Letter of Intent on German Russian Academic Cooperation

between

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V., Federal Republic Germany

and

Saint-Petersburg State University, Russian Federation

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V. (German Research Foundation, DFG) and Saint-Petersburg State University (SPbSU), hereinafter referred to as the Parties, agree to support scientific collaboration in common research projects and joint research training initiatives.

Article 1

The cooperation between DFG and SPbSU intends to support the following joint research and training initiatives to be conducted by scientific partners:

- Joint seminars, symposia and other scientific activities
- Joint research projects
- Research projects in German-Russian Collaborative Research Centres (Sonderforschungsbereiche - SFB)
- Research projects with participation of young scientists in German-Russian International Research Training Groups (Internationale Graduiertenkollegs – IGK)
- The planning and coordination of other joint activities as may be mutually agreed upon.

Article 2

In principle, each partner will cover the expenses of personnel, consumables, equipment, joint courses, seminars, workshops and travel and staying costs for their participants.

Article 3

The following details of implementation are agreed as follows:

- The proposals will be evaluated through peer review.
- The parties will make their funding decisions jointly according to their respective rules, regulations, and practices.

Article 4

This Letter of Intent is drawn up in English and Russian language. Both copies in each language are signed in duplicate and are equally authentic.

Article 5

All questions or disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this Letter shall be settled by amicable agreement between the Parties.

Article 6

This Letter of Intent shall come into effect on the date of signature for a period of 5 years. Each Party may terminate the Letter of Intent by giving a written notice to the other Party 6 months in advance. Such termination shall not affect the implementation of the ongoing activities, programmes or projects that have been agreed upon prior to the termination of this Letter of Intent, unless otherwise agreed upon by both Parties.

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