

## **Ministry of Science, Education and Sports**

### **National Council for Science**

Dear Researcher,

The Republic of Croatia, as a candidate country for the European Union, aims to maintain and further improve high level of quality and excellence in science and technology. We have just implemented a new research policy this year, with particular emphasis on the quality and excellence of the grant proposals.

The call for submission of new research projects has recently been closed and the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia and the National Council for Science decided to involve international experts in the peer review of submitted proposals in order to fulfill this demanding task and ensure an objective and independent review of scientific projects and achievements in all scientific fields.

The first step in this direction was to sign formal agreements with the Republic of Slovenia, Republic of Austria and Republic of Hungary to form a joint pool of reviewers for research proposals. We have also asked for the support of the Science Foundation of Ireland as well as scientists from research institutions in several countries with the prospect of foreign scientists joining our international team of reviewers in the upcoming period.

We would be honored, if you as a scientist and expert with high reputation and knowledge would accept our invitation and become an international reviewer of research proposals submitted by Croatian scientists. Your participation would be of great assistance not only to the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports and the National Council for Science but, more importantly, to the further development of scientific research in Croatia, on both the national and international level.

All research proposals that are undergoing peer review process are accessible via a special web page, and the entire review process will be performed exclusively through electronic means. The reviewers will be expected to analyze a research proposal and write a report in accordance with the guidelines for reviewers.

We hope you will accept our invitation on behalf of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia and the National Council for Science, and join our team of international reviewers to review this year's pool of submitted research proposals. We look forward to your participation in this exciting and novel course of action for science in Croatia.

Sincerely,



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