

INDO-GERMAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

Golden Jubilee Celebration

24th October 2024 | The Lalit New Delhi (The Crystal Ballroom)

PROGRAM

09.00 – 10.15 hrs	Registration
10.30 – 11.30 hrs	Opening Session
10.30 – 10.35 hrs	Welcome by Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST)
10.35 – 10.40 hrs	Remarks by Dr. Johann Feckl, Director and Section Head of Pre-Competitive Research, Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft
10.40 – 10.45 hrs	Remarks by Prof. Karin Jacobs, Vice-President, German Research Foundation (DFG)
10.45 – 10.50 hrs	Remarks by Prof. Joybrato Mukherjee, President, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
10.50 – 10.55 hrs	Address by Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, President, Indian National Science Academy (INSA)
10.55 – 11.05 hrs	Address by Ms. Bettina Stark-Watzinger, Federal Minister of Education & Research, Ministry of Education & Research (BMBF), Federal Republic of Germany
11.05 – 11.15 hrs	Address by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (IC) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Government of India (GoI)
11.15 – 11.20 hrs	Exchange of MOUs, LOI and launching of International Research Training Group
11.20 – 11.30 hrs	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Praveenkumar Somasundaram, Head, International Cooperation, DST and group photograph
11.30 – 12.00 hrs	Inauguration of Exhibition by Dr. Jitendra Singh and Ms. Bettina Stark-Watzinger Hi-Tea/Coffee

12.00 – 13.00 hrs	Fostering Joint Applied Research through the Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC)
12.00 – 12.10 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome by Mr. R. Madhan, Director, IGSTC - Felicitations of IGSTC WISER, Industrial Fellowships awardees and logo competition winners by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Ms. Bettina Stark-Watzinger and Prof. Abhay Karandikar
12.10 – 13.00 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel discussion: Indo-German Cooperation in Industrial Research – Benefits of the Partnership and Possible Ways Forward Moderation by Dr. Arabinda Mitra, Former Scientific Secretary, Office of PSA • Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (IC) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, GoI • Ms. Bettina Stark-Watzinger, Federal Minister of Education & Research, BMBWF • Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, DST • Mr. Godfrey Firth, Vice President and Head of Global Government Affairs and Policy, Merck Life Sciences • Dr. Vishal Warke, Director, HiMedia • Prof. Indumathi M. Nambi, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras <p>Questions from audience</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Dr. P. V. Lalitha, Chief Scientific Officer, IGSTC</p>
13.00 – 14.00 hrs	Lunch – Regency Hall 1 & 2 (Basement)
14.00 – 15.30 hrs	Academic Exchange Programmes, Moderation by Dr. Katja Lasch, Director, DAAD
14.00 – 14.05 hrs	Welcome Remarks and short introduction by Dr. Praveenkumar Somasundaram, Head, International Cooperation, DST
14.05 – 14.10 hrs	Overview by Prof. Joybrato Mukherjee, President, DAAD: Activities and highlight of DAAD in academic and research since 1960
14.10 – 15.30 hrs	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>From Connections to Collaboration: Reflections on Indo-German Exchange Programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. K. K. Pant, Director, IIT Roorkee - Prof. Annapurni Subramaniam, Director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore - Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR - Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysuru - Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao, Vice Chancellor, Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS), Pilani - Prof. Jyotirmay Mathur, Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur - Prof. Sannasiraj S A, Department of Ocean Engineering, IIT Madras - Prof. Jolly Xavier, IIT Delhi <p>Questions from audience</p>
15.30 – 16.00 hrs	Tea / Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30 hrs	Fostering Joint Research Collaboration in Basic Research by the German Research Foundation (DFG) Moderation by Dr. Franziska Langer, Director, DFG
16.00 – 16.05 hrs	Welcome remarks and introduction about the Indo-German Collaboration between DST and DFG by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, International Cooperation, DST
16.05 – 16.10 hrs	Introduction about the Importance of International Collaboration in Basic Research by Prof. Karin Jacobs, Vice President, DFG
16.10 – 16.25 hrs	DFG Indo-German collaboration over the last 20 years – from collaborating organizations to partners – Dr. Jörg Schneider, Head, International Cooperation Division, DFG
16.25 – 16.30 hrs	Remarks by Dr. Sanjay Mishra, Scientist H, DBT
16.30 – 16.35 hrs	Highlights of Indo-German collaboration by Dr. Franziska Langer and introduction of the speakers
16.35 – 17.05 hrs	INSA and DBT/DST funded researchers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Angana Chaudhuri, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Bhopal - Dr. Alok Krishna Sinha, National Institute of Plant Genome Research, Delhi - Prof. Sandeep Verma, Department of Chemistry, IIT Kanpur - Prof. K. N. Ganeshiah, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore
17.05 – 17.25 hrs	IRTG looking into future programmes of collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Mahesh Hariharan, IISER Thiruvananthapuram - Prof. Frank Würthner, Institut für Organische Chemie, Julius-Maximilians- Universität Würzburg, Würzburg
17.25 – 17.30 hrs	Where do we go from here? Dr. Franziska Langer
17.30 – 18.00 hrs	Tea / Coffee Break

18.00 – 19.00 hrs

Mega Science Facilities

Moderation by Dr. D. Kanjilal

18.00 – 18.10 hrs

Recap on the Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research (FAIR):

- Mr. Jörg Blaurock, Technical Managing Director of GSI/FAIR, Germany
- Prof. Kaustuv Sanyal, Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata

18.10 – 18.20 hrs

Recap on Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY):

- Dr. Hans-Christian Wille, Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY), Germany
- Prof. Kanishka Biswas, Coordinator – India@DESY, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore

18.20 – 18.55 hrs

Panel discussion: Mega Science Infrastructures- Effective utilization, joint global experiments (Moderator: Dr. D. Kanjilal, DAE Raja Ramanna Fellow and former Director, IUAC, New Delhi)

- Prof. Thomas Stöhlker, Deputy Head of Research Division of GSI/FAIR, Germany
- Mr. Jörg Blaurock, Technical Managing Director of GSI/FAIR, Germany
- Prof. Kaustuv Sanyal, Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata
- Dr. Sumit Som, Director, Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), Kolkata
- Dr. Hans-Christian Wille, Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY), Germany
- Prof. Kanishka Biswas, Coordinator – India@DESY, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore
- Prof. M.K. Sanyal, Chairman Steering Committee India@DESY, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata

18.55 – 19.00 hrs

Vote of thanks – Dr. Gaurav Aggarwal, Scientist F, ICD, DST

19.45 - 22.00 hrs

Dinner - Regency Hall 1 & 2 (Basement)