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*Project "Fostering local state-civic partnership for sustainable economic development in Moldova", funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Norway and implemented by IOM Moldova in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Moldova*

## ***Call for Proposals 2014-2015***

### **Temporary return of representatives of the Moldovan Scientific Diaspora**

#### **I. Introduction and Scope**

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The International Organization for Migration, Mission in the Republic of Moldova (IOM), in partnership with the Center of International Projects of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova (ASM) will support on a competitive basis 30 researchers – members of Moldovan Scientific Diaspora (MSD) willing to come to Moldova for a **short-term visit of 7 – 11 days** in order to perform research activities at one of R&D institutions or universities of Moldova.

This program is open to researchers originated from Moldova who are currently working abroad at R&D institutions or universities in any field of basic and applied sciences and have work experience there for a period of minimum 3 years.

**Project Objective:** Improve Moldova's capacity to enhance the development impact of circular migration through temporary return of highly qualified MSD members in the field of R&D.

**Opportunities:** Through this program, MSD members will have the opportunity to:

- Contribute by knowledge share to the development of R&D sector in Moldova;
- Establish new and renew previous collaborations with their Moldovan counterparts;
- Promote the integration of Moldovan researchers with the international scientific community;
- Strengthen partnership relations with the Moldovan researchers, which might lead to cooperation within international programs such as EU/FP7, EU/FP "Horizon 2020" SCOPES, NATO Science for Peace Program, ENPI, etc;
- Get involved in the educational process (undergraduate, postgraduate, PhD, etc)
- Share experience with their Moldovan counterparts on how to improve project proposal writing skills;
- Serve as independent experts in the evaluation of national projects, programs, strategies of development, laws, etc;
- Contribute to the development of joint research publications to be published in Moldova and abroad;
- Participate in informational campaigns to raise society's awareness on brain drain and mechanisms for stemming this process.

The short term visit should be planned during the period **October 2014 – March 2015**. IOM will provide grantees with financial support to cover international transportation and daily allowances.

Applications to this program must be submitted at least four weeks prior to the intended date of travel and in accordance with the Proposal Submission Timeline below. Grants will be awarded subject to the result of the contest and availability of funds.

This competition is announced in the framework of the project "*Fostering local state-civic partnership for sustainable economic development in Moldova*", funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Norway and implemented by IOM Moldova in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Moldova.

## **II. About IOM and ASM**

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**The International Organization for Migration (IOM).** Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners.

With 127 member states, a further 17 states holding observer status and offices in over 100 countries, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants.

IOM works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people.

The IOM Constitution recognizes the link between migration and economic, social and cultural development, as well as to the right of freedom of movement.

The **Academy of Sciences of Moldova (ASM)** as the sole public institution of national significance in the field of science and innovation is the plenipotentiary coordinator of scientific and innovation activity, the supreme scientific forum of the country and scientific consultant to the public authorities of the Republic of Moldova (RM).

ASM Activity is based on:

- the **Code on Science and Innovation** of the RM, adopted in July 2004 as a main legal act, which regulates the activities in the area of S&T;
- the **Partnership Agreement** between the ASM and the Government of the RM, which authorize the ASM to distribute state-designated State funds on a competitive basis as well as to establish the **strategic priorities** of science development for the 2009-2012.

**The Center of International Projects** is an auxiliary public institution of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, which promotes and manages bilateral and multilateral programs in science and innovation launched within Cooperation Agreements between ASM and various international R&D organizations and foundations.

### III. Program Guidelines

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**A. Candidate Eligibility:** All applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be nationals of the Republic of Moldova;
- must demonstrate affiliation with an R&D institution or university abroad for the last 3 years;
- should have some research background in Moldova;
- must demonstrate that their visit will pursue one or several opportunities listed in Section I;
- demonstrate sustainability of partnership with their Moldovan counterparts.

Travel must be planned for a period from **7 to 11 days** in duration.

Applicant must guarantee the delivery of a report on undertaken project activities within one month upon return from Moldova.

IOM complies with all laws and regulations that apply to the funding procedure for this program. The ASM reserves the right to reject the participation of any individual or institution in this program in case that the applicant does not meet most of the above-mentioned eligibility criteria.

