

**Letter of Intent
between
The Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism
Organization (ICHTO), Iran
and
The German Research Foundation e.V. (DFG e.V.),
Germany**

In recognition of the mutual benefit of bilateral cooperation,

The Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization (hereinafter referred to as “**ICHTO**”), located at Yadegar-e-Emam Crossroads, Azadi street, Tehran, Iran, represented by the Deputy of Cultural Heritage , Dr. Mohammad Hassan Talebian

and

The German Research Foundation e.V. (hereinafter referred to as “**DFG**”), located at Kennedyallee 40, Bonn, Germany, represented by its President, Prof. Dr. Peter Strohschneider,
hereinafter jointly referred to as the “**Parties**” and individually as a “**Party**”,

have agreed to conclude a Letter of Intent (“**LoI**”).

Article 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Letter of Intent is to enhance the cooperative cultural relationships between the Parties. The principal object of the cooperation between the Parties is to provide additional opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills and researchers, and to support cooperative activities in the field of cultural research between the two countries.

Article 2: Type of cooperative activities

2-1- Joint research activities (which includes joint seminars, conferences, workshops, field activities and information and individual exchanges) within the scope of the funding programmes of the parties.

2-2- Other kind of cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed upon, such as training measures, access to collections, archives and archaeological/historical sites, as well as support of museum exhibitions in two countries.

Article 3: Joint Funding Scheme

3-1- Subject to the availability of appropriate funds, each Party shall normally bear the costs of its own participation in cooperative activities, unless otherwise jointly decided. Therefore, each Party shall also cover its own administration costs regarding its contribution to a joint call, unless otherwise jointly decided.

3-2- The Parties understand that this Lol creates no financial and legal commitments for either party.

Article 4: General Matters

4-1- For participating in this Lol, each Party shall abide by the applicable laws and regulations of their respective countries.

4-2- This Lol is drawn up in English and all documents, notices and meetings pertaining to this Lol shall be in English.

4-3- The Parties shall maintain the highest ethical and legal standards in funding research under this Lol.

4-4- This Lol is based on equality, reciprocity and mutual benefits.

Article 5: Duration, Amendment and Termination

5-1- The Lol will come into force on the date of signature by both Parties' authorized representatives and will remain in force for a period of three years.

5-2- This Lol may be amended or modified by mutual written agreement of the Parties and shall be renewed for further three years with the two Parties mutual written agreement.

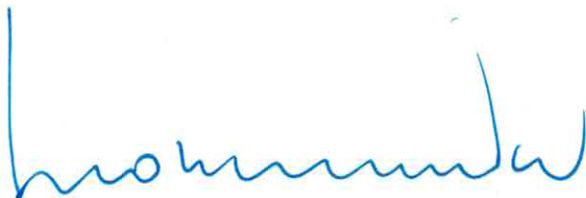
5-3- The termination of this Lol shall not affect projects, programmes or activities that have already been approved or are in progress under the terms of this Lol.

5-4- Any discrepancy in interpretation of this Lol shall be settled through negotiations between both Parties' working groups.

This Lol is signed at Bonn on April 11th 2017 in two original texts in English, both texts being equally authentic.

Date : 11. April 2017

On behalf of the German Research
Foundation



Professor Dr. Peter Strohschneider
President of the German
Research Foundation (DFG)

Date: 11 April 2017

On behalf of the Iranian Cultural
Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism
Organization



Dr. Mohammad Hassan Talebian
Deputy of Cultural Heritage
Organization (ICHTO)