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Academia Sinica Newsletter (2012/10/30) To further facilitate scientific corporation between Academia Sinica and Indian academic community, President Chi-Huey Wong and President Krishan LAL of the Indian National Science Academy signed a revised agreement on scientific cooperation on October 29, 2012 at Academia Sinica on behalf of their respective academies. It is hoped that the agreement will foster closer future collaboration between the two academies.

The agreement aims to promote a cooperative relationship between the Indian National Science Academy and Academia Sinica including such activities as exchange visits by scientists, joint workshops/symposia, and joint research projects. Academia Sinica and the Indian National Science