



## **A CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR U.S. - ISRAEL BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION SUPPORTED WORKSHOPS**

BSF is announcing the availability of funds for joint proposals from US and Israeli co-PIs to organize and conduct a workshop that is **focused on bringing together Israeli, American and Palestinian scientists for the purpose of facilitating the development of partnership research projects. These new partnerships should manifest themselves in the preparations of new research proposals that will be submitted to the various funding agencies (other than the BSF). Thus, unlike conventional workshops that evolve around frontal presentations of recent scientific developments, this BSF sponsored workshop is expected concentrate on the preparations of new research proposals.**

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of their scientific excellence, as well as on their broader significance. As guiding principles, support will be awarded to workshops that meet the following criteria:

- Workshops organized jointly by American and Israeli moderators.
- Specifically address aspects aimed at broadening participation and partnership of Israeli and Palestinian researchers of all national, linguistic and religious backgrounds.
- Exhibit a program that is consistent with the target of the 2009 workshop program as declared by the BSF.
- Focus on areas of research that have broad Middle East regional importance, such as (but not limited to) environment, ecology, water, alternative sustainable energy, genetic diseases and infectious diseases.

BSF's currently approved budget for workshops is \$50,000. This amount will either be given to one workshop, or divided between two workshops.

Applications must be submitted on the forms that can be downloaded from our website, <http://www.bsf.org.il>, in the 'Forms Download' section .

**Applications for the BSF's support of workshops should arrive at the BSF by email ([bsf@bsf.org.il](mailto:bsf@bsf.org.il)) no later than May 27, 2009. Decisions will be made by July 12, 2009.**