



*Ministero degli Affari Esteri  
e della Cooperazione Internazionale*

## Meeting of Science Attachés

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

**Tuesday 13 October – Morning**

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International Conference Room, Farnesina Palace (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

<b>Opening Session - Science Attachés at the service of the Country System</b>	
9:30	Address by Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation <b>Hon. Paolo Gentiloni</b>  Address by Minister for Education, Universities and Research (MIUR) <b>Sen. Stefania Giannini</b>
9:55	Video presentation of the RiSeT Platform and Innovitalia website

<b>2nd Session – Science Attachés for the research and higher education system</b> <b><i>Science &amp; Technology in the global market: experiences and models</i></b> <i>The panel discussion will be an opportunity to update our Science Attachés on new strategies and priorities for Italian research, offering the viewpoint of representatives from institutions and research and academic spheres. It will be a moment in which to analyse possible instruments for refining the efforts of the foreign network. Presented, to this end, will be the case of the Swiss network in support of scientific/technological cooperation, which could offer ideas on how to further develop our efforts. The subsequent debate, in which Attachés will also describe their most significant experiences, will be an opportunity to expand on the topics introduced by the panel.</i>	
10:15 – 11:30	Moderator <b>Amb. Andrea Meloni</b> – Director General for Country Promotion, MFAIC  <b>Prof. Marco Mancini</b> – Head of the Department of Higher Education and Research, MIUR “The new National Research Plan and the European Challenge”  <b>Prof. Luigi Nicolais</b> – President of the National Research Council “Scientific research a driver of economic development and research”  <b>Prof. Marco Gilli</b> – Dean of the Turin Polytechnic Institute “Researcher mobility and higher education for international market competitiveness”  <b>Amb. Mauro Moruzzi</b> – Head of the International Relations Division, Secretariat of State of the Swiss Confederation for Education, Research and Innovation “Science & Technology, the Swiss model takes the globalisation test”  <b>Prof. Roberto Battiston</b> – President of the Italian Space Agency

	<p><i>(in video conference from Jerusalem)</i></p> <p>“Space programmes: a virtuous example of the alliance between institutions, research and business. The role of the network of Science and Space Attachés”</p> <p><b>Prof. Francesco Profumo</b> – President of the Bruno Kessler Foundation “Research and foundations: the contribution of the private sector”</p>
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Debate opened to Science Attachés, with interventions by:</p> <p><b>Prof.ssa Loredana Panariti</b> – Alderman for Labour, Training and Education, Equal Opportunities, Youth Policies and Research, autonomous region of Friuli Venezia Giulia</p> <p><b>Dott.ssa Valeria Fascione</b> – Alderman for Internationalisation, Start-ups and Innovation, Campania Region</p> <p><b>Prof. Gaetano Manfredi</b> - President of the Conference of Italian University Deans</p> <p><b>Dott. Francesco Luccisano</b> – Head of the Technical Secretariat, MIUR</p> <p><b>Prof. Fernando Ferroni</b> - President of the Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare</p> <p><b>Prof. Federico Testa</b> – Commissioner Agenzia nazionale per le nuove tecnologie, l’energia e lo sviluppo economico sostenibile</p> <p><b>Prof. Stefano Gresta</b> – President of the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia</p> <p><b>Prof. Maria Cristina Pedicchio</b> – President of the Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e Geofisica sperimentale</p> <p><b>Prof. Gualtiero Walter Ricciardi</b> – President of the Istituto Superiore Sanità</p> <p><b>Prof. Giovanni Bignami</b> – Chairman of the Board of Square Kilometre Array Observatory</p> <p><b>Prof.ssa Maria Cristina Messa</b> – Dean of the Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca</p> <p><b>Prof. Emilio Ferrari</b> – Presidente of the CINECA Consortium</p> <p><b>Prof. Giorgio Rossi</b> - Vice President of ESFRI (European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures)</p> <p><b>Prof. Giorgio Metta</b> – Deputy Director of the Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia Director of iCub Facility</p>

### **Tuesday 13 October – Afternoon**

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<p><b>III session – Science Attachés for Innovation</b></p> <p><b><i>The legacy of Expo. The challenges of environmental sustainability and food security for an alliance between institutions, research and business.</i></b></p> <p><i>The session will offer an opportunity to present Science Attachés with the most recent evolutions in the link between research and business in the sectors of environmental sustainability and food security, the central themes of EXPO Milano 2015, from the standpoint of institutions and business associations. These latter will also be able to suggest eventual proposals for orienting the diplomatic network’s future activities in support of innovation abroad. The interventions of research and private sector experts will focus attention on the network’s efforts thus far in support of research and business, and possible additional instruments for increasing their effectiveness on behalf of the competitiveness of the Country System.</i></p>	
Ore 15.00	<p>Introduction by MFAIC Secretary-General <b>Amb. Michele Valensise</b></p>

15:15 – 16:30	<p>Moderator  <b>Frediano Finucci</b> – Head of the Economics-Foreign Affairs Desk, TG La7</p> <p><b>Andrea Bairati</b> – Director of the Innovation and Education Division, Confindustria  “Innovation policies for sustainability, between research and business”</p> <p><b>Min. Plen. Giampaolo Cantini</b> – MFAIC Director General for Development Cooperation  “The legacy of EXPO in light of the Agenda 2030”</p> <p><b>Antonio Calabrò</b> – Culture Group Coordinator, Confindustria  "System Italy and business culture: memory innovation"</p> <p><b>Michele Angelo Verna</b> – Director General of Assolombarda  “When research sustains business: the case of Lombardy”</p> <p><b>Prof. Mario Calderini</b> – Research and Innovation Counsellor, Ministry of Education, Universities and Research  “The legacy of EXPO in the framework of the 2015-2020 National Research Plan”</p> <p><b>Massimiliano Tarantino</b> – Secretary General Feltrinelli Foundation  “Beyond the Milan Charter: research, dissemination and training to meet the challenge of the Right to Food”</p>
16:30 – 18:30	<p>Debate opened to Science Attachés with interventions by:</p> <p><b>Prof. Angelo Riccaboni</b> – Dean of the University of Siena and Coordinator of the PRIMA programme (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area)</p> <p><b>Dott. Filippo Ferrua Magliani</b> – President of the Agrifood Cluster</p> <p><b>Prof. Ezio Andreta</b> - President of the Italian Agency for the Promotion of European Research</p> <p><b>Prof. Bernardo De Bernardinis</b> – President ISPRA</p> <p><b>Salvatore Parlato</b> – Commissioner of the Council for Agricultural Research</p> <p><b>Min. Plen. Vincenzo De Luca</b> – Central Director for Globalisation and Territorial Autonomies, MFAIC</p> <p><b>Dott. Enrico Brugnoli</b> - Director of the Dept. of Earth Sciences and Environmental Technologies, CNR</p> <p><b>Prof. Francesco Loreto</b> – Director of the Dept. of Bio-Agroalimentary Sciences, CNR</p> <p><b>Prof. Massimiliano Granieri</b> - Netval and Vice President of ASTP-Proton</p>