

**AGROPOLIS FONDATION - FONDAZIONE CARIPLO
2012 Joint Call for Proposals (CfP)**

"French-Italian Rice Science and Technology (FIRST) Initiative"
[Ref. CfP 2012-01]

DRAFT APPLICATION FORM

The size of the boxes in this sheet can be adjusted as necessary but the total length should not be more than **20 pages**. This Application Form should be accompanied by a financial table; Gantt chart; Logframe; CV(s) of proposed candidate(s), if applicable; and other additional information deemed useful by the proponents.
This form must be completed in English.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT		
Project identification	Leave this box blank	
Full title		
Short title		
Key words (5 to 10)		
Proponents	Italian lead scientist Surname, Given name Organization and Postal address E-mail address, Tel./fax	French lead scientist Surname, Given name Organization and Postal address E-mail address, Tel./fax
Partners from the South or Mediterranean <i>Proponents, who are unable to identify partners from the South or the Mediterranean at the time of submission, should present in Section II b how they intend to involve such partners and/or how the research outputs are to be made accessible to them.</i>	Surname, Given name Organization and Postal address E-mail address, Tel./fax Surname, Given name Organization and Postal address E-mail address, Tel./fax <i>Add as necessary</i>	
French partners	Surname, Given name Organization and Postal address E-mail address, Tel./fax Surname, Given name Organization and Postal address E-mail address, Tel./fax <i>Add as necessary</i>	
Italian partners	Surname, Given name Organization and Postal address E-mail address, Tel./fax	

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Other partners	Surname, Given name Organization and Postal address E-mail address, Tel./fax	
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Partners from international research centers	Surname, Given name Organization and Postal address E-mail address, Tel./fax	
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Type of funding request <i>Tick one or more. For Fellowships, specify the number of Fellows requested and the duration of tenure (e.g., 3 Doctoral Fellows of 3 years/Fellow)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Post-doctoral Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Fellowship for short stay <input type="checkbox"/> Grants for scientific platforms <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship of international training courses <input type="checkbox"/> Organization of high-level scientific events	<input type="checkbox"/> Preparation of application to international Calls <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas travel grants for PhD & Post-doc scientists <input type="checkbox"/> "Release from teaching duties" <input type="checkbox"/> Publication and dissemination of research results <input type="checkbox"/> Small exploratory, risky & innovative projects <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting pre-doctoral students
Project duration (in months)		
Project's FULL Cost (in €) <i>(in € and as specified in the Financial Annex)</i>		
Funding request under this Call <i>(in € and as specified in the Financial Annex)</i>		
PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION		
Executive Summary of the Proposal (1 page max.) <i>This section should briefly mention the over-all project objective; major actions planned and expected outputs. The proposal's coherence with related national and/or international initiatives should also be cited. If necessary, more detailed scientific information may also be appended in this Application Form.</i>		

I. Scientific quality: Originality, innovativeness, feasibility	
a) State of the art, project context. Provide preliminary data.	
b) Research strategy/methodology	
c) Describe the originality and innovative nature of the project. What scientific breakthrough is expected from the proposed project?	
d) Describe how the proposed project meets one or more of the four structuring, integrating, interdisciplinary axes defined in Section II.2 of the Call's Terms of Reference.	
e) Describe the interdisciplinary and integrated nature of the proposed project, including the interaction between social and biological sciences in the project.	
f) How will this be operationalized? What approaches, methodologies, etc. will be employed?	
g) Describe the project's capacity building/training component	
II. Scientific leadership and partnership strengthening	
a) Scientific leadership and competencies of the research teams involved	
- Provide evidence of proponent's strong scientific leadership and capacity to mobilize partners.	
- Describe the specific skills and coherence of the research teams involved.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe the roles, responsibilities and contribution of various institutional partners. - Provide, as an Annex, a short CV (without personal information) of the key research personnel involved, including their role in the project and a selection of their peer-reviewed publications in the last three years (maximum 5 publications per scientist). 	
<p>b) Describe how will the proposed project contribute to strengthening Franco-Italian partnership and Franco-Italian partnership with countries from the South and/or the Mediterranean? Is this a new collaboration or a reinforcement of existing ones?</p> <p><i>Proponents, who are unable to identify partners from the South or the Mediterranean at the time of submission, describe here how you intend to involve such partners and/or how the research outputs are to be made accessible to them.</i></p>	
III. Contribution to international attractiveness and visibility	
<p>a) Describe how the proposed project fits with related/similar international initiatives (e.g., GRiSP) or with other institutions working on rice (e.g., IRRI, CIAT, AfricaRice).</p>	
<p>b) Explain how the proposed project will contribute to the international visibility and attractiveness of the research teams involved and how this can be measured.</p>	
IV. Relevance to socio-economic and sustainable development (SD) issues	
<p>a) Explain which of the following sustainable development (SD) issues related to plants the project tries to address: (1) Increasing demand for plants and plant by-products for food and non-food uses; (2) Interaction between climate change and crops; (3) Prevention and management of risks related to crop and food systems.</p>	

