

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
ON SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DST)
AND
THE DEUTSCHE FORSCHUNGSGEMEINSCHAFT (DFG)

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Federal Republic of Germany, and the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India (DST), and hereinafter referred to as sides, recalling the “Agreement on Cooperation in the Fields of Scientific Research and Technological Development” concluded on 7th March 1974 between the Governments of India and Federal Republic of Germany, have reached the following understanding:

Article I

To cooperate in all fields of Science & Technology covered by the DST and DFG.

Article II

The cooperation aims to provide support for the following collaborative activities:

- a) Bilateral seminars, symposia and other scientific meetings;
- b) Joint research projects conducted by scientists of both countries;
- c) Visits for concretizing joint research projects and seminars at the final stage; the duration of such visits will generally not exceed 2 weeks. Project related consultative and research visits designed to link complementary research carried out by colleagues in both countries; the duration of such visits will generally not exceed 3 months;
- d) Short-term research visits based on invitation for utilization of major research facilities in each other’s country;
- e) Visits of young Indian scientists teams to visit premier German research institutions for up to one week after participation in the meetings of Nobel Laureates in Lindau (selection and international travel costs provided by DST, local hospitality by DFG);
and
- f) Other co-operative activities mutually agreed upon on a case-to-case basis.

Article III

The activities to be carried shall meet the following requirements:

- All collaborative activities shall be of high scientific standard and beneficial to the advancement of science.
- Each collaborative activity shall be significant, from a scientific point of view, and as a project for bilateral co-operation, performed on a basis of mutuality and equality.
- Initially each side will review applications independently. Both sides will consult on the possibility of joint review processes in case larger scale projects make this desirable.
- Both sides agree on balanced mode of funding with each side paying for the costs in the own country (i.e. international transportation to partner country, local hospitality expenses including per diem and accommodation for guests from partner country).

Article IV

The two sides shall establish a Joint Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as 'Committee') for implementation of this Memorandum, in a focused manner. The Committee will consist of eminent scientists from either side, with officials of DST and DFG as Executive Secretaries. DST and DFG will decide and communicate to each other the composition of the Indian and German sides of the Committee, respectively. The Committee shall meet biannually, alternatively in India and Germany. The visiting side shall bear the expenditure on air-travel up to the place of meeting and the receiving side shall provide the local hospitality and also cover the organizational costs of the meeting. The Committee shall have the following functions:

- a) to review the implementation of the MoU,
- b) discuss major policy issues and suggest measures for effective implementation of this MoU; and
- c) to identify priority areas and modes of cooperation.

Article V

The programmes under the MoU shall be implemented in conformity with the Joint Guidelines that are to be established by the two sides.

Article VI

The programmes are subject to the budgetary appropriations available to each side and the applicable laws and regulations of each side.

Article VII

This Memorandum will remain valid for a period of five years and shall subsequently be extended annually unless a written notice of termination has been given by either side six months in advance. Such a termination will, however, not affect activities already approved jointly or in progress under the terms of this Memorandum.

Article VIII

This Memorandum shall come into force on the date of the signature by the representatives of the two organizations. It may be amended by mutual agreement of the two sides.

This Memorandum on Scientific Co-operation done at New Delhi on 29 October 2004 in two originals in English.

On behalf of	On behalf of
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