

**Office of the Dean, International Relations  
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur**

Date: October 2nd, 2020

**Subject: Minutes of the MoU Committee Meeting Dated 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020.**

The MoU Committee comprising the undersigned members met on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020 through online mode. The minutes and resolutions of the meeting are as under.

Prof. Sriman Kumar Bhattacharyya	Chairman, MoU Committee
Prof. Baidurya Bhattacharya	Dean, IR (Secretary Cum Convenor)
Prof. Prasanta Kumar Das	Dean, PGS&R
Prof. Suman Chakraborty	Dean, SRIC (Not Present)
Prof. Debasish Deb	Dean, UGS
Prof. Subrata Chattopadhyay	Dean AA (Not Present)
Prof. Anandaroop Bhattacharya	Associate Dean, IR

**Review Items:**

1. MoU with KEK Accelerator Lab, Japan: T.S. Datta, Cryogenic – approved by Director and undergoing signature process
2. MoU with National Institute of Urban Affairs: Haimanti Banerjee, ARP - Signed
3. MoU with Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Science: Santanu Dhara, SMST - approved by Director and undergoing signature process
4. MoU Renewal with University of Melbourne, Australia - signed
5. Curtin University DDDP Agreement, Australia - approved by Director and undergoing signature process
6. Warwick Manufacturing, University of Warwick UK - Signature process on hold, Director has advised an e-meeting with present Chairman, WMG
7. Research & Development Center, Nippon Koei, RDCNK Japan: Approved by MoU committee, awaiting Director's approval.
8. Geological Survey of India: Saibal Gupta, GG: approved by Director and undergoing signature process
9. C-DAC: Pabitra Mitra, CSE: Signed by Director

**Supplementary Items:**

1. Lehigh University, Commonwealth Universal Research Enhancement (CURE) Program was discussed:
  - Year long design project from Jan to Dec
  - Jointly supervised by faculty members at Lehigh and IITKGP
  - Paid internship of 10 weeks in summer in Lehigh

**Resolution:** The program is approved for a start in 2021. The supervisors on both sides should line up tasks for the following Jan-Apr semester at IITKGP to engage the student meaningfully and commensurate with the expected standards of BTP-2 or DDP-2.



2. Lehigh is also interested in joint certification courses and joint Masters degree.

**Resolution:** ADean IR is requested to work with Dean, CE on the Certification Program. Joint Masters may be put on hold for now.

3. National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology, Taiwan is interested in Student Exchange and Ph.D Program for International Students. It is an infant institute, formed in 2018 after merging of 3 Universities and is supposedly largest technical institute in Taiwan.

**Resolution:** This can be pursued further especially with focus on incoming students.

#### Action Items:

1. SEA with **National Tsing Hua Univ, Taiwan:** Baidurya / Anandaroop Bhattacharya: Deans IR

**Resolution:** The Committee recommended that the draft be vetted by Associate Dean IR and IR Executive for accuracy and inclusion of all necessary clause and shared with NTHU for concurrence. The draft is otherwise approved in principle.

2. MoU renewal with **University of Queensland, Australia:** Dean IR

**Resolution:** The committee considered UQ's inputs on the section on 'Legal Status' that certain clauses like confidentiality, anti-discrimination and representations are legally binding. The committee recommended that the document be called an Agreement (instead of MoU) and be vetted by Legal Cell of IIT Kharagpur.

3. MoU with **International Nanotech Lab, Portugal:** Basudev Lahiri, E&ECE

**Resolution:** Some of the clauses need to be reciprocal in nature. A supervisor/mentor faculty or scientist must be assigned to a visiting student in the host Institute to supervise the work during the visit. Associate Dean IR will share the modified draft with Dr. Basudev Lahiri for receiving concurrence from INL following which the MoU may be taken up by the committee for final approval.

4. MoU renewal with **Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore, Italy:** P.K. Datta, Physics

**Resolution:** The Committee observed that the draft addendum to the MoU which CDSC wishes to sign, can only be approved if there is an understanding that all the clauses from the earlier MoU still holds good and the recent document would act as an addendum to the original MoU. Based on the above, it is advised that Associate Dean IR re-words the first paragraph of the addendum before the document is shared by Prof. Datta with CDSC for concurrence.

The renewal signatures can take place only after concurrence is obtained from CDSC.

5. MoU renewal with **Central Building Research Institute:** TBD/S.K. Bhattacharya, Civil/DD

**Resolution:** The committee observed that the renewal draft of the MoU is almost entirely similar to the earlier MoU except the clause on Arbitration. The committee suggested that CBRI may be presented with two options vis-à-vis the clause:

- Remove the Arbitration clause entirely
- If CBRI insists on having the clause, the text from the earlier MoU be used

IR Executive is requested to convey the committee's decision to CBRI and seek their inputs.



