

ANNOUNCEMENT

INTAS Collaborative Call 2006 with South-Caucasian Republics (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia)

In 2006 INTAS launches a collaborative **call for research project proposals** with the South Caucasian republics (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia), with an indicative budget of up to **€1.85 million**, to be shared between Armenia (up to **€125,000**); the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences (up to **€125,000**), Georgia (up to **€100,000**) and INTAS (up to **€1.5 million**).

Scope:

The scope of the call will cover **six topics**, eligible for joint funding by INTAS and all three South-Caucasian republics:

- **Environmental problems**, in particular water and food quality/production, rehabilitation of soils, climate change;
- **Public health problems**, in particular endemic infectious and genotypic diseases;
- **Improved use of natural resources**, including minerals and plants;
- **Modern problems of mathematics and astrophysics**;
- **Economic development** (new energy technologies, advanced information technologies, advanced material technologies including nanotechnologies, new marketing & economic schemes);
- **Science, Technology and Innovation policy**.

The call addresses basic and applied research and technology development but excludes market-oriented technology development.

Consortium:

The project consortia must comprise at least one team from **each of two different** INTAS member states, including the team of the coordinator, and at least one team *from an institution of the South-Caucasian republics participating in the financing of the call*, including:

- the Armenian National Academy of Sciences, Yerevan State University, State Engineering University of Armenia, Yerevan State Medical University, and other research institutions in Armenia;
- the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences;
- any research institution in Georgia.

Consortia are open to any other teams from the South-Caucasian republics or NIS countries.

Duration of projects:

The project duration must be **12, 18, or 24 months**.

Maximum allowable funding:

The maximum allowable funding per project is **€120,000** subject to the scientific content, the duration and the number of scientists involved. No more than **25% of the total project grant** will be available to teams from INTAS member states.

Indicative Timetable:

Opening of the call:	13 March 2006, 16H00 (Brussels time)
Deadline for submission:	6 June 2006, 13H00 (Brussels time)
Results of the selection:	October 2006
Earliest start of the projects:	January 2007

Proposals must be submitted through the INTAS internet-based Submission System

In relation with this Call, INTAS and the Georgian National Science Foundation are organizing jointly a workshop, which will take place on **19-21 April 2006 in Tbilisi, Georgia** (see [announcement](#)).