



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY
AND THE ISRAEL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES & HUMANITIES**

The Israel Academy of Sciences & Humanities (IASH) and The Indian National Science Academy (INSA), hereinafter referred to as “the Academies”, recognizing the important role and the mutual benefit of bilateral scientific cooperation between India and Israel, have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Academies will, within their spheres of competence, promote and support cooperation between scientists, scientific institutions and universities in their respective countries in all fields of science represented at the Academies.

The Academies will make all the required efforts to facilitate this cooperation. However, each cooperative activity (exchange of scientists, joint workshops or research project) will be evaluated individually and in competition with other projects. Thus, only projects that are found qualified in this competition will receive financial support.

The Academies will encourage direct contacts and cooperation between research teams and individual scientists.

Article II

The cooperation within the framework of this Memorandum will be implemented through the following measures.

1. Exchange visits of scientists
2. Joint workshops / symposia
3. Joint research projects

1. Exchange visits of scientists

Under the bilateral Agreement, the Academies will implement the exchange of scientists by means of short term visits of up to 2 weeks consisting of visits to laboratories/institutions in the host country (in a maximum of three different cities during one research program) to explore new areas of joint research projects, to review the ongoing program, to establish contacts and to attend seminars/symposia. The annual exchange quota is 10 man-weeks per year in each direction and a maximum of two weeks for each participant. Unused man-weeks from the quota may not be carried forward to use in the following year.

The sending Academy will bear the international travel costs of the visiting scientists and the receiving Academy will provide a daily allowance (NIS 130 per day in Israel and 1,000 INR per day in India), accommodation and domestic travel while in the host country. When appropriate, other financial arrangement can be agreed upon.

2. Joint workshops / symposia

The two Academies will support the organization of joint workshops/symposia to be held alternately in Israel and India with the participation of up to ten scientists from each side in mutually accepted areas.

- (a) These joint scientific activities are to be meetings held on a small scale and of less than one week duration.
- (b) The sending Academy will bear the international travel costs of the visiting researchers and the receiving Academy will cover their daily allowances, accommodation and domestic travel while in the host country. The host Academy will also cover other costs related to holding the seminar.
- (c) Each Academy will appoint one of its members to be the “lead contact” with his or her opposite number from the partner Academy.
- (d) The number and fields of joint seminars to be supported will be mutually agreed upon in advance by both the Academies.

3. Joint research projects

The Academies will seek modalities appropriate to their own organizational frameworks to encourage joint research projects, taking into account:

- Aims of joint research project
- Forms of cooperation
- Obligations of both sides
- Program of the research project
- Scientists responsible for the implementation of the project
- Assessment of and follow up of the projects

- a) The joint research projects should have the approval of the two Academies.
- b) The two Academies will support the joint research projects with the participation of scientists from each country, by the means available to them.
- c) The duration of the joint research projects will be up to three years.
- d) Support for the international travel costs of the visiting researchers and for their daily allowances, accommodation and domestic travel while in the host country will be within the framework and terms of "Exchange visits of scientists" (Article II section 1, above).
- e) The number of joint research projects to be supported each year will be mutually approved in advance by both Academies.

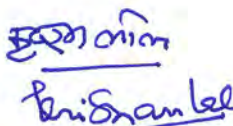
Article III

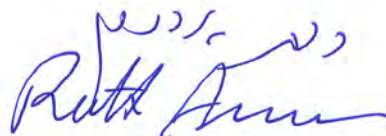
The present Memorandum will enter into effect upon the date of signature by both Academies. It will continue to be valid thereafter unless either Academy notifies the other of its intention to terminate the memorandum. Such a notification will be made in writing at least six months in advance.

Article IV

The present Memorandum may be amended, modified or revised by the proposal of either Academy at any time and by mutual agreement of the both Academies through exchange of letters.

Signed in Israel on November 22, 2012 in witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto have signed the present Memorandum.


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