

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY**  
**AND PRODUCTIVE INNOVATION**  
**OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**  
**AND**  
**THE GERMAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION**  
**OF THE**  
**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

The Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of the Argentine Republic, hereafter referred to as MINCYT, and the German Research Foundation of the Federal Republic of Germany, hereafter referred to as DFG, both entities hereafter referred to as "the Parties",

Recognizing the key role that science, technology and innovation play in economic and social development and the potential benefits of enhanced scientific and technological co-operation between both countries,

HAVE MUTUALLY DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The aim of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish and define the terms and conditions under which both "Parties" determine and outline the cooperation in the field of science, technology and innovation.

1. The Parties intend to support the following joint research and training initiatives to be conducted by scientific partners of both countries, open to all fields of science:
  - Joint research projects
  - Exchange of researchers, Postdocs and PhD-students within the joint research Projects
  - Integration of young researchers and of research training activities in joint research projects
  - Joint seminars and workshops
  - The planning and coordination of joint activities
2. In pursuance of the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties agree that in principle, each partner will cover the expenses of personnel, consumables, equipment, joint courses, seminars, workshops and travel and staying costs for his or her participants.

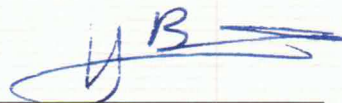
3. Separate arrangements and contracts may be concluded between both Parties covering specific fields of collaboration, the treatment of intellectual property, confidentiality rules, details of financing and other appropriate matters for implementation of the cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding.
4. The following details of implementation are agreed as follows:
  - The proposals will be evaluated by both parties through peer review.
  - The parties will make their funding decisions jointly, thereby respecting their own specific rules, regulations, and practices.
5. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved amicably and expeditiously by consultation or negotiation between the Parties or such other means as they may mutually decide.
6. This Memorandum of Understanding could be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties at the request of either Party. Any amendments will become effective upon written notification between the parties.
7. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature for a period of 5 years. It may be terminated by either Party giving written notice to the other of its intention to terminate it at least ninety (90) days before its expiration. Such termination, however, will not affect the implementation of on-going activities or programmes that have been agreed upon prior to the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties.

Done in 4 original copies, 2 (two) in English and 2 (two) in Spanish language, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any differences in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

Signed in Berlin on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, 2013



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