

AGREEMENT ON RESEARCH COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE  
DEUTSCHE FORSCHUNGSGEMEINSCHAFT e.V., GERMANY,  
AND THE  
IRAN NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IRAN

In recognition of the mutual benefit of bilateral cooperation, the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) and the Iran National Science Foundation (INSF), hereinafter referred to as the "DFG" and "INSF" or the "Parties", have agreed to conclude an agreement on research cooperation.

ARTICLE I  
Preamble

The cooperation extends to all recognised areas of basic research in science and the humanities.

ARTICLE II  
Forms of Cooperation

The DFG and INSF will support as part of their responsibilities and in accordance with their respective guidelines and funding policies

- a. Joint research projects carried out by researchers from both countries;
- b. Exchange of individual scientists for the purpose of conducting research work, exchange of information about ongoing research activities, adoption of new scientific methods, delivering lectures, establishing new scientific contacts for developing joint projects, attending scientific events;
- c. Organising and participating in joint scientific meetings, conferences, symposia, courses, workshops, exhibitions, etc;
- d. Other forms of scientific and technological co-operation which may be mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE III  
Implementation

Joint projects will generally be initiated by researchers who are interested in developing collaborations with their international counterparts. Both Parties declare their willingness to

achieve the goals specified in this Agreement, e.g. through the means of joint funding programmes. Applicants should submit their joint proposals to their respective national funding organisation, the DFG or INSF.

The proposals shall comply with the terms and conditions applicable at their national funding organisation and will be reviewed in accordance with scientific research standards. Any funding decision shall be made according to the rules and regulations applicable at the DFG and INSF respectively. The DFG and INSF will provide complementary support for the joint projects they approve, that is each Party bears the costs of their country's share of the project.

#### ARTICLE IV Exchange of Individual Scientists and Experts

Proposals may be submitted at any time and no quota will limit the number of exchanges of individual scientists and experts in each direction.

Each Party will be responsible for the costs and expenses of its own researchers in connection with the exchange.

#### ARTICLE V General Conditions

1. This Agreement is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Parties and does not constitute an Agreement binding upon the States of the Parties under international law. No provision of this protocol shall be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Parties.
2. Any dispute related to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations in an amicable way between the Parties.
3. With respect to the co-operation activities established under this Agreement, each Party shall take, in accordance with its laws and regulations, all necessary measures to ensure the best possible conditions for their implementation.
4. This Agreement may be amended at any time through mutual consent of the Parties, in writing.
5. It shall enter into effect upon the signature of each of the Parties' authorised representatives and shall apply for a period of five years and shall automatically be renewed for further periods of five years, unless either Party notifies in writing its intentions to terminate this Agreement. Each Party can terminate the Agreement with six months' notice to the end of a calendar year.
6. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the projects or programmes undertaken under this Agreement and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Agreement.

This Agreement was drafted and signed in English.

Iran National Science Foundation (INSF)

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