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The State Committee of Science was founded in 2007. It functions within the Structure of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia.

The State Committee of Science is a state body that develops and implements the state policy in science sector.

During the last 3 (three) years the State Committee of Science has developed several documents of strategic importance, such as the new Law on Scientific and Scientific – technical Activity, the new Order on Science Funding, Science Development Strategy of the Republic of Armenia, etc.

The State Committee of Science attaches great importance to extending international cooperation, particularly, to realizing joint research projects on a co-funding base.

In 2009, the State Committee of Science concluded the Agreement on Cooperation with the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS, France).

We have already realized the first Joint Call of Papers. As a result, 9 (nine) joint projects are now successfully realized.

This Agreement also aims at establishing International Joint Laboratories and Research Groups. There have already been established 2 (two) Joint Laboratories and 1 (one) Research Group. By the way, Georgian and Azerbaijani universities and research organizations also participate in these projects. Thus, this collaboration is of regional importance.

Similar Agreements will soon be concluded with the Russian Foundation for Fundamental Research and the State Committee of Science and Technology of Belarus. We hope to announce the First Joint Call of Papers already in 2010.

We highly appreciate the role of young researchers and pay special attention to those projects that involve young specialists. In this respect, in 2009, together with the National Foundation of Science and Advanced Technology (NFSAT, Armenia) and US Civilian Research and Development Foundation (CRDF), the State Committee of Science launched the Early Careers Support Program 2009. As a result of this cooperation, 24 (twenty-four) research projects of different scientific fields got financial support.

SCS fosters international collaboration by funding the organization of important international conferences and summer schools for young scientists in Armenia.

Armenia actively cooperates with International Science and Technology Center (ISTC). Every year up to 10 (ten) collaborative projects are funded by ISTC.

Armenia also cooperates with the Joint Institute of Nuclear Research (Dubna, the Russian Federation). By our joint efforts we soon expect the establishment of the first Innovation Center in Armenia.

SCS has developed several draft agreements on cooperation. We expect to start cooperating with the National Research Council (Italy), the National Science Foundation (the USA) and National Authority for Scientific Research (Romania) in the nearest future.

SCS is ready to cooperate and support realization of projects on a co-funding base.