

Via di Vigna Murata, 605
00143 ROMA - Italia
Tel.: (39)-06-518601
Telefax: (39)-06-5041181
email: info@ingv.it



Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia

Ing. Jan Fischer, CSc
Urad Vlady Ceske Republiky
Nabreží Edvarda Benese 4
118 01 Praha 1 - Mala Strana

Dear Sir,

We are gravely concerned about the plans to cut the funding of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic by more than a half over the next three years. If realized, such severe cuts may endanger the very existence of one of the pillars of the Czech science and research.

Important results have been obtained by this institution and further achievements can be expected as there are a number of world-class scientists in the Academy. With some of them we closely collaborate in international projects to study geophysics and understand earthquake generation processes. In addition, the success of the Academy provides motivation for young people to choose careers in science and research.

The severe restriction of the activities of the Academy of Sciences would run against the acknowledged fact that sustained long-term expansion of the economy is impossible without strong science and research.

We are firmly convinced that further development of the Academy of Sciences is in the best interests of the Czech Republic and Europe. We urge the government to reconsider the planned cuts and keep the funding of the Academy of Sciences at the level that will make this development possible.

Sincerely Yours

Alessandro Amato
Research Director at INGV
Via di Vigna Murata, 605 - 00143 Roma Italy

Massimo Cocco
Research Director at INGV
Via di Vigna Murata, 605 - 00143 Roma Italy

Lucia Margheriti
Senior Researcher at INGV
Via di Vigna Murata, 605 - 00143 Roma Italy