

2013 Key Activity Direction Summary Report of RA State Committee of Science of the Ministry of Education and Science

1. Improving the legal framework:

1.1 At first reading, the National Assembly adopted the RA law proposal about “Scientific and scientific-technological expertise”.

1.2 The new RA law proposal about “Scientific and scientific-technological expertise” and the programme of including young personnel into the scientific field have been introduced at the RA Government.

2. Current activity:

2.1. 11 contests have been announced and organised:

- contract (thematic) funding contest for scientific and scientific-technological activities – 159 scientific subjects.

- Premium provision competitive bidding for high-performance researchers: for a year, 97 winner scientists will receive 135000 drams monthly, including taxes.

- 305.570.000 drams have been provided to 5 organisations for the purpose of acquiring scientific machinery and equipment.

- a scientific subject competitive bidding, aimed at the acquisition of applied results – 17 subjects have been financed.

- “Young Scientists’ Research Fellowship Programme – 2013” – 31 subjects.

- “Artsakh Research Fellowship Programme – 2013” competition – 6 subjects.

3 international contests have also been held; the results will be summarised in 2014. 2.2 The results of international competitions announced in 2012 have been summarised.

- a joint contest along with the Russian Foundation for Basic Research – 17 projects have been funded.

- a joint contest along with the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research – 10 projects have been funded.

- “Postgraduate Research Fellowship Programme – 2012” – 20 projects have been funded.

2.3. During the organisation process, the following changes have been made:

- The scale of competitions for financing scientific subjects has increased.
- Foreign consultant experts have been included in scientific thematic programmes.
- For the first time, applications have been accepted online.

2.4. 13 scientific and scientific-technological projects, included in the state budget, have been carried out (1.536.726,3 AMD).

2.5. 3 schools of young scientists (5 million AMD), and 30 scientific events have been funded by the Committee.

2.6. Steps have been taken to complete the first stage of “Candle” project; the tests of the main systems of AREAL accelerator have been successfully completed.

2.7. The RA State Committee of Science of the Ministry of Education and Science has signed 6 international cooperation contracts.