**B. Priorities:** Among proposals of equal technical merit, IOM and ASM will give priority to proposals submitted by:

1. Applicants from highly rated R&D institutions and universities from abroad.
2. Applicants presenting a detailed plan of activity to be performed in the Moldovan R&D institution or university during their short term visit and a detailed description of sustainability of collaboration to be developed with their Moldovan counterparts.
3. Young scientists and engineers (under 35 years of age).
4. Applicants who will demonstrate involvement of their Moldovan counterparts in the development and implementation of the international projects within FP7, EU/FP "Horizon 2020", SCOPES, NATO, CEI, NSF, ENPI etc.
5. Applicants who will bring an impact on science and technology policies development in Moldova (through national programs and proposals evaluation, national science strategies development etc.).
6. Applicants, who facilitate the creation of consortiums, part of the application process in the framework of the EU/FP "Horizon 2020". The success of the program shall be evaluated considering the number of consortiums created.

**C. Proposal Contents:** Each proposal should include all the items listed below, and should not exceed 15 pages including all required forms<sup>1</sup>. The requirements for the Romanian or Russian version are the same. Applications that do not include the following items will not be considered for funding:

- 1) A signed Cover Page (see attached).
- 2) Applicant's Curriculum Vitae, which should specify his/her full name, date and place of birth, contact address, education and research background, prior and current employment, selected publications (especially publications in peer-reviewed, international, English-language journals), honors received, and educational and professional goals (maximum 3 pages).

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<sup>1</sup> All applications should be typed with 1.5-spacing, point 12-font size, with margins of 2.5 cm (one inch) at the sides and on the top and bottom, with all pages, including forms, numbered consecutively in the upper right corner.

- 3) Project summary answering the questions: who, when, where and how will contribute to the collaboration development (1/2 page).
- 4) Plan of activity describing all aspects of the visit.
- 5) A letter or statement from the Moldovan R&D institution or university accepting the applicant's request to work, and providing a description of facilities offered for the applicant.
- 6) A description of the opportunities of joint participation in international projects within EU FP7, EU FP "Horizon 2020", SCOPES, NATO, CEI, NSF, ENPI etc.
- 7) A description of possible participation in the development of R&D sector in Moldova.
- 8) A description of possible involvement in the research-education-innovation process in Moldova.
- 9) Possible participation in scientific events organized during the period of short-term staying in Moldova.
- 10) Short list of possible outcomes of the visit including sustainability of further collaboration with Moldovan counterparts.

**D. Proposal Submission:** Complete applications must be received by ASM and OIM by 6:00 PM Chisinau time according to the following timeline:

Nr.	Deadline for Application Submission:	Review Period:	Award Announcement:	For Travel after:
1.	1 October 2014	October 2014	November 2014	1 November 2014
2.	1 November 2014	November 2014	December 2014	1 December 2014
3.	1 December 2014	December 2014	January 2015	1 January 2015
4.	1 January 2014	January 2011	February 2011	1 February 2011
5.	1 February 2014	February 2015	March 2015	1 March 2015

All applicants must submit their proposals to ASM in the following manner:

- **One electronic copy of the full proposal in Romanian or Russian.**
- **The proposal summary (1/2 page) should be also submitted in English.**
- **Applications must be submitted to the following e-mail address:**  
[diaspora@asm.md](mailto:diaspora@asm.md)

**ASM and IOM will not accept fax submissions.**

No modifications may be made to any item of the proposal once it has been received by ASM and IOM. If necessary, participants may request and receive additional information from ASM or IOM for completing their applications, but only before the final proposal is submitted. ASM and IOM reserve the right to request additional information from applicants if necessary.

**E. Review of Proposals:** Each proposal will be screened for eligibility and completeness by ASM staff. Proposals will then be submitted to independent experts in order to obtain technical expert review. Expert reviews will be discussed by an Evaluation Committee comprised of representatives of ASM, host institutions and IOM who will make final recommendations.

