



## Memorandum of Understanding

**between**

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi  
Hauz Khas, New Delhi, Delhi 110016, India  
represented by the Director, IIT Delhi  
- hereinafter referred to as IIT Delhi –

**and**

Leibniz-Institut für Polymerforschung Dresden e.V.  
Hohe Straße 6  
01069 Dresden  
represented by the Board of Directors  
- hereinafter referred to as IPF –

The Leibniz-Institut für Polymerforschung Dresden e. V. (IPF) pursues application-oriented basic research in the area of polymers, with the objective of contributing to the development of new materials and technologies necessary for their processing. The Institute's four strategic themes are:

- Functional nanostructured interfaces and polymer systems
- Biology inspired interface and material design
- Polymer networks: structure, theory, application
- Process-controlled texturing of polymer materials

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) is one of the premier institutes of India focusing on scientific and technical education and research to serve as a valuable resource for industry and society. IITD pursues cutting-edge research and promotes academic growth by offering state-of-the-art undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes. Department of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) and Department of Textile Technology have a wide range of activities in the area of polymer science and technology, such as polymer synthesis and characterizations, functional materials and membranes, nanostructured materials, smart materials, polymer processing, functional fibres and textiles, surfaces and interface, etc. Other departments, centres, and schools are also engaged in polymer related works for various applications.

IIT Delhi and IPF (hereinafter referred to as "Partners") have expressed interests to create a long-term institutional partnership in the areas of polymer research. The primary objective is to promote contact and collaboration between institutes, divisions, staff and students, carry out joint research programs and exchange

experiences in research. The partnership also aims at enhancing the technological, social and cultural relations of both countries/states/regions. This document presents a general framework for such a partnership. It also includes some specifically identified actions of cooperation, which shall be updated from time to time.

## **§1 Coordination**

Prof. Andreas Fery shall be the Coordinator from IPF.

Participants from IPF:

1. Dr. Petra Uhlmann
2. Dr. Petr Formanek
3. Dr. Andriy Horechyy
4. Dr. Alla Synytska
5. Dr. Günter Auernhammer
6. Dr. Hans-Georg Braun
7. Dr. Abhinav Sharma

Prof. Bijay P. Tripathi shall be the Coordinator from IIT Delhi.

Participants from IITD:

1. Prof. A. K. Ghosh
2. Prof. Josemon Jacob
3. Prof. Bhabani satapatahy
4. Prof. Leena Nebhani
5. Prof. Sampa Saha
6. Prof. Bhanu Nandan
7. Prof. Rajiv Srivastava

The participants and Coordinators may change from time to time as decided by competent authority of the respective institutions.

## **§ 2 Forms of Collaboration**

The following have been identified as possible actions of the partnership. The actions of cooperation can be further increased by the mutual consent. In many cases specific programs will be require other agreements to be separately detailed out and documented.

- Joint projects with utilization of nationally and internationally available research funds.
- Joint supervision of doctoral students.
- Exchange of scientists / visits to the other partner facilities, preferably for doctoral candidates, diploma candidates or students.
- Guest stays (up to 4 weeks) by key scientists with lectures and seminars, as well as implementation of meetings at the facilities of the partner, respectively.

- Exchange of information on new results / developments of common interest in the field of specification.

For all the items mentioned above both partners will check and use possibilities to obtain financial support.

### **§ 3 Intellectual Property Rights**

Each institution will adhere to the intellectual laws of their respective nations. The partners consult each other with regard to the registration of joint inventions under this Agreement and will agree on separate regulations for that purpose.

### **§4 Publications, Lectures**

(1) Publication of results under this Agreement shall be pursued. Consent from the other contractual partner shall be obtained each time and will not be unfairly denied.

(2) If parts of the results are published by one partner, then the originator shall either be involved as the author or shall be quoted as the author.

### **§5 Confidentiality**

(1) The partners have the obligation to use the technical documents and information obtained from the host institution under this Agreement solely for exercising this Agreement; an information that has been determined as confidential shall be treated with confidentiality for a period of 5 years after the exchange has been ended.

The obligation does not extend to such documents and information, knowledge and experience that demonstrably:

- a) are a matter of commonly known or published state of technology, or
- b) was known to the other contractual partner from its own work, at the time of entering this agreement, or
- c) has been made obvious after entering this agreement, without any fault of the other contractual partner, or
- d) has been made available to the other contractual partner through a third party without violating any secrecy commitment.

(2) However, according to this regulation information is not considered to be commonly known, if

- a) the general principle is known publicly or to the recipient whereas the application in this particular regard is not commonly known
- b) it presents a combination of information known publicly and to the recipient, which itself is not commonly known.

### **§7 Termination**

In case one partner wishes to terminate this Agreement, a written letter will have to

be sent by June of that year. In that case the Agreement will terminate at the end of year i.e. 31<sup>st</sup> December.

**§8**  
**Modifications and Supplements to the Contract**

All modifications and supplements to this Contract have to be done in writing.

**§9**  
**Duration of the contract**

This agreement becomes effective from the date it is signed by the partners.

**§ 10**  
**Other Agreements**

- (1) The Contract will be prepared In 2 copies, of which IPF and IIT Delhi shall each receive 1 copy.
- (2) Both partners shall ensure that all differences of opinion arising from this contract will be settled by mutual agreement.

On behalf of IPF

Dresden, Germany

Date: 19. OKT. 2018



Prof. Dr. B. Voit  
Managing Director & CSO



A. von Dungern  
Managing Director & CFO

On behalf of IIT Delhi

New Delhi, India

Date: 27 Nov 2018



Director