



National Research  
Council of Italy



National Research Council  
of Science & Technology

# Memorandum of Understanding

Between

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF ITALY

And

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The National Research Council of Italy (CNR) and the National Research Council of Science and Technology (NST), hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

**CONSIDERING** that CNR in Italy and NST in Republic of Korea are major research organizations in all fields of knowledge and they have common interests and objectives in advanced scientific research;

**DESIRING** to promote, develop and strengthen the relationship between scientists from both countries;

**RECOGNIZING** the importance of encouraging collaboration in areas of mutual interest and benefit to both Parties;

Agree to as follows:

## ARTICLE 1 Objective

The objective of this MoU is to establish collaboration between CNR and NST and to facilitate discussions for specific programs of collaboration on a basis of equality and mutual benefit, as well as to promote and support cooperation between qualified researchers in fields of most interest to both Parties.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Cooperation Areas**

To achieve the objective referred on Article 1, the Parties shall:

- i. Encourage joint research activities in:
  - a. Biology and related fields (biotechnology, biomedical, etc.)
  - b. ICT and related fields
  - c. Chemistry and related fields
  - d. Renewable Energy
  - e. Physics and advanced materials
- ii. Encourage the exchange of information and materials under a separate legally enforceable arrangement; and
- iii. Identify other areas of possible interest and collaboration.

It must be noted that each Party will designate a coordinator who will be responsible to follow up the activities related to this MoU.

The expansion of cooperative areas and activities is to be further discussed based on the needs and interest of both Parties.

The National Research Council of Italy designates the Head of the International Relations Office.

The National Research Council of Science and Technology designates the Director of International Relations.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **Funds**

The implementation of this MoU will be through a separate Cooperation Program describing scope of activities, such as seminars, workshops and joint projects, and will be determined by funds available at both institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken.

Each Party shall normally bear the costs of its own participation in cooperative activities.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this MoU, each side retains its autonomy to conduct research independently of this MoU.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**Intellectual Property Right**

Scientific outputs in the framework of this MoU will be subject to mutual Intellectual Property Right and patenting. All of the benefits resulting from co-operations in the framework of this MoU will be shared and negotiated through a separate agreement.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**Duration**

Upon signature by each Party, this MoU shall come into effect for a period of five years or until otherwise terminated earlier in writing by either Party. Extension, modifications or other changes may be made as agreed to by both Parties. Termination will incur no liability on either side, and will not affect any agreements or other legally-binding arrangements in place between the two Parties.

**ARTICLE 6**  
**Record of Intentions**

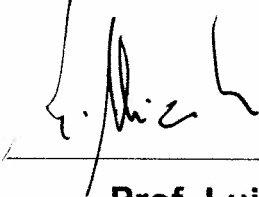
The Parties do not intend that this MoU will be in any way binding. It serves only as a record of each Party's separate intention pending execution of specific agreements governing the undertaking of activities as contemplated by this document.

Any dispute, controversy or difference as to the interpretation of this MoU will be settled amicably by mutual consent between the Parties.

Executed in Seoul, on November the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in English, one (1) copy for each signing party.

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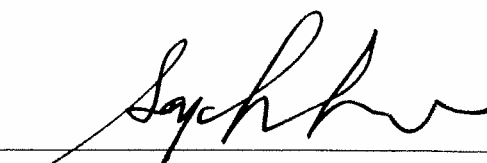
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