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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH (MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE)

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Dated: 9.5.2012

To

**All Directors/Director-Incharges of  
Permanent Institutes/Centres of ICMR.**

**Subject: - MoU between ICMR and Symbiosis International University, Pune –**

Sir/Madam,

I am glad to inform you that Indian Council of Medical Research has signed a "Memorandum of Understanding" with Symbiosis International University, Pune on January 23, 2012 at ICMR Hqrs., New Delhi. The objective of signing MoU is to facilitate ICMR institutes/ centres for getting their scholars/ staff registered for Master's/ Ph.D programmes.

Symbiosis International University (SIU) has been conferred with the Deemed University status and has been ranked in 'A' grade by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

As per the MoU, all ICMR Institutes are considered as deemed recognized, however, they need to submit the (i) Centre recognition form and (ii) Guide recognition forms along with CVs of all potential guides as per the formats available on SIU website as 'Downloads'.

Scientist 'E' and above who are eligible to be guide in these disciplines may register themselves through Director/director-in-Charge in a consolidated way with copy to Sr.DDG(A) ([arunbaroka@icmr.org.in](mailto:arunbaroka@icmr.org.in)) and Dr.G.S. Toteja, Scientist 'F' ([totejags@gmail.com](mailto:totejags@gmail.com)).

A copy of the MoU is enclosed herewith for your reference.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

(Arun Baroka)



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***This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into and executed on 23rd January, 2012 between***

Indian Council of Medical Research, a society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860, having its registered office at, V. Ramalingaswami Bhawan, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110029 (hereinafter referred to as 'ICMR' as the context permits).

*and*

Symbiosis International University, Pune, a Deemed University, having its office at Lavale, Pune, Maharashtra (hereinafter referred to as 'SIU' as the context permits).

**Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** established in 1911, is an apex body in India for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research. The Council is engaged in conducting and promoting research in various areas of biomedical science through its 31 permanent institutes/centres and through Headquarters using task force approach as well as providing financial assistance to ad-hoc research studies submitted by individual scientists from different parts of the country. The Council's priorities coincide with National Health Priorities such as control and management of communicable diseases, fertility control, maternal and child health,

nutrition and research on major non-communicable diseases like cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and other metabolic and hematological disorders, mental health research and drug research (including traditional remedies).

Where as, **Symbiosis International University (SIU)** was built on the principles of vedic thought of "World as One Family" and is resplendent of the activities and students of several countries. The students come from more than 60 countries and find this to be a *home away from home*. Symbiosis was conferred with the Deemed University status vide MHRD notification No. F.9-12/2002.U-3 (A) dated 6th May 2002. SIU has been ranked in A grade by the University Grants Commission (UGC). SIU also has MOU of collaboration with several renowned universities of the world and encourages students & faculty to participate in its programmes. The Faculty of Health Sciences at SIU (FOHS) comprising of the Symbiosis School of Bio-medical Sciences (SSBS), Symbiosis Institute of Health Sciences (SIHS) & Symbiosis College of Nursing (SCON) undertake evidence based translational research involving science & technology applications for affordable healthcare solutions relevant to the global population. The Symbiosis Biomedical Research Cluster undertakes research in certain broad areas viz. Cellular & molecular biology, Systems & synthetic biology , Pharmacogenomics, Immunology, Pharmacology, Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Drug discovery & development, Traditional systems of medicines and public health.

Whereas, both parties viz. ICMR and SIU realize that in the current context, working together is desirable to promote biomedical sciences using facilities and expertise at both the places. Therefore, both parties are agreeable to enter into a MoU for working and cooperating with one another and using their respective expertise, knowledge and resources.

#### **Article I: Principle of Cooperation**

ICMR, New Delhi and SIU, Pune agree to develop their academic links especially in the fields of Health Care, Nutrition and Life Sciences under the principles of mutual understanding, common interest and mutually complementary activities.

1. To promote individual contacts among scholars, students and personnel of both the institutions.
2. To provide opportunities for both staff and students to use to maximum the expertise and facilities available in both the organizations through training of students/staff and through exchange of thoughts by brain storming sessions/seminars/workshops and meetings.
3. To work jointly for the common research interest at national and international levels. This includes preparation of proposals and their implementation as per the national health priorities.
4. To support the exchange of academic, research and training material.
5. To share experiences and expertise concerning institute administration and management.
6. To encourage any other activities that both the institutions agreed to be on mutual benefit.