b) What are the major outputs and outcomes of the project that address socio-economic and SD issues?	
c) How can the results mentioned in item (b) be used to address the SD issues described in item (a) above?	
d) How will the proposed project create a positive impact in developing countries? How this can be measured?	
e) Environmental, ethical and gender issues <i>NB: For gender issues, consider the following, e.g., gender balance in the research team, in what sense is gender relevant in the objectives and methodology of the project, how the products and outputs of the proposed project benefit men and women.</i>	
f) Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property issues (How the partners intend to deal with this issues?)	

V. Counterpart-contribution and added value of the funding under this Call

<p>a) Provide details of counterpart contribution by the partners involved. <i>(The figures here should tally with the Annex Financial Table, Section B1. The details should be presented per partner using the prescribed format)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salary estimates (Fill up the table) - Access to infrastructure and laboratories - Others 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Staff category (e.g., Research Director, admin support)</th> <th>Name of partner organization</th> <th>Total months over project duration</th> <th>Average monthly salary (Gross + charges)</th> <th>Total in EUR</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Total</td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Staff category (e.g., Research Director, admin support)	Name of partner organization	Total months over project duration	Average monthly salary (Gross + charges)	Total in EUR																					Total				
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b) Is the proposed project related to any existing initiative (funded by other sources, e.g., EU, ANR, etc) in which the proponents are already or wished to be involved? How does the proposed project build on and/or position <i>vis-a-vis</i> this initiative?																															
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<p>funding under this Call. To which extent are the two foundations the most appropriate funding source for the proposed initiative (vis-a-vis other funding sources, e.g. ANR, EU)?</p> <p>d) What is the expected leverage effect of this funding?</p>	
VI. Project management and Coordination	
<p>Explain how the proposed project will be managed and how collaboration with identified partners will be coordinated (e.g., creation of project steering or coordination committee or other similar mechanisms, etc.)</p>	
VIII. Other useful information	
<p>a) Indicative schedule of planned study/work missions and/or recruitment</p>	
<p>b) Other useful information</p>	
<p>c) Identify 3 experts (Name, email, phone) who may be asked to evaluate your proposal</p>	
<p>d) Identify 3 experts (Name, email, phone) who should NOT be asked to evaluate your proposal.</p>	

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENT for SUBMISSION

- 1) Duly completed Application Form
- 2) Financial Table (Aggregate and breakdown per partner)
- 3) Gantt Chart
- 4) Logframe
- 5) As Annex, CV of the key partners involved in the project, their role in the project and top 5 publications in the last 3 years
- 6) As Annex, CV of PhD, Post-docs, Senior and Junior fellows to be recruited under the proposed project (if already identified. Refer to the Table of Funding Categories for specific requirements)

IMPORTANT: The proposal should be submitted electronically to first2012@agropolis.fr. Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be considered. Agropolis Fondation and Fondazione Cariplo shall not be held responsible for submissions not received due to technical problems preventing the transfer of proposals electronically.