

Programme and Application Requirements - INSA-DFG

The INSA-DFG Agreement allows the provision of funding for the following scientific activities:

- 1. Exploratory visits**
- 2. Consultative visits**
- 3. Joint bilateral seminars**

For all of the above categories financial support is restricted to travel and living expenses. The sending organisation will cover the return travel costs from its country to the first host institute, while domestic transport as well as an adequate living allowance will be provided by the organisation of the host country.

1. Exploratory visits are designed to enable interested scientists to develop co-operative activities in the hosting country. The duration of such visits will generally not exceed one month.

2. Consultative visits provide an opportunity for scientists of the two countries who are involved in complementary research in their own country to enhance their scientific output via scientific exchange with colleagues in the hosting country. As a rule such visits do not exceed a period of three months.

Applications of Indian scientists for exploratory and consultative visits have to be submitted to INSA, while German scientists are requested to forward their applications to the DFG using the respective "Proposal of Deputation" form.

3. Bilateral seminars, held in either country, can be sponsored along the same line of financial support outlined above. Applications forwarded to the DFG need to be submitted by the German co-ordinator who will be responsible for managing the financial transactions with participants. The proposal must be of high scientific standard and will be reviewed by DFG referees. It should contain the following information:

- A short outline of the scientific knowledge in the area concerned
- A detailed justification for the seminar as well as a description of the scientific goals
- A list of proposed German and Indian participants providing details about their institutional address and their scientific contributions to the meeting
- Scientific programme
- Estimate of the required financial resources on the basis of cost effective arrangements and discount airfares
- Bank account details for all financial transfers

Processing of applications will require three to four months.