#### **Article II: Areas of Cooperation**

1. Scientists/ Staff working in ICMR or using ICMR facilities may be enrolled for Master's/Ph.D programmes that **is** to be awarded by SIU. The thesis supervisor will be from institutes/centres of ICMR at the level of Scientist-E or above, whereas co-supervisor may be from SIU or **vice-versa**. Other Co-Supervisor(s) may be taken from any other ICMR Institutes/Centres or SIU or any other institute of the country depending upon requirements.
2. Master's/Ph.D students working at SIU will be allowed to carry out a part of their research work in ICMR institutes/centres and **vice-versa** depending upon requirements.
3. The scientists/staff intending to enroll at SIU for Ph.D programme from ICMR institutes/centres shall appear **only** for a personal discussion before selection committee at SIU, Pune and also Ph.D viva-voce will take place at SIU, Pune. All other requirements for Ph.D programme which include ethical committee clearance if required, completion of credit courses, pre Ph.D examination, oral presentation, recommendation for consideration of acceptance of synopsis, evaluation of half yearly progress report, pre-submission seminar etc. will be carried out/done at ICMR institutes/centres under the **supervisor** of ICMR

institutes/centres. Supervisor at ICMR institutes/centres will be sending all reports as mentioned above with recommendations to competent authority at SIU for its final approval.

4. At the time of thesis submission, the student shall produce evidence to show that he/she has a minimum of one publication in relevant field (or acceptance of publication) in referred journal.
5. Students who have completed MBBS degree should also be allowed to enroll for a Ph.D programme at SIU, subject to Ph.D eligibility rules of SIU 2010 with specific reference to rule No. 1 – 1.2 (d) & (e). The condition of 55% marks may be waived off in case of deserving candidates based on recommendations of the Supervisor from ICMR Institute/Centre.
6. SIU will grant interdisciplinary Ph.D registration under the broad area of biomedical sciences. For example, M.Sc. (Nutrition) may be allowed to register for Ph.D. in Biochemistry and like wise.
7. The Ph.D degree will be awarded discipline wise for example Ph.D in nutrition, biochemistry, clinical biochemistry.
8. The final copies of the Ph.D thesis must contain the following copyright certificate in the beginning of the thesis, on the left side of cover page @ Indian Council of Medical Research & Symbiosis International University.
9. ICMR students/staff will be allowed to avail a 50% concession in the fees following guidelines for concession to SIU employee.
10. Scientists of ICMR may deliver lectures in areas of their specialization to students of SIU as Visiting Faculty on days and timings pre-arranged on mutual consent.
11. ICMR Institutions/Centres will provide regular short term project training to the students of SIU in their areas of specialization.
12. Once MoU is signed, SIU shall grant, after due consideration of facilities and competencies, recognition to ICMR Institutes/Centres as Centres for postgraduate and doctoral studies.

### **Article III. Duration and Termination of the MoU**

1. This MoU is effective as of the date of signatures by the Authorities of ICMR and SIU.

2. This MoU is valid from the Date of execution by the Parties and shall remain in effect for FIVE YEARS, and thereafter can be renewed.
3. This MoU may be amended at any time by written mutual consent.
4. This MoU may be terminated by either party by the provision of written notice of termination not less than six months prior to the desired termination date. However, both parties agree that all continuing obligations to students, staff, funding bodies or other entities are met in full subsequent to the notice of termination.
5. The termination of this MoU shall not affect the rights or obligations of either party regarding any binding offer or firm obligation approved and agreed to either party prior to the termination date.
6. In event of any dispute/s arising between the parties hereto, it shall be endeavour of both the parties to first make an attempt to resolve the dispute amicably by mutual discussion and deliberation, failing which the dispute shall be referred to Arbitration. The Arbitration shall be conducted as per the provisions of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The Arbitral Tribunal shall consist of a Sole Arbitrator, to be appointed mutually by both the parties. The Venue of Arbitration shall be Pune. The language of Arbitration shall be English. The Award of the Tribunal shall be final and binding on the parties.

#### **Article IV- Miscellaneous**

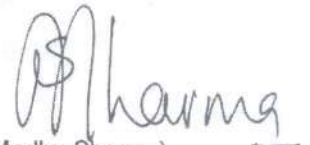
1. If any provision of this Memorandum is held by any court or other competent authority to be illegal, void or unforceable in whole or in part, this Memorandum shall continue to be valid as to the other provisions therefore and the remainder of the effected provision.
2. Nothing in this MoU constitutes or to be construed a party as the partner, agent employee or representative of the other party. A party must not act independently of the other Party and does not have the right or power to commit the other Party on any matter or incur any obligation on behalf of or pledge the credit of the other Party without the prior written approval of the other Party.
3. The parties agree to comply with all laws applicable within the jurisdiction of the signatories below.

4. Data generated through such collaborative research will be published in scientific journals jointly.

IN WITNESS Whereof the parties hereto have executed this MoU or caused it to be executed in their names and on their behalf by their duly authorized representatives on the date set forth.



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Indian Council of Medical Research  
Ansari Nagar, New Delhi



(Madhu Sharma)  
Registrar  
Symbiosis International University  
Lavale, Pune

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Sr. Dy. Director General (Admn.)  
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Indian Council of Medical Research / भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद्  
Date: 23.01.2012  
Dep. of Health Research / स्वास्थ्य अनुसंधान विभाग  
Min. of Health & Family Welfare / स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय  
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