**F. Evaluation Criteria:** Applications will be evaluated using the following evaluation criteria:

1. Record of Accomplishment: Applicant's professional record, including publications, international collaborations, and grant funding success.
2. Knowledge exchange impact: Prominence of the events and activities in the discipline of research and experience exchange impact for Moldovan scientists.
3. Management skills demonstration. Possible involvement of the Moldovan scientists in the project development process, international science consortiums, preparation of joint publication, joint scientific events organization, participation in the national projects, programs, strategies and other documents evaluation.
4. Sustainability of the visit's results/outcomes.

#### **IV. Budget Guidelines**

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##### **Allowable Costs.**

1. **International Transportation:** IOM will cover the expenses of international transportation round-trip airfare to and from Moldova. The air tickets will be booked and purchased by IOM and sent by e-mail to successful grantees.
2. **Per Diem:** IOM will cover the per diem (accommodation, local transportation, meals and incidentals expenses) during the period of visit. The amount of per diem will be paid by IOM to successful grantees upon their arrival in Moldova.

The total amount **per day** will make **100 USD.**

**Costs associated with pre-visit or post-visit meetings and staying in Moldova will be covered by applicant from his/her own expenses.**

**B. Support from Other Sources.** The ASM and IOM strongly encourage cash or in-kind contributions from other institutions in all their activities. All such contributions relevant to this project should be clearly indicated in the space provided in the Application Form.

#### **V. Moldova R&D Institutions**

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The host R&D Institution should clearly state the correspondence to the following criteria:

1. Relevance of the scientific activity of team/center/laboratory of R&D host institution or university to the scientific activity of the applicant.
2. Coordination of the action plan between the team/center/laboratory of R&D institution or university and the applicant.
3. Ability to provide high quality facilities to perform proposed research activity, including access to internet, scientific equipment, scientific library and sources of scientific information and literature, technology transfer opportunity, consulting services etc.
4. Confirmation of the possibility to offer some additional facilities or assistance if there are some specific needs stipulated within the project.

## VI. Additional Information

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In case any information on the R&D institution or university is required, please address to the representatives of ASM listed in the table below, or consult the ASM webpage at the following address: [http://www.asm.md/?go=institute&conss1=1&new\\_language=0](http://www.asm.md/?go=institute&conss1=1&new_language=0).

For questions about the proposal submission process, or for further information about this program, please contact the following persons:

<p><b>Academy of Sciences of Moldova</b> MD-2001, Chisinau, bd. Stefan cel Mare 1, of. 440/445 Website: <a href="http://www.asm.md">www.asm.md</a>, <a href="http://www.cip.asm.md">www.cip.asm.md</a>, <a href="http://www.international.asm.md">www.international.asm.md</a></p>	<p><b>International Organization for Migration</b> MD-2001, Chişinău, str. Ciuflea 36/1, of. 14 Website: <a href="http://www.iom.md">www.iom.md</a>, <a href="http://www.migratie.md">www.migratie.md</a></p>
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## Cover Page

### Applicant Information

Full name (as it appears in passport)			
Current position			
Organization/Institution name			
Complete mailing address			
Applicant's e-mail address		Tel/fax	
Highest degree awarded and field of study/research		Year awarded	
Citizenship(s)		Date of birth (month/day/year)	
Do you have any research background in Moldova?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If "Yes," please indicate period and institution name	
Do you have any experience of participation in international projects?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If "Yes," please provide the acronym(s) of the funding source(s)	

### Moldovan Host Organization/Institution Information

Full name of organization/institution			
Name and scientific degree of the organization/institution director			
Address			
E-mail		Tel/fax	
Recipient scientific department/ centre / laboratory			
Name and scientific degree of the recipient department head			
E-mail		Tel/fax	

### Period of Planned Visit

Total Period	From		To	
Staying in the R&D Institution	From		To	
Participation in other scientific events during visit	Dates			

### Budget

Category	Amount Requested from IOM	Support from non-IOM sources
1) International transportation	Covered directly by IOM	
2) Per Diem ( <b>100 USD/day</b> )	Covered directly by IOM	
<b>Total, EUR:</b>		

*Signature- By signing this application, I certify that I meet all the eligibility requirements in this announcement and that all information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

Applicant's Signature		Date	
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