6. MoU renewal with **Kyoto University The Faculty and Graduate School of Agriculture, Japan:** Madan K. Jha, AgFE

**Resolution:** The committee recommended that the scope of MoU be expanded to the Institutional level at Kyoto University. Dean IR and Prof. Madan Jha (AgFE) are requested to convey this to Prof. Kondo in Kyoto along with the other editorial changes.

7. SEA renewal with **Kyoto University The Faculty and Graduate School of Agriculture, Japan:** Madan K. Jha, AgFE

**Resolution:** The committee observed that IITKGP's standard SEA template is more detailed than the signed document. Therefore, it was recommended that IITKGP's standard SEA template be shared with Kyoto for their inputs. The possibility of expanding the SEA to entire Kyoto University may also be considered.

8. MoU renewal with **Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel:** Baidurya Bhattacharya, Dean IR

**Resolution:** The committee felt that the MoU renewal draft shared by HUJI does not contain any necessary detail required to be in a renewal document. It is recommended that IR Executive communicates with HUJI and encourages them to sign IITKGP standard template for renewal.

9. SEA with **Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel:** Baidurya/Anandaroop Bhattacharya, Dean IR/ADean IR

**Resolution:** The committee felt that the SEA will be signed after MoU is approved and signed.

10. MoU renewal with **EWHA Women's University, Korea:** Anoop Avappan, Chemical

**Resolution:** The committee maintained that it would be productive to first formulate collaborative activities between the Institutes in order to make the MoU beneficial for both the parties. Dr. Ayappan is requested to communicate the committee's decision with EWHA and discuss measures on engendering collaborative activities.

11. MoU with **Australia India Water Center:** Damodhar Mailapalli, AgFe

Australia and India Water Centre (AIWC) is a virtual centre aimed at water research, capacity building and knowledge and technology transfer, particularly focussing on water and food security, safe drinking water supplies, river health, water-energy-food nexus, water for liveable cities and other related aspects. The centre is presently coordinated by Western Sydney University and IIT Guwahati, and currently has 7 Australian universities and 12 Indian Universities/Institutes as its members.

**Resolution:** The Committee asked for some clarifications before taking a final solution.

- How will the Centre award a joint Masters degree? Who will offer the courses/projects and which university will that degree be from?
- Given that the MoU will have to be signed by all members of the consortium, does a partner institute like IIT Kharagpur have the flexibility to incorporate modifications? Or would all such modifications need to be agreed upon by every other member?
- IIT KGP already has MoUs with some of the partner Australian universities and joint degree programs with U Melbourne and U Wollongong. Which MoU will take precedence if there is any conflict?

The committee requested Prof. Mailapalli to get the answers to the above following which the MoU may be taken up by the committee in its next meeting for further review and approval.



12. SEA with **University of Wollongong, Australia:** Baidurya/Anandaroop Bhattacharya, Dean IR/ADean IR

The SEA was approved by the Committee during its meeting on 30-Jul-2020. However, U of Wollongong added an additional Clause (#13) to the earlier approved draft due to requirements for regulation compliance in Australia.

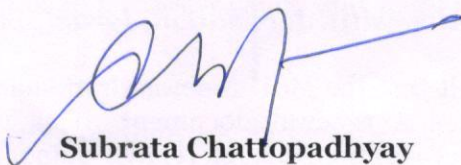
**Resolution:** The modified MoU with the added clause is approved for signatures.

13. JDP renewal with **University of Wollongong, Australia:** Baidurya/Anandaroop Bhattacharya, Dean IR/ADean IR

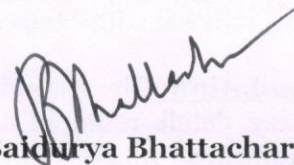
**Resolution:** The renewal of the JDP is approved. The committee suggested Dean IR and ADean IR to finalize the draft in consultation with Dean, PGS&R and place for renewal.



**Anandaroop Bhattacharya**  
Associate Dean, IR



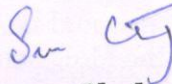
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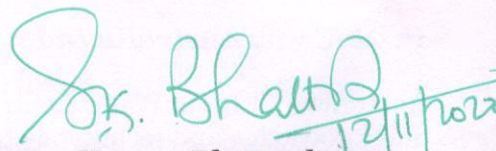
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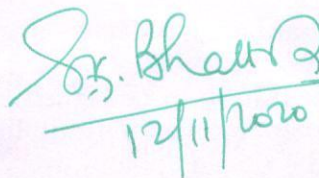
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officiating as Dean, PGS&R

**Prasanta Kumar Das**  
Dean, PGS&R



**Sriman Kumar Bhattacharyya**  
Chairman, MoU Committee

Director may kindly approve the resolution  
of MoU Committee.

  
12/11/2020

Director.



16.11.2020