



Embassy of Italy  
London

## The Scientific Council of the Embassy (CSA)

### Introduction

The Scientific Council of the Embassy (CSA) provides consultancy to the Scientific Attaché. Its role includes:

- Supporting and developing bilateral agreements and cooperation;
- Promoting the work of local Italian researchers;
- Providing information regarding science and research;
- Promoting and managing contacts with Italian researchers based in the UK.

The word “science” indicates “knowledge”. The field includes three macro-sectors: physical and engineering sciences; social and humanistic sciences; and life sciences.

The CSA provides the Scientific Attaché and the Embassy with opinions and information on matters of current or general relevance to the Italian scientific community in both Italy and the UK. It also contributes to the exchange of information on projects or experiences in the fields of education, research and development in both countries, and facilitates communication between scientific communities of the two countries.

The CSA collaborates with the Italian Cultural Institute in London, existing academic organisations, such as the Association of Italian Scientists in the UK (AISUK), and student associations. It also provides support to young people moving to the UK, helping them adapt to the new cultural environment.

The members of the CSA are appointed by the Ambassador on the advice of the Scientific Attaché.

The CSA’s work is governed by three rules:

#### Rule 1

The CSA has a maximum of 20 members, who are appointed on an individual basis. The Director of the Italian Cultural Institute in London is one of the members. The Scientific Attaché acts as chair. The other members are selected in such a way as to cover a variety of disciplines, in order to maximise the topics covered, the institutions represented and the network of contacts. Each exercises their role in service to Italian citizens.

#### Rule 2

The CSA meets at least twice a year but usually four times, every quarter. At least one of these meetings is held at the Embassy, if possible.

### **Rule 3**

The chair of the CSA is responsible for preparing the agenda of each meeting and circulating it before the meeting and for circulating the minutes afterwards.

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