



AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF SRI LANKA (NASSL)
AND
THE INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY (INSA)

In the spirit of friendly relations that exist between the National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka (NASSL) and the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and as a result of collaboration established by the distinguished Sri Lankan and Indian Scientists through the scientific cooperative agreement signed between the Academies on 29 August 2011, both the Academies are deeply convinced that their cooperation can benefit the respective countries and the Sri Lankan and Indian Scientists. Consequently, the two Academies agreed upon:

1. **Exchange of information and Publications:**

The Academies will inform each other about their activities, scientific developments, meetings, seminars/ conferences to be held and will exchange on a regular basis their publications and such scientific information that may be of mutual interest.

2. **Joint Research Projects:**

Realizing the infrastructure, working facilities and capabilities that have been built during the recent past, the Academies will initiate joint research projects in areas of mutual interest. Both sides may select research areas through exchange of letters or by consultation. Both Academies will organize working facilities in their respective country and will exchange the results of joint research. Both Academies may organize joint meetings/ seminars to promote collaborative programme.

3. **Exchange of Scientists:**

Under this bilateral agreement, the Academies will implement the exchange of scientists through short and long visits.

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(a) **Short Visits:**

A short visit will normally be by senior scientists for up to 4 weeks. The purpose would be to visit specialized institutions, laboratories in the host country, to explore new areas for joint research, to review ongoing programmes, to attend seminars, conferences/ workshops and short term training programmes.

(b) **Long Visits:**

A long term visit will be normally for 6 months to one year by young scientists for working in S&T laboratories/ institutions/universities in selected areas, provided adequate funding can be mobilized.

In the event, the researcher is unable to complete the research work initiated during that period, the duration of the visit could be extended with the consent of the concerned mentor, for another period so that the work initiated could be successfully accomplished.

4. The number of scientists under 3(a) category will be limited to three and under 3(b) category one per year. However, these numbers may be enhanced by mutual agreement.
5. The sponsoring Academy will nominate scientists to be deputed to specified institutions, subject to the concurrence of the host country.
6. The scientist may draw up his/her own programme in consultation with the host/mentor in the host country, subject to the concurrence of both the Academies. However, the host Academy may suggest a modification in the programme to increase the utility of the proposed visit.

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7. The sponsoring Academy shall forward to the receiving Academy, the bio-data of each nominated scientist and the working programme of his/her visit, at least three months prior to the scheduled date of his/her arrival. The bio-data would include:
- Surname, name and title;
 - Date and place of birth;
 - A brief record of his/her education and research;
 - A proposal for the research programme, including institutions to be visited;
 - The scheduled date of his/her arrival and the duration of visit; and
 - Any other details concerned with the visit.
8. The host Academy will notify the sponsoring Academy of the acceptance of the assignment, and the proposals concerning the plan of work within two months after receiving the nomination. The sponsoring Academy will communicate the travel programme of the scientists at least ten days before the commencement of the visit.
9. (a) The sponsoring Academy will bear international travel expenses, whereas the host Academy will provide hospitality, including local travel and incidental expenses in connection with the programme.
- (b) The host Academy will ensure suitable accommodation and will meet the cost thereof and provide the visiting scientists the daily allowance for meeting expenditure on meals and incidental expenses on the basis of daily allowances and incidentals and in kind as provided to exchange scientists under collaborative programme with other sister academies.
- (c) The host academy will arrange to make the payment on the arrival of the scientists in the host country.
- (d) If the scientist on a study visit attends a Conference/ Seminar, the registration fee will be paid by the host Academy.
- (e) All expenses in respect of the accompanying spouse will be met by the scientist concerned.

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10. The host Academy will provide medical care for the visiting scientist.
11. The present agreement concluded between the Indian National Science Academy and the National Academy of Science Sri Lanka will be valid for a period of five years.

Amendments to this agreement may be made at any time by mutual consultation.

Signed in Colombo on 29 August 2011 in two equally authorized copies.

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On behalf of the
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