



**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
The Indian National Science Academy  
and  
The Austrian Academy of Sciences**

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

**Article I.**

The Academies shall, 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 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 visit of scientists.
2. Organizing of joint workshops and symposia.
3. Development and implementation of joint research projects.

If necessary, the implementing mechanism for these activities can be further specified in Annexes to be attached to this Memorandum. Such Annexes shall form an integral part of the Memorandum, and are subject to mutual agreement by both Academies, through exchange of letters.

### **1. Exchange visit of scientists**

Under the bilateral Agreement the two Academies will implement the exchange of scientists as follows:

- a) **Short Term Visits:** (1 to 4 weeks) with a view to visit laboratories/institutions in the host country, maximum in 3 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.
- b) **Long Term Visits:** 1 month to 3 months or longer periods with a view to work on common research projects and to learn new techniques, preferably in one institute.

In both cases the sending Academy will bear the international travel costs of the visiting researchers and the receiving Academy will cover their daily allowances, accommodations, and domestic travel while in the host country.

### **2. Joint Workshops / Symposia**

The two Academies will support the organization of joint seminars/symposia alternately to be held in India and Austria with the participation of up to ten scientists from both sides on mutually accepted areas.

- a) The joint scientific seminars are to be meetings held on a small scale. The duration of the meeting would be less than a week.
- b) The sending Academy will bear the international travel costs of the visiting researchers and the receiving Academy will cover their daily allowances, accommodations, and domestic travel while in the host country. The host Academy will also cover other costs related to holding the seminar.
- c) The number and fields of joint seminars to be supported will be mutually agreed upon in advance by both Academies.

### **3. Joint Research Projects**

The cooperating institutions will prepare joint research projects stipulating in each case:

- aims of the joint research project
  - form(s) of cooperation
  - obligations of both sides
  - programme of the research project
  - scientists responsible for the implementation of the project
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- a) Joint research projects have to be approved by both Academies.
  - b) The two Academies will support the joint research projects with the participation of scientists from each country.
  - c) The duration of the joint research projects will be up to three years.
  - d) The sending Academy will bear the international travel costs of the visiting researchers and the receiving Academy will cover their daily allowances, accommodations, and domestic travel while in the host country. Each Academy will bear a limited amount of research expenses for the participants from its own country.
  - e) The number of joint research projects to be supported each year will be mutually approved in advance by both Academies.

#### **Article III.**

Both Academies will make every effort to facilitate and raise funds to make this cooperation feasible. However, each cooperative activity (exchange visit of scientists, joint workshops / symposia, joint research project) will be evaluated individually and in competition with other projects, which means that only projects that are found qualified by both Academies in this competition will receive financial support.

For the cooperative activities described in the Article II, the sending Academy will provide the international travel expenses and the host Academy will provide the subsistence expenses; when appropriate, other financial arrangement can be mutually agreed upon.

**Article IV.**

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

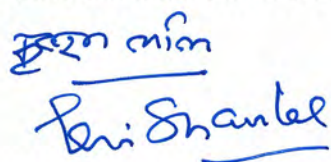
**Article V.**

The present Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Academies through exchange of letters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto have signed the present Memorandum.

Done in Vienna on May 10, 2012 in duplicate in the English language.

For the Indian National Science Academy



Prof. Krishan Lal  
(President of INSA)

For the Austrian Academy of Sciences



Prof. Helmut Denk  
(President of OEAW)

**Financial Terms of the Agreement signed by  
The Indian National Science Academy  
and  
The Austrian Academy of Sciences**

**1. Living Expenses:**

The Academies will provide hospitality for exchange visitors received under Article II of the Agreement, according to the following terms:

**Short term visits (1 to 4 weeks)**

**Accommodation:**

The host Academy provides suitable accommodation – hotel rooms (with bath or shower) and covers the expenses directly.

To cover the cost of meals and other expenses the visitor will receive a daily allowance of € 33,- per day, in Austria and Rs.1000/- per day in India paid in advance.

**Long Term Visits (1 month to 3 months)**

**In India**

The host Academy will provide free accommodation in a guest house or hotel plus subsistence allowance of Rs.22,000/- per month paid in advance to cover the cost of meals and incidental expenses.

**In Austria**

The host Academy will provide free accommodation plus subsistence allowances of € 900,- per month paid in advance to cover the cost of meals and incidental expenses.

**2. Travel :**

In both kinds of programs international travel expenses to the capital of the host country and back will be met by the sending Academy. Transportation costs inside the host country that are necessary for the realization of the previously accepted working programme, will be met by the host Academy.

**3. Registration Fee:**

In case the scientist wishes to attend a conference/symposium during the visit, the registration fee will be paid by the host Academy.

**4. Insurance :**

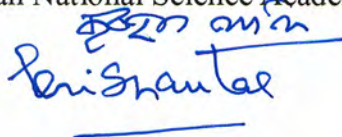
The responsibility for the provision of adequate insurance for medical and other emergencies will rest with the sending Academy.

**5. Accompanying persons :**

Expenses of the accompanying spouse/family members will be borne by the visiting scientist. The host Academy may help in arranging suitable double room accommodation.

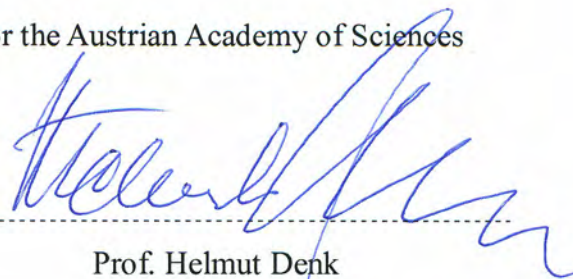
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