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Object: "Marie Curie" Research Fellowships within the "Trieste Science System"

Dear Colleague,

I wish to draw your personal attention to a Call for Applications recently launched by the Central European Initiative (CEI) in the context of the CEI Research Fellowship Programme (CERES), co-funded by the FP7 – Marie Curie Actions.

The Call will be open until 30 April and will make available 4 fellowships to post-doc researchers from CEI Member States. Selected applicants will have the opportunity to spend 12 months hosted by one of the five Trieste-based institutions of excellence composing the CERES partnership: the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), the Sincrotrone S.C.p.A., the Cluster in Biomedicine (CBM) and the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA).

CERES was designed by the CEI with the aim to support transnational mobility as a contribution to the construction of the European Research Area (ERA).

In line with the bottom-up approach pursued by the Marie Curie Actions, CERES supports individual-driven mobility: applicants will be totally free to choose the topic of their research project, the host institution and the relevant supervisor. Furthermore, the Programme strictly follows the provisions included in the "European Charter for Researchers" and in the "Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers", with the aim to ensure an efficient, merit-based and transparent selection process.

I believe that CERES is a unique opportunity for researchers from CEI Member States to boost their careers in the framework of the "Trieste Science System", a network of top-level centres and advanced research institutions with a dynamic international community.

In this regard, I wish to mention that, meeting in Trieste for the first time ever (October 19th 2011), the CEI Ministers for Science & Technology adopted the "Trieste Declaration" aimed at enhancing their cooperation. The Declaration was welcomed by the European Commission (DG for Research & Innovation) that particularly appreciated the CEI effort to promote mobility of researchers from CEI Member States towards the scientific institutions of the "Trieste Science System".

In view of the above, I am also glad to inform you that the Secretariat will submit to the European Commission an application to renew the very positive experience of CERES through a second project in the framework of the FP7-COFUND Marie Curie Actions, for the years 2013-2014.

Therefore, I would be very grateful if you could inform all relevant institutions and stakeholders in your country on this opportunity meant to encourage transnational mobility of researchers in view of the creation of a true European open space for knowledge and technologies.

For additional information, please consult the CERES webpage (www.ceinet.org/CERES) or contact Mr Alessandro Lombardo, CERES Programme Manager (0039 0407786744; lombardo@cei-es.org).

With best regards,

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