2020

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