

Memorandum of Understanding
on
Scientific Cooperation
between
The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
and
The Research Foundation - Flanders

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (hereinafter referred to as JSPS) and the Research Foundation- Flanders (hereinafter referred to as FWO), with a view to developing the premises of cooperation between Japan and Belgium (Flanders), have agreed as follows:

Article I

The parties will, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, promote and support scientific cooperation between Japanese and Belgian (Flemish) scientists who are at post-doctoral or higher level, affiliated with universities or research institutes in the respective countries in all fields of the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities.

Article II

The program shall consist of support of:

- a) joint exchange projects including seminars and workshops
- b) other cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed upon

Article III

Joint Exchange Projects may be conducted as follows:

- (1) Both parties will support joint exchange projects implemented on specific subjects with the participation of scientists from each country.
- (2) The duration of a joint exchange project will normally be two years.
- (3) Each party will bear the costs of the participants from its own country including the overseas airfares, daily maintenance allowance and research expenses when necessary.



(4) The number of joint exchange projects to be supported each year will be mutually approved in advance by both parties.

Article IV

Participating researchers shall abide by the laws of the receiving country and regulations of the host institutions.

Article V

The parties will encourage researchers and their institutions to enter into agreements to ensure the effective protection and correct distribution of intellectual properties resulting from projects funded under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article VI

Administrative procedures and implementation details not prescribed in this Memorandum of Understanding will be determined by mutual agreement between both parties either through negotiation or via correspondence.

Article VII

Either party may at any time propose amendments or modifications to this Memorandum of Understanding, which will be placed into effect upon approval by the other party.

Article VIII

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into force on the date of its signing and will continue thereafter for five years. This Memorandum of Understanding may be extended for the same period of validity, five years, in absence of a termination notice by either party. Either party may notify the other of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding during the period of its validity. Notification shall be made at least one year in advance of the termination of the Memorandum of Understanding. The arrangements made within the framework of the program will continue to apply to all projects that have not been completed by the date of the program's termination.



This Memorandum of Understanding supersedes the former Memorandum of Understanding between the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and the National Foundation for Scientific Research signed on 10th of January 1977.

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and signed in duplicate in English, both being equally authentic.

Date: December 22, 2004



Motoyuki ONO

President

For the Japan Society for
the Promotion of Science

Date: December 22, 2004



Maurice PENSAERT

Secretary General

For the Research Foundation
- Flanders

**Details for Implementation
of
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between
The Research Foundation - Flanders
and
The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science**

In accordance with the provision of Article VI of the Memorandum of Understanding on Scientific Research between the Research Foundation – Flanders and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, the Details for Implementation are adopted by FWO and JSPS as follows:

I. Joint Exchange Projects

1. Purpose

The purpose of these activities is to further advance existing cooperation while establishing a concrete partnership between the two countries by supporting team-to-team collaboration.

2. Format

Joint research projects are carried out by research teams of both countries.

Each team comprises two or more participating scientists.

The team leaders must hold a full-time position at a higher educational institution or research organization in their respective countries.

Researchers from third countries may participate in the projects under the condition stipulated in Article I 4. "Financial Support" of these Details for Implementation.

3. Duration

Up to 2 new joint research projects will be selected each year and each project will normally run for two years.

4. Financial Support

The amount to be provided by FWO for each Belgian team will be determined on a case by case basis.

For each projects, JSPS will provide annually up to JPY2,500,000 to a Japanese team.

The following expenses will be covered in connection with the projects:

- International travel expenses between Belgium and Japan.
- Daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel in the receiving country and the participants' own country.
- A part of research expenses.

The Parties will not cover the cost of accident/illness insurance. Each Party will ensure that participating researchers going abroad under the program possess appropriate medical insurance coverage.

Participating researchers from third countries will cover any of their own expenses.

5. Application Procedure and Timetable

The Belgian team leader is to submit a joint application to FWO and the Japanese team leader to JSPS using the respective forms prescribed by FWO and JSPS.

Applications submitted by one side only will not be accepted. Belgian/Japanese team leaders should, therefore, be sure that their counterpart submits a matching application.

The timetable is as follows:

- (1) Call for applications: June of previous year
- (2) Deadline for submitting applications: beginning of September of previous year
- (3) FWO and JSPS conduct respective peer reviews: October – November of previous year
- (4) Match peer review results, and jointly select: December of previous year
- (5) Start of projects: April of subject year
- (6) Receipt of final reports: upon completion of each project

6. Review criteria

The following criteria will be taken into consideration when screening applications:

- (1) Scientific quality of the projects
- (2) Feasibility of the joint research plan
- (3) Added value of Belgian Japanese collaboration, i.e. showing that the collaboration produces a better scientific result than would emerge from research carried out by the Belgian or Japanese side alone
- (4) Contribution to intellectual and/or cultural development, improvement of quality of

- life, or enhancement of socioeconomic infrastructure
(5) Contribution to fostering young researchers

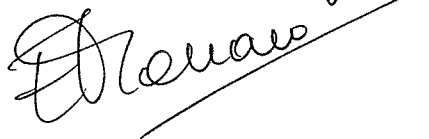
II. Others

The validity of this Details for Implementation corresponds with the effective period of the Memorandum of Understanding on Scientific Cooperation between FWO and JSPS signed on 22 December 2004.

Amendments to this Details for Implementation may be proposed by either Party, and will become effective when the two Parties mutually consent.

Done and signed in duplicate in English, both being equally authentic.

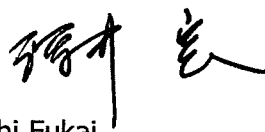
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Ir. Elisabeth Monard
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