



**Memorandum of Understanding
between the
Indian National Science Academy
and the
Academy of Science of South Africa**

Preamble

The Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) recognizing the desirability of enhancing mutual relations and fostering links between individual scholars and their Academies, wish to enter into a memorandum of understanding through which they agree to foster the following activities:

- a) to exchange publications and inform each other about activities in research, science and technology meetings, seminars and conferences, and in other inter-academy activities;
- b) to promote collaboration in areas of mutual scientific interest;
- c) to promote the exchange of scholars to visit research institutions/laboratories, in order to establish contacts, exchange ideas and information, and to develop collaborative research;
and
- d) to co-operate in the development of evidence-based advice to governments and civil society.

Implementation

In order to enable effective and productive relations between the two Academies, the Parties agree that:

- a) the agreement shall be implemented through a programme of action which will be managed by designated committees of the respective Academies;
- b) The committee shall obtain appropriate approval from the respective Councils on each significant activity to be undertaken such as, but not limited to:
 - consensus on the scope of work;
 - deliverables and time frames;
 - anticipated products and outcomes of the cooperation;
 - levels and sources of funding and available resources; and
 - any other appropriate and necessary aspects concerning the cooperation.

Programme of Action

The parties agree to the following initiatives as a programme of action:

- a) Identify one principal scientist each, from India and South Africa, to initiate a joint research project(s) for a specified time in an area(s) identified as critical by both INSA and ASSAf.
- b) Conduct two joint seminars or lectures annually, one in India and the other in South Africa, on areas deemed critical by the host country on which the visiting country has specific expertise.
- c) Participate in the fellowships that are advertised in each country to promote a close working relationship among the researchers of the two countries.
- d) Facilitate workshops in which top scientists (members/fellows) of the two Academies will tackle science and technology issues and provide advice to the government or the public.

Financial Matters

Both parties shall assist scholars nominated within the Agreement in arranging their research programmes and local hospitality in the host institutions in accordance with their normal practice.

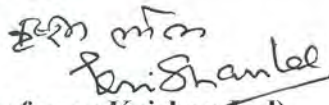
1. The host Academy will cover the local hospitality of the visiting scientist. The guest Academy will cover the international airfare, insurance and visa charges.
2. The host Academy will be responsible for providing administrative assistance in the form of venues and any other services deemed necessary and is within the ambit of the memorandum; and
3. The Academies agree to explore the possibilities of a funding arrangement to finance the implementation of the agreement.

Entry into Force and Duration

The present Agreement concluded between the Indian National Science Academy and the Academy of Science of South Africa will come into force after the approval of the authorized bodies and will remain in effect until either side decides to terminate it by giving six month's notice in writing.

Signed in New Delhi on March 8, 2013 in duplicate in English.

On behalf of the
Indian National Science Academy
New Delhi


(Professor Krishan Lal)
President

On behalf of the
Academy of Science of South Africa
Pretoria


(Professor Daya Reddy)
President