

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A
JOINT RESEARCH COLLABORATION PROGRAMME
BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND RESEARCH OF AUSTRIA
AND
THE DIRECTOR OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN VIENNA

(nicht veröffentlicht)

The Federal Minister of Science and Research of Austria and the Director of the British Council in Vienna (hereinafter referred to as the contracting parties), recognizing the mutual benefits obtainable from collaborative research between the scientists of the two countries, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The contracting parties will set up a Joint Research Collaboration Programme for collaborative research with effect from 1/1/1992 in the fields of natural and physical sciences and in social sciences, including economics, business and management studies. Subject to mutual agreement the programme can be extended to cover other areas.

Article 2

The Joint Research Collaboration Programme will support exploratory and the early stages of joint research projects.

Article 3

The programme will be administered by a Committee chaired jointly by a nominee of the Bundesministerium für Wissenschaft und Forschung and the Director of the British Council in Austria (or his nominee) which will meet at times to be agreed, and will make final decisions on the allocation of funds.

Article 4

The number of exploratory visits and joint research projects supported will be decided by the Joint Committee.

Article 5

The contracting parties will provide matching funds for the Joint Research Collaboration Programme. The amount of these matching funds will be agreed annually.

Article 6

Details of the financial and the procedural arrangements and any other necessary matters concerning the implementation of this Memorandum are to be agreed upon between the contracting parties.

Article 7

This Memorandum will be in force from the date of signing and will be reviewed every three years. It will continue to be valid until either party notifies the other of its intention to terminate the Memorandum, in which case the existing programmes will be brought to an orderly conclusion. This notification shall be made at least six months in advance of the termination. Either party may propose at any time amendments or modifications of this Memorandum of Understanding, which will come into force upon the approval by the other party.

Done in Vienna, 16 December 1991, in two original copies in English, both equally authentic.

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Annex 1 : General Administration

1. Committee

1.1. The Austrian Joint-Chairman will be nominated by the Minister for Science and Research. Until further notice this will be the head of Dept IV/4 or his nominee.

1.2. The British Joint-Chairman will be the Director of the British Council in Austria or his nominee. The British Council may later wish to nominate a senior British scientist or academic as the British Joint-Chairman. In this case the Director of the BC Austria will occupy one of the other British places on the Committee.

1.3. There will be up to 4 members of the Committee in addition to the Joint-Chairmen: 2 Austrian and 2 British.

1.4. Of the 3 members of each side, 2 should be practising academics, scientists or researchers.

1.5. The minimum for Committee meetings will be 3: the Joint-Chairmen and one other member, Austrian or British.

1.6. The time and place of meetings will be agreed by the Joint Chairmen.

1.7. Decisions of the committee must be agreed by both Joint-Chairmen.

1.8. A brief record of the main conclusions of Committee meetings will be made by secretaries provided by the BMWF and BC for meetings in Austria and Britain respectively.

2. Financial administration

2.1. Following authorisation from the Committee, the BC will make the standard grant payments in sterling to British applicants and in Schillings to Austrian applicants. The BC will present the Accounts to BMWF in January together with a request for reimbursement in schillings of 50% of the cost of the grants paid. The BMWF will normally reimburse the Council within one month unless the BC and the Ministry agree that because of the differing fiscal years it would be advantageous to advance, delay or otherwise adjust the payment.

2.2. Letters of award and copies of the Zahlschein or sterling cheque will be taken as evidence of payment. Reports from those making exploratory visits and annual reports from the project leaders will be taken as evidence that the authorised visits have been made.

2.3. The Council's ARC accounts will be freely available to the BMWF and to the Austrian government auditor.

2.4. Grantees will be required to refund grants in respect of cancelled visits.

3. Applications

3.1. Drafts of standard application forms are attached as Appendix B.

3.2. Applications may be submitted to either the Büro für Wissenschaftlich-technische Abkommen des ÖAD or the British Council in Vienna in English or German

3.3. Applications will be copied on receipt to the other party.


3.4. The deadline for applications for visits in 1992 will be June 20 and at dates to be agreed by the Joint Chairmen for visits in subsequent years.

4. Procedures for Notification and Payment of Grants

4.1. Award and refusal letters will be issued in July for visits in 1992 and at dates to be agreed for visits in 1993. The award letters will be signed by the Joint-Chairmen.

4.2. Cheques or Zahlschein will be paid in advance for the approved visits. No further payments will be made until a progress report has been received (See Notes for Applicants).


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