

Report of the Short-Term mission of **Prof. Oreste Triggiani** at the Institute of Entomology, Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic

The undersigned Prof. Oreste Triggiani from the Department of Biology and Chemistry, Section of Entomology and Zoology, Agriculture College, University of Bari, Italy, has spent a period from 13 to 18 October 2002 in the laboratory of Dr. Zdenek Mracek at Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic in order to study a new species of a “long entomogenous Nematode” collected in Southern Italy.

The cross breeding tests, the DNA/enzyme analysis, the morphology and the measurements of the different stages of the Italian nematode have proofed that it is a new species of *Steinernema*..

The name of *Steinernema apuliae* has been suggested to be given and a scientific paper has been prepared for the publication in Zootaxa Review.

Oreste Triggiani

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