

Joint Declaration on Cooperation in Science and Research

Between the Federal Ministry of Science and Research of the Republic of Austria And the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of Korea

Recognizing the need to expand and intensify cooperation between the Republic of Austria and the Republic of Korea in the areas of scientific research, the Federal Ministry of Science and Research of the Republic of Austria and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of Korea have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

In accordance with their national laws and on the basis of mutual benefit, both sides will support the development of cooperation in the all fields of scientific research.

Article 2

Both sides welcome the manifold cooperation activities between Austrian and Korean institutions in the fields of scientific research, especially between Austrian and Korean universities as well as within university networks.

Both sides encourage and support the continuation and the further development of partnerships in the fields of scientific research between Universities, Universities of Applied Sciences, Academies of Sciences, funding agencies, research centers and other institutions and organizations engaged in scientific research.

Both sides encourage joint research through particular projects in mutually agreed fields of science and research.

Both sides encourage joint use of research and development facilities and scientific equipment, including mutual access to unique equipment, based on the principle of reciprocity and according to the domestic legislation of both countries.

Both sides encourage the establishment of joint ventures, joint laboratories, centers of excellence and other organizations in priority areas of scientific development.

Both sides may mutually agree on further forms of scientific cooperation which might arise in the process of the implementation of the Joint Declaration.

Article 3

The cooperation provided for in articles 1 and 2 will comprise especially:

1. The mutual provision of information and documentation on scientific research.
2. The exchange of scientists and experts for consultations, symposia, research projects and studies in the framework of concrete projects in the amount of up to 70 person days per year in each direction.
 - 2.1. Additional support for cooperation may be obtained through the regular channels of financial support for international cooperation of both sides. Additionally, special efforts will be undertaken to cooperate in the framework of the European Union Framework Program for Research, Technological Development and Demonstrations well as in other regional and international programs.
3. An Austrian-Korean Science day will be held in Austria and Korea alternately. For this purpose, a contact person will be named by each party.
4. The organization of summer schools acquainting students and graduates with the culture of each other's country on a self-financing basis will also be encouraged.

Article 4

1. Financial provisions concerning scientists and experts:
 - 1.1. The sending party will cover the travel costs; whilst the accommodation costs will be born by the receiving party.
 - 1.2. The sending party will assure that persons sent are sufficiently insured for health.

Article 5

1. Each party will designate a coordinator to facilitate cooperation as laid out in this Joint Declaration.

2. Steering meetings will be held alternately in the Republic of Austria and the Republic of Korea, co-chaired by the coordinators in order to monitor, assess and steer the activities carried out under this Joint Declaration. Using synergies, these meetings will preferably take place at the same time as the science days referred to in Article 3.3. Formal documents will be drafted containing the conclusions and proposals of each steering meeting.

2.1. The steering meetings will be co-chaired by the coordinators and will perform the following:

- a. Monitor, assess and steer the activities carried out under the Joint Declaration;
- b. Conduct consultations on issues relating to national science and research policy, to economic and legal regulations pertaining to science and research as well as on the forms of cooperation and appropriate thematic areas for cooperation;
- c. Create favorable conditions for the implementation of the Joint Declaration;
- d. Facilitate the implementation of joint programs and projects;
- e. Exchange opinions and mutual perspectives regarding bilateral cooperation in science and research, and identify new proposals for the further development of bilateral S&T cooperation.

2.2. Steering meetings will be composed of representatives designated by the BMWF and the MOST, both being equally responsible for the implementation of the Joint Declaration. The steering meeting will establish its own rules of procedure.

Article 6

Issues of intellectual property rights (IPR) arising from cooperative activities under the Joint Declaration will be subject of the relevant national and international regulations concerning IPR.

Article 7

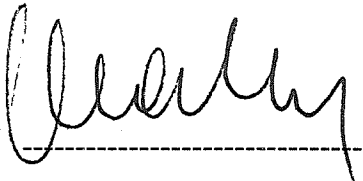
Each side will take all necessary measures to ensure the best possible conditions for the implementation of joint activities under the Joint Declaration in accordance within its domestic legal framework.

Article 8

The Joint Declaration on Cooperation on Science and Research will enter into effect on the first day of the month following signing and will remain effective for an initial period of three years. The prolongation of the Joint Declaration will be subject to the outcome of an evaluation of the cooperation carried out under this Joint Declaration.

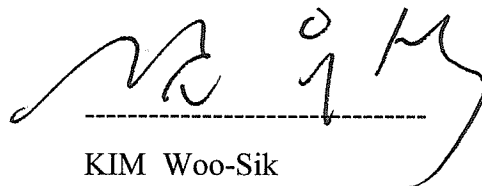
Done at Seoul on 3 April 2007, in two original documents in English, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Federal Ministry of
Science and Research

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