

**PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION
IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND SPORTS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND
THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
FOR THE PERIOD 2005-2008**

In pursuance of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of India on Cooperation in the fields of Culture, Education, Science, Technology and Sports concluded in New Delhi on 5th March 1999, and in conformity with the Article 3 of the said Agreement, the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia and the Ministry of Science & Technology, Department of Science & Technology, of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as "Participants") have agreed upon the following Programme of Cooperation in the field of Science and Technology for the period 2005-2008 (hereinafter referred to as "Programme"):

PART-I

Article 1

The Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia (Directorate for International Cooperation) on behalf of the Croatian side and the Ministry of Science & Technology of the Republic of India (Department of Science & Technology, International Cooperation Division) on behalf of the Indian side will be the Coordinating Agencies for the present Programme.

Article 2

For the purpose of the implementation of this Programme, a Joint Committee on scientific and technological cooperation will be established.

- (1) The tasks of the Joint Committee will be as follows:
- a) to agree on the fields of cooperation;
 - b) to create favorable conditions for the implementation of this Programme;
 - c) to approve new activities and review the progress of on-going activities;
 - d) to facilitate and support the implementation of joint programmes and projects;
 - e) to exchange experience arising from the bilateral scientific and technological cooperation and to examine proposals for its further development; and
 - f) to facilitate the exchange of young scientists.
- (2) The Joint Committee will usually meet once every eighteen months, alternately in the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of India and will draw Protocols, which will contain conclusions and proposals of the joint sessions. If necessary, the Joint Committee may meet at mutual convenience to be decided through diplomatic channels.

(3) Any differences or disputes relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Programme will be settled through consultations between the Participants or within the Joint Committee.

(4) The Joint Committee may formulate its regulations for implementation of this Programme.

Article 3

The cooperation will be implemented through the following mechanisms:

- a) Joint research, development and design projects, including exchange of results as well as exchanges of scientists, specialists and researchers;
- b) Organization and participation in scientific meetings, conferences, symposia, courses, workshops, exhibitions, etc;
- c) Exchange of scientific and technical information, documentation and consumable materials;
- d) Common use of research and development (R&D) facilities and scientific equipment;
- e) Other forms of scientific and technological cooperation, which may be mutually agreed upon.

Article 4

The broad subject areas of cooperation for implementation under the current Programme would be identified through discussions between the scientists and would be decided during the first meeting of the Joint Committee.

These areas could, however, subsequently be altered with the mutual consultation between the Coordinating Agencies.

Article 5

The Participants will support two- or three-year joint scientific projects of mutual interest which will be developed jointly by the Croatian and Indian institutions according to the proforma attached in Annex-I. The new joint project proposals will be submitted for approval to the respective Coordinating Agencies in the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of India as per the under-mentioned schedule. New project proposals could be included in the Programme with the approval of two co-chairpersons of the Joint Committee.

Both Participants agreed that the call for project proposals will be published every second year, simultaneously in both countries, according to the following schedule:

- Opening of call for proposals: June, 1
- Last date to receive proposals: September, 30
- Exchange of lists of proposals received by the Coordinating Agencies: October, 31
- Exchange of priority list between the Coordinating Agencies: December, 15
- Approval of proposals by exchange of letters between two co-chairs: mid-January

Article 6

The utilization of the jointly obtained results (their publication, patents, etc.) will be decided by the cooperating institutes. The annual as well as final reports will be prepared by the project coordinators and will be submitted to the Joint Committee through the Coordinating Agencies.

Article 7

In order to realize the cooperation mentioned in Article 5 above, the Coordinating Agencies will ensure the exchange visits of scientists limited to a total of 30 days annually per approved project from each side for joint work.

Article 8

With a view to exploring the potential of cooperation and extending scientific contacts, the Participants will support the organization of joint workshops/visits of thematic delegations, as will be decided by the Joint Committee. The first two workshops will be held in the year 2005, one in the Republic of Croatia and one in the Republic of India.

Article 9

With a view to extending scientific contacts, the Participants will mutually offer 10 visits, each in the duration of 10 days, per year for the nominees of the other side intending to take exploratory study visits in areas of common interest or to participate in international/bilateral scientific conferences, workshops, exhibitions, including annual science congresses to be held in either country.

