

**AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE CZECH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
AND
THE INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY**

Preamble

The Czech Academy of Sciences – the CAS (Akademie věd České republiky) and the Indian National Science Academy – the INSA (Indian National Science Academy), hereinafter referred to as Parties, recognizing the importance of international scientific cooperation have concluded the following Agreement on Scientific Cooperation with the objective to promote and develop the possibilities of scientific cooperation of researchers in both countries.

Article I

Objectives and Forms of Cooperation

1. The Agreement shall serve as a basis for the promotion and support of scientific cooperation between the Parties in all fields of their competence, and in accordance with valid national legislation.
2. The prospective cooperation activities under the Agreement shall have the form of study visits; the support of exchange of researchers for short term individual visits.

Financial support of mobility shall be provided for individual study visits of researchers from both Parties for the purpose of establishment of cooperation or preparation of joint initiatives.

3. Other cooperation activities which may include actions conducive to mutual exchange of information and knowledge transfer, networking and promotion of excellence, and other may be defined upon mutual agreement of the Parties.
4. All cooperation activities shall be based upon the principle of reciprocity for the mutual benefit of both Parties. The exact definition and detailed conditions of individual cooperation activities shall be specified in the Protocol, which is an integral part of this Agreement.

**Article II
Implementation**

1. Cooperation shall be executed through the international cooperation units of the Parties.
2. Financial provisions shall be provided under conditions designated under the Agreement unless situations, such as budget cuts or limited budget drawing as a result of provisional arrangements, occur.
3. Details of implementation of the Agreement shall be determined in the Protocol. Conditions defined in the Protocol shall specify the call for proposals, schedule, selection process, financial conditions and other details of implementation.
4. The course of cooperation shall be regularly reviewed.
5. The Parties commit to solve any differences which may arise during the implementation of the Agreement by means of negotiation or exchange of correspondence between the Parties.

**Article III
Protection of Intellectual Property Rights and Confidentiality**

1. Both Parties agree to share the intellectual property rights that may result from this collaboration in an effective and equal way. If necessary the cooperating institutions shall sign a separate agreement to set out specific provisions regarding this matter.
2. Neither Party may disclose to any third person any confidential or business information which may arise from the cooperation under this Agreement without prior written consent of the other Party. Such obligation shall not be governed by the duration of this agreement.

**Article IV
Final provisions**

1. The Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the Parties. It shall remain valid (in force) for a period of 5 years, after which it shall be automatically renewed for subsequent periods of 5 years unless a written notice of termination has been given by either Party at least six (6) months prior to its renewal.
2. The termination of the Agreement shall not affect the ongoing or approved activities under the terms of the Agreement.
3. The Agreement of 6th February 2009 shall terminate by the day of signature of this Agreement.
4. The Agreement may be modified and amended on the basis of the mutual consent of both Parties made in written form.
5. The Agreement was signed in two identical copies in English with the same validity and each Party will obtain one copy.

On behalf of
the Czech Academy of Sciences

On behalf of
the Indian National Science Academy

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Professor Eva Zažímalová
President

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Professor Ajay K Sood
President

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PROTOCOL
TO THE AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE CZECH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
AND
THE INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY
FOR THE PERIOD 2018 - 2022

Preamble

The Czech Academy of Sciences – the CAS (Akademie věd České republiky) and the Indian National Science Academy – the INSA (Indian National Science Academy), hereinafter referred to as Parties, in compliance with article I of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation signed on 31 May 2017, agree upon the following Protocol to the Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the Protocol.

Article I

Objectives and forms of cooperation

1. The Protocol has been signed in order to specify the terms of the implementation of the Agreement between the Parties for cooperation activities performed in the period 2018 - 2022.
2. The cooperation activities shall be carried out in the form of study visits.

Article II

Study visits

1. The aim of the study visits is to establish or enhance cooperation between researchers of both Parties in order to prepare and submit joint project proposals to national or international funding bodies.
2. The exchange quota is 60 days per Party and year. The duration of individual visits should not exceed 20 days.
3. Eligible for study visits are:
 - on the Czech side, researchers from the institutes of the CAS;
 - on the Indian side, researchers from the institutes of the INSA.
4. Selection process:
 - Conditions for the submission of study visit proposals (including an invitation letter from the receiving institution) and selection criteria shall be provided in national calls in compliance with any internal regulations of the Parties.
 - Outgoing researchers shall identify and contact their counterparts from the partner country in order to agree on possible cooperation/study visits. Receiving researchers shall provide assistance to incoming researchers in order to enable/facilitate their access to other institutions (archives, libraries, universities etc.).

- Each year in January, the Parties shall exchange the overview of planned visits for the forthcoming year.
5. Implementation of approved study visits:
- The sending Party shall submit the nomination of their researcher to the receiving Party at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed date of arrival.
 - The receiving Party shall review and approve the nomination and notify the sending Party of their decision at least fourteen (14) days prior to the proposed date of arrival.
 - The sending Party shall provide the receiving Party with the travel itinerary of the outgoing researcher at least ten (10) days prior to the date of arrival.
 - Restrictions on the realisation of study visits planned for the end of the fiscal year may apply.

Article III Financial provisions

1. Financial contributions shall be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the Parties. At the beginning of each year, the Parties shall exchange information on the level of contributions valid for the given calendar year.
2. The receiving Party shall cover the following expenses of the incoming researcher:
 - accommodation;
 - domestic long-distance public transport (in accordance with the approved programme of the study visit);
 - daily allowances.
3. The sending Party shall cover the following expenses of the outgoing researcher:
 - international return transport to the partner country;
 - health insurance covering the entire visit;
4. Following expenses are not covered by the Protocol:
 - registration fees (conference, symposium, workshop etc.);
 - remuneration for scientific activities (lectures, reports etc.);
 - local daily transfers from the accommodation facility to the receiving institution.

Article IV Final provisions

1. The Protocol shall come into force upon the signature of both Parties and will remain valid until 31st December 2022. The implementation of the Protocol shall not be affected by the termination of the Agreement.
2. The Protocol may be amended based on the mutual consent of the Parties made in written form.
3. The Protocol is signed in two identical copies in English with the same validity and each Party shall obtain one copy.

On behalf of
the Czech Academy of Sciences

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In Prague on

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