

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE DEUTSCHE FORSCHUNGSGEMEINSCHAFT (DFG)
GERMANY
AND
THE NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF KOREA (NRF)
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

**ANNEX I: IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR
JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAM**

I. Type of programme

The type of the programme will be classified as Joint Research Programme. The area of both programmes will cover the entire spectrum of science and engineering fields.

II. Application

1. NRF will open a call for proposals in accordance with its rules and conditions. DFG will announce that proposals for cooperation with NRF in all the fields of science will be accepted at DFG any time (standing open call system).
2. All applicants must fulfil national eligibility rules for their research grant application.
3. After the closure date of the call of NRF, DFG and NRF shall exchange the result of application to each party.

III. Evaluation of projects

1. DFG and NRF will implement the evaluation of the proposals according to their own evaluation system.
2. The evaluation criteria will be based on the specific criteria of DFG and NRF.
3. Based on the national evaluation, the Parties shall exchange the results and consult to select the joint projects. The Parties shall agree on the joint projects to be funded. Unilateral funding on the basis of national evaluation shall be possible.

IV. Funding

1. Based on the evaluations of the joint research proposals and consensus discussion between the Parties (ranking of the projects), DFG will fund the German researchers and NRF will fund the Korean researchers according to the regulations of each party.
2. The funding decisions will be made independently, but based on the mutual agreement, according to the Parties' respective rules, regulations and practices.
3. Each project will be funded for a period of two years.
4. The funding grants should be decided based upon the conditions of both organizations.

V. Timetable and Announcement of Decision

1. DFG and NRF shall attempt to synchronise the communication on the selected projects. A mechanism will be negotiated in due course. Inside DFG, the evaluation process for joint projects may take up to 7 or 8 months. Within NRF, the evaluation process for joint projects may take up to 3 or 4 months.

VI. Intellectual Property

1. The Parties have no claims on the intellectual property rights arising from the selected projects, as the fund they provide constitutes a grant in support of the research activity alone. Intellectual property rights belong to the researcher and his/her employing institution. It is of the responsibility of each research partner to ensure the efficient protection and proper distribution of any intellectual property arising from the accomplishment of the joint research projects.
2. The principal investigators and their organizations shall enter into a Consortium Agreement in order to specify how intellectual property rights will be handled. A Consortium Agreement will need to be in place and reported to DFG and NRF before any grant notifications are made.

VII. Coordinator of Activities

1. Each Party shall designate an Activities Coordinator who will be in charge of following-up the cooperation of the present Annex between the Parties and informing the Parties of the results of the efforts.
2. The coordinators designated by the Parties are:

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VIII. Commencement

The Implementation Guidelines shall come into force upon signature of the MoU. They will remain in force throughout the validity of the Memorandum of Understanding between NRF and DFG signed on 27 May 2013, unless they are terminated by either party giving six months' notice in writing. Termination of this MoU will not affect activities that have already been approved or are in progress under the terms of these Guidelines. The Implementation Guidelines may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

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