PART-II

Article 10

Procedure of visit nomination

- (1) The scientists/researchers (experts traveling under the present Programme) will be nominated by the sending Coordinating Agency in a mutually agreed proforma (Annex-II), preferably six weeks prior to the beginning of the planned visit.
- (2) The receiving Coordinating Agency communicates its readiness to receive the proposed specialists generally within 3 weeks of receiving their proposal.
- (3) As far as possible, the visit of individual scientists will be confined to one or two institutions indicated and will be undertaken with reference to a definite plan of work.
- (4) The sending Coordinating Agency will communicate the exact date of travel of the visiting scientists and the flight number preferably one week before the planned date of arrival of the visiting scientist.

Article 11

Financial Provisions

Following are the financial terms for the visits of the scientists between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of India under the approved programmes:

- (1) Sending Coordinating Agency would be providing international fare and airport tax up to the airport nearest to work in host country, as well as overseas medical insurance.
- (2) Receiving Coordinating Agency would make the following arrangements:
 - a) Per diem as per the norms of the host country.
The Croatian scientists visiting the Republic of India will be provided the amount of Rs 500 per day; the Indian scientists visiting the Republic of Croatia will be provided the amount of 100 kunas per day.
 - b) The receiving side will arrange in-country travel of the visiting scientist from the airport to institute by appropriate means.
 - c) The receiving side will provide free furnished accommodation in Guest House/ Hotel with reasonable amenities.
 - d) In case of sudden illness of a visiting scientist, the emergency medical facility available to the scientists in host country would be extended.
 - e) Host institution will arrange picking/dropping at/from the airport for all visiting scientists. In case of senior scientists (in the rank of Director and above), transport will be provided for total official engagements.
- (3) If necessary financial terms could be revised after mutual consultation between the two Participants.

PART-III

Article 12

This Programme will come into effect on the date of signature. This Programme will remain in force for a period of three years and will be tacitly renewed for further periods of three years, unless either Participant, at least three months before the termination of the initial or any further three-year period, notifies in writing the other side of its intention to terminate it.

In case of termination of this Programme, projects in progress will not be affected by the termination, and will continue until their completion, unless agreed otherwise.

Any disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this Programme will be settled through consultations between the Participants.

Signed in Zagreb, on May 18, 2005, in two originals in the English language, both texts having equal validity.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE,
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THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

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**Croatian-Indian Programme of Cooperation
in Science & Technology for the period 2005-2008**

Project code: (not to be completed)				
Broad area:				
Title:				
Aims, Objectives and task sharing:				
Project Coordinators:		Croatian	Indian	
Name				
Designation				
Division				
Institution				
Address				
Phone				
Fax				
E-mail				
Other participants:				
Date of commencement:				
Date of completion:				
Progress / Status of the project:				
Exchange visits				
Croatia to India				
Name & Affiliation of the scientist	Period		Host	Purpose of the visit
	From	To		

India to Croatia				
Name and affiliation of the scientist	Period		Host	Purpose of the visit
	From	To		

Relevant publications (five maximum):		
Signatures	Croatian side	Indian side
Project Coordinator Name Date Signature		
Institute Institute Director/ Head of the office Signature Date and Seal		

Enclosures required:

1. Detailed project description including
 - a. Background information,
 - b. Necessity for cooperation (with special regard to complimentary character of the research group),
 - c. Objectives of the projects,
 - d. Expected advantages,
 - e. Assignments for both Croatian and Indian institutions,
 - f. Time schedule,
 - g. Expected results (publication, know-how, new technology etc.)
 - h. Planned Utilization of the results
2. Bio-data of the Croatian and Indian Project Coordinator

**NOMINATION FOR AN EXCHANGE VISIT OF SCIENTIST UNDER THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE CROATIAN-INDIAN PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION
IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

1. Project Number
2. Full Name
3. Place & Date of Birth
4. Nationality
5. Father's/Mother's name
6. Passport No., date and place of issue
7. Designation/Position, address of parent institute (with phone, fax, e-mail)

8. Receiving institution(s), phone, fax, e-mail

9. Receiving scientist(s) name and designation/ position

10. Date of arrival in the capital of the receiving country

11. Date of departure from the capital of receiving country

12. If you plan to travel within the receiving country, please give travel plans

13. Objective of the visit/Work plan

Signature of the visiting scientist

Signature of the Project Coordinator