

2012 Summary Report of RA State Committee of Science of the Ministry of Education and Science

In the course of 2012, with the support of RA State Committee of Science of the Ministry of Education and Science, 6 programmes resulting from “SCS-NCSR-2011”, carried out in the framework of Armenian-French scientific cooperation, and 4 programmes resulting from “SCS-RFH-2012”, supporting joint scientific research projects and co-financed along with the Russian Foundation for Humanities, have been funded.

In 2012, the “Postgraduate Research Support Programme – 2012” contest, Russian-Armenian competition in basic scientific research joint projects, the competition held in conjunction with the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research have been announced and organised.

Two-year activity of Armenian-French IRMAS laboratory has been summarised. Accordingly, 45 works and 40 international conference theses have been published in highly-rated peer-reviewed journals and digests. The problem of preparing scientific personnel has achieved a new level: in the joint PhD programme, 6 postgraduates are included, two of whom have already defended their theses in Armenia and have received both Armenian and French diploma degrees. 35 mutual visits have been made for joint scientific work, training of postgraduates, participation in international conferences in Armenia and France.

With the support of the Committee, the Center for Ecological Noosphere Studies and “Golos Armenii” daily newspaper have started publishing a new popular scientific insert – “Most”, adjacent to the paper.

With the efforts of the Committee, in 2012, the resources of Thomson Reuters’ Web of Knowledge system have become available to the scientific community.

During 2012, 19 scientific events and 3 summer schools have been funded, more than 50 scientists have taken international business trips.

During the reporting year, two new draft laws and 11 Government decisions have been developed, 7 of which have been adopted.

2012 was favourable also in terms of international cooperation. In the course of the year, 5 international cooperation documents have been signed, which allow to cooperate with the Russian Humanitarian Scientific Foundation, Thomson Reuters Company, Shanghai Institute of Applied Physics, PRC ministry of Education and Technologies.