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PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION
IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AND
THE SWEDISH RESEARCH COUNCIL (SRC), SWEDEN
FOR THE PERIOD 2013-2015

In pursuance of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden concluded on 9th December 2005 at Stockholm and in conformity with the Article III of the said Agreement, the Coordinating Agencies have agreed upon the following Protocol of Cooperation in the fields of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the "**Protocol**") for the period 2013 – 2015. This agreement follows upon the Protocol signed for the period 2009 – 2011.

PART - I

Coordinating Agencies: The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, on behalf of the Indian side and the Swedish Research Council (SRC), Sweden on behalf of the Swedish side shall be the **Coordinating Agencies** for the present Protocol. From DST, Head (International Division) and Nodal Officer (Swedish Cooperation) would be the coordinating points for this Protocol. Similarly from the SRC, the Head of department of research funding and Nodal Officer (Indian Cooperation) would be the coordinating points for this Protocol.

2. Areas of Cooperation:

The programme is open to academics in the disciplines of agricultural sciences, veterinary medicine, forestry, engineering, earth sciences, mathematics, theoretical computer science, informatics, medicine, life sciences, health sciences, animal sciences, nutritional medicine, physics, material sciences and chemistry.

3. The two sides shall encourage scientific contact through exchange visits and participation in scientific activities, such as joint projects that may include workshops/discussion meetings, training courses, science and technology exhibitions etc. in each other's country. The theme, venue, dates and number of participants for each event will be mutually decided.

3.1 **Joint Programmes:** Joint scientific programmes based on mutual interest in the above areas shall be developed by the Indian and Swedish side. The collaborating institution will agree on projects and the measures to realize the objectives of the programme.

4 IPR arising from cooperative activities under this Protocol shall be regulated in accordance with relevant laws of the countries.

All details shall be settled amicably by negotiation between the participants in each specific collaborative project.

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PART- II

5. Financial Provisions for visiting scientists/researchers

Financing of cooperative projects will be decided and provided by collaborating institutions or funding bodies. Visits by scientists/researchers under this Protocol will be financed through the budget of individual cooperative projects.

5.1 The sending side shall provide international fare and airport taxes to the visiting scientists to the international airport nearest to the host institutions.

5.2 The sending side would reimburse the cost of the insurance premium for this purpose. Scientists visiting under the Protocol shall take overseas medical insurance for the duration of visit before starting the journey from their country.

5.3 The Indian side shall provide free furnished accommodation to the visiting Swedish scientists in a guest house/ hotel. In addition, the Swedish scientists visiting India shall be paid a per diem of Rs 2,500 per day towards food and out of pocket expenses plus a furnished guest house accommodation to a maximum of Rs 4,000 per day.

5.4 The Swedish side shall cover the actual occurred costs for accommodation, food, local transports and out of pocket expenses for Indian scientists visiting Sweden, together with a per diem of SEK 210 per day.

5.5 The receiving side shall pay the registration fee for participation of visiting scientists in seminars, workshops, training courses etc. related to the topic of their visit.

5.6 The financial terms may be revised after mutual agreement.

PART-III

6. For deciding specific projects under this Protocol, reviewing of their progress and discussing policy matters related to the implementation of the Protocol, Joint Staff meetings of the Coordinating Agencies shall annually be held alternately in India or Sweden.

7. This Protocol shall enter into force at the date of signature of both Coordinating Agencies and shall remain in force until the end of 2015 or until the signing of a new Protocol if prior to this date.

8. This protocol may be extended for subsequent periods of 2 years at a time by mutual consent of the Coordinating Agencies.

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