

A G R E E M E N T
ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE SERBIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS
AND THE AUSTRIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts on the one part, and the Austrian Academy of Sciences on the other (hereinafter referred to as the Academies), recognising the importance of international scientific and scholarly co-operation and exchange, and with the aim of enhancing mutual understanding, benefit, friendly co-operation and mobility between the scientific institutions of their respective countries, agree to implement the following Agreement:

Article 1. *Scope of the Agreement*

The scope of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions that shall govern the co-operation between the Academies.

Article 2. *Forms of Scientific Co-operation*

Under this Agreement the co-operation may include the following activities:

- *exchange of scholars, scientists and specialists for study and research visits, and visits in connection with agreed joint activities;*
- *encouragement of co-operative projects between interested institutions and organisations of both countries;*
- *organisation of joint conferences, symposia and workshops on mutually approved subjects;*
- *exchange of scholarly and scientific information and documentation;*
- *any other initiative, within the competence of the Academies and in accordance with the objectives set out in this Agreement, that the Academies may consider of mutual interest.*

Article 3. *Implementation of the Forms of Co-operation*

The financial means made available through this Agreement shall be used to promote and support advancement of co-operation as set forth under Article 2 above.

An annual exchange quota of four weeks will be made available by each Academy for scientific activities referred to above. The quota runs per calendar year and unused parts from one year may not normally be carried forward for use in the following year.

Article 4. Administrative and Financial Terms

The exchanges will be carried out according to the following financial terms:

- *The sending Academy will defray the costs for travel of its nominees to and from the receiving country.*
- *Any visiting scientist shall be insured with a competent health insurance company prior to arriving in the receiving country. No responsibility rests on either Academy for costs that may become payable for medical treatment of a visiting scientist.*
- *The receiving Academy will provide the visitors with the following:*
 - *single accommodation in a hotel (bed and breakfast) or other suitable accommodation;*
 - *transport both ways between the agreed point of entry/exit and the visitor's accommodation;*
 - *if required, internal inter-city transport, in accordance with the agreed programme of the visit;*
 - *a daily subsistence allowance to cover food, local transport and other incidental expenses, at the rate of 1.000,00 dinars per day in Serbia and 33,00 € per day in Austria. The daily allowances will be paid to the visitors upon their arrival. If the cost of living changes significantly, both Academies will take steps to adjust the allowances.*

The Academies will continue to seek support for collaboration over and above the quota. Such collaboration shall be financed on the basis of mutual agreement in each separate case.

Article 5. Procedures for the Exchange of Researchers

Both Academies may, on a reciprocal basis, act as sending Academies and nominate researchers within the stipulated exchange quota. The visits shall be arranged exclusively on the basis of invitations by the hosting Academy.

The collaborative research between the Academies shall be open to all fields of science. Whenever possible, priority should be given to visits within projects between groups of scientists of the both Academies.

The sending Academy shall, at least two months before the proposed starting date of the visit, supply essential information about the nominated researcher (last name, first name, title, gender, place of birth and date of birth, CV with special reference to scientific work, present place of employment, discipline/subject, important publications, knowledge of foreign languages), including the details of the proposed research programme. Where possible, evidence of previous academic contacts in the receiving country should be provided (e.g. an invitation letter).

The receiving Academy shall respond to the nomination within a month of its being received.

After receipt of the receiving Academy's agreement to a visit, the sending Academy shall, not later than two weeks before the visit, inform the receiving Academy of the visitor's exact arrival date, time, flight number and departure date.

Article 6. Confidentiality, Dissemination and Ownership of Results

The Academies undertake not to disclose, in any manner whatsoever, without the prior consent of the other Academy, any scientific or technical information pertaining to the other side to which it may have had access in the course of any activity envisaged by this Agreement, for as long as such information is not in the public domain.

The co-operating researchers and research institutions shall agree by mutual consent on the use of the data and results generated during the performance of the joint research. Both Academies will encourage the publication of the results of joint research, within the means available to them.

If, according to the opinion of one or both sides, the results of joint research contain material or innovations which could be registered as a patent, the parties concerned shall conclude a separate agreement to obtain appropriate legal protection for these in both countries as well as in other countries.

Article 7. Settlement of Disputes

Any difficulties encountered in the implementation, interpretation or application of the Agreement shall be resolved by negotiation between the Academies in a spirit of equality, co-operation and goodwill. In general, such matters will be dealt with by correspondence. When necessary, consultations may be carried out in either Belgrade or Vienna.

Article 8. Duration and Termination

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of its signature by both Academies and shall continue for an period of 5 years, automatically renewable for a same period, unless terminated by either Academy by giving at least six months' prior notice to the other Academy.

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Academies. Each amendment shall form an integral part of the Agreement and shall be annexed to it.

This Agreement has been done in two copies in English, both being equally valid.

Signed in Belgrade, on October 18, 2005

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