

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2008 IN: BIOTECHNOLOGY AND GENOMICS, BIOMASS AND BIO-FUELS.

SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME MINCYT- WUR (Wageningen University and Research Center)

From May 1st to July 15th, 2008 Mincyt-Wageningen call is open for the presentation of joint research projects between Argentine and Wageningen UR groups, in the framework of Science and Technology Cooperation Programme MINCYT-WUR, signed on May 22nd, 2006 between the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation from the Argentine Republic and the President of the Board of Wageningen University and Research Center –hereafter called WUR- from the Netherlands.

Objectives:

To strengthen and to expand relations between both scientific communities, making possible the exchange between Argentine and Netherlands research groups from WUR, in the framework of joint scientific and technological projects, selected by the parties, promoting missions of training for young researchers.

Scientific Areas:

The call is open for the following scientific areas:

- **Biotechnology and genomics**
- **Biomass and bio-fuels**

Modes of Cooperation:

A joint research project is established by two or more research groups from Argentina and WUR with objectives to be achieved during the proposed timetable, implemented through the exchange of people.

The projects must be supported by directors (one from Argentina and one from WUR – director of a science group) properly qualified for directing research and accountable for financial resources. Each director must submit the completed forms to the office in charge of the cooperation in its country. The submission must be simultaneous in both countries, otherwise it will not be considered.

The applications must agree in all terms and must include both director's conformity.

Project Selection:

The evaluation process will take into account the following criteria:

1. Project (creativity and originality, importance of the objectives proposed and expected results, coherence between objectives, methodology and work plan)
2. Research Group (scientific-technologic competence and capability of the research group, training for researchers, high impact in cooperation training networks)
3. Cooperation (pertinence and opportunity of the missions, background and convenience of the cooperation)

The pertinent evaluation will consider:

1. The General Priorities of the MINCYT in Argentina and WUR in the Netherlands.
2. The activities contained in the projects regarding the training of young researchers.
3. The possibilities for the incorporation of new groups or third parties such as other research groups in the Cooperation Programme.

Duration of the projects:

The duration for the project will last up to 2 years, without possibility for a prolongation period. The projects selected will have the term: 01/02/2009 until 31.12.2010 (including one evaluation at the end of the first year to approve the second year, considering the advance report presented).

Duration of the missions:

They could be:

- short missions: up to 15 days (for researchers and university professors)
- medium-term missions: 21 days (for researchers and university professors)
- long missions: 1 or 2 months (as PHD students or sandwich registered and defending the thesis in Argentina).

Benefits:

The subsidies given by MINCYT and WUR will be exclusively given up in order to cover the trip between Netherlands' and Argentina's researchers affected to specific tasks of the project:

- The international travel costs to the host country, including the transportation from the capital city/arrival city to the place of visiting, and the health insurance, will be covered by the sending country.
- The host country will cover the subsistence costs.

Item	For dutch researchers travelling to Argentina	For argentine researchers travelling to Netherlands
Ticket	Cover by WUR Point to point. Economic class	Covered by MINCYT . Point to point. Economy class
Stay	MINCYT: (in pesos argentinos) 10 to 15 days missions: \$220 p/day 21 days missions: \$4000 1 to 2 months missions: \$4500 per month. Dutch scientists shall cover all their expenditures in Argentina (including accommodation with these amounts).	WUR: Free hotel standard accommodation and 115 euros per day.

These missions must be indicated in the form, correctly justified, with duration details, days and names of researchers involved. The project approval from both sides will imply the approval of the missions as they are mentioned in the forms, indicated in the Bilateral Act.

The Argentinean and Dutch Directors of the project must present at the end of the first period of the project, an activity report with the publications generated. This will be the base for approving the next year exchanges.

Evaluation:

The timetable for the evaluation process is the following:

- First Step: from **August - September 2008**: evaluation "by pairs", Argentinean and Wageningen UR experts review in confidentiality the quality of projects, separately in each country.
- Final Bilateral Selection: **October 20th 2008**, the Scientific Argentine-Dutch Committee will make the final "bilateral" selection of the proposals and will emit the final decision in a Bilateral Act signed by representatives of both countries. This decision is indisputable.
- The implementation of the approved projects will be from February, 2008. The missions will be available from February to December, 2009.

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e-mail: The application forms are available at the server FTP from MINCYT.
The presentation of all documentation (application forms and resume) must be done by email to kpombo@correo.secyt.gov.ar

The director of the proposal must send by mail or handed personally 1 paper copy of the project with the institutional form signed in original.

Deadline: **July 15, 2008 12 hs. (the post stamp is valid).**

Netherlands

Proposals must be sent electronically in english to
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