

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**FOR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION**

**BETWEEN**



**AIHH&PH**

**ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF HYGIENE & PUBLIC HEALTH**

**AND**



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH**  
*(Indian Council of Medical Research)*

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into and executed on  
21<sup>st</sup> March, 2016

Between

**National Institute of Occupational Health**, Indian Council of Medical Research, Meghani Nagar, Ahmedabad – 380 016 (herein after referred to as “**NIOH**”, as the context permits)

And

**All India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health**, 110 C.R. Avenue, Kolkata – 700 073 (herein after referred to as “**AIH&PH**”, as the context permits)

NIOH comes into existence in the year 1966, under the aegis of the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi and its two regional centres at Bangalore (1977) and Kolkata (1980). The NIOH is a specialized research organization, has been engaged in intensive research.

- To promote the physical and mental health, and safety at work;
- To conduct intensive research in the field of Occupational and environmental health;
- To apply basic research data towards devising new technique(s) to improve worker's health and safety.

Whereas All India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health, established in Kolkata on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1932, is the only post graduate institute of its kind in India devoted to teaching and research in various disciplines in Public Health and

related sciences. This institute has full fledged department of Occupational Health which is engaged in teaching, training and research in the field of Occupational Health.

Whereas, both parties *viz.* NIOH and AIH&PH realize in the current context the necessity of specialized academic curriculum as per the requirement of the National Health Policy. Working together is desirable to promote and develop highly trained, diverse professionals in the field of Public Health, Occupational Health and Environmental Health and to develop expertise at both the places. Therefore, both the parties are agreeable to enter into an MOU for working and cooperating with one another and using their respective expertise; knowledge and resources.

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

NIOH and AIH&PH agree to develop their academic links especially in the fields of Public Health, Occupational Health and Environmental Health, under the principles of mutual understanding, common interest and mutually complimentary activities.

1. To promote individual contacts among scholars, students and personnel of both the Institutions, towards developing academic curriculum as per the priority and needs of the National Health Policy.
2. To provide opportunities for both staff and students to use to the maximum the expertise and facilities available in both the organizations through training of students/staff and through exchange of thought by brain storming sessions/seminars/workshops and meetings.
3. To work jointly for the common research interest especially in the field of Public Health, Occupational Health and Environmental Health at national and international level. This includes preparation of projects to be undertaken jointly by students/faculties as part of their academic

activities/requirements. These could be in areas considered to be high priority at national level.

4. To support the exchange of academic, research and training material with the approval of the Director of respective institute.
5. To encourage any other academic activities that both the Institutions agreed to be on mutual benefit.

## **Article II: Area of Cooperation**

1. Once MoU is signed, joint research proposal may be formulated by the faculties, scientists of both the Institutions and executed in collaborative manner.
2. Research students may be enrolled for PhD programme. The thesis supervisors will be from NIOH/ROHC's, whereas Co-supervisor may be from AIH&PH or vice-versa. Other Co-supervisor(s) may be taken from any other Institute of the country depending on the requirements.
3. Seminars/workshops/conferences/training programmes on relevant fields may be organized jointly.
4. Students of AIH&PH may work for their thesis/dissertation etc. under the guidance/co-guidance of the scientists at NIOH/ ROHC's and vice-versa.
5. Scientists of NIOH/ROHC's may deliver lectures in areas of their specialization to students of AIH&PH as visiting faculty and vice-versa on days and timings pre arranged on mutual consent.
6. NIOH/ ROHC's may provide short term training in the relevant field to the students of AIH&PH in areas of specialization and vice-versa.

## **Article III: Duration and Termination**

1. This MOU is effective as the date of signatures by the Authorities of NIOH and AIH&PH.

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 reviewed and renewed.
3. This MOU may be amended at any time by written mutual consent
4. Either party may terminate this MOU by the provision of written notice of termination not less than 6 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 MOU shall not affect the right 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 and mutual discussion and deliberation, failing which the dispute shall be referred to Arbitration. The Arbitration shall be conducted as per 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 Ahmedabad/Kolkata. The language of Arbitration shall be in English. The Award of the Tribunal shall be final and binding on both the parties.

#### **Article IV: Duration and Termination of the MoU**

1. If any provision of this Memorandum is held by any court or other competent authority to be illegal, void or enforceable in whole or in part, this Memorandum shall continued to be valid as to the other provisions thereof and the remainder of the effected provision.
2. Nothing of 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 agreed to comply with all laws applicable with 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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