

Evaluation process for CRP-ICGEB Research Grant

- Intermediary faze-

In order to choose the three projects that will be endorsed by Romania

Starting from the information package, the projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. The coordinator's competence

- Is the proposed theme related to the past and current activity of the principal investigator? (5p) A fact demonstrated by:
 - i. Scientific articles and
 - ii. Books published in the past 5 years in peer reviewed journals or internationally recognized publishers, indexed in databases like Web of Science, Scopus, PubMed, etc. as well as
 - iii. The patents he/she holds
- Does he/she have the managerial capacity to manage such a project? This will be demonstrated by the list of projects that the coordinator has in progress or that have already been finished, as director or responsible (5p)

2. The scientific and technical quality of the project

- The following will be considered:
 - i. Originality and innovative aspect of the proposed theme in relation to current research in the field (5p)
 - ii. The opportunity of the techniques used and their novelty in relation to the proposed objectives (5p)
 - iii. How realistic is the project implementation plan within the assumed timeframe while using the proposed techniques (5p)
 - iv. Good correlation between budget and the proposed activities (5p)
 - v. Impact of the expected results in terms of their contribution to progress in the relevant field (5p)

3. Implementation

- Evidence of the necessary infrastructure needed to implement the proposed activities or justification for the acquisition of new equipment (5p)
- Involving young researchers (under the age of 35) is encouraged. Their involvement degree will be quantified by the number of persons-month assigned to them, as part of the activities proposed in the project, or by the usage time of national and international motilities needed for their training (5p)

TOTAL: 45 points

Projects will be sent in electronic format to the ICGEB Liaison Officer for Romania (Dr. Anca Oancea, oancea.anca@gmail.com) by the 31st of March of the current year. They will be evaluated by a committee of three experts, members of the Scientific Council of INCDSB (the National Institute of Research and Development for Biological Sciences), according to the above mentioned evaluation grid. The three experts will come to a consensus regarding the number of points for each project. If there is any conflict of interests or lack of an expert in the proposed field, external evaluators will be called. The list of evaluators will be published after assigning the winning projects. The evaluators' comments will be sent to the applicant by the 15th of April. The applicant has the possibility to answer to their comments within a period of three days, the final results being published until the 25th of April. The final score cannot be disputed. For criteria 1 and 2 it is necessary to obtain a score of at least 7 points, 15 points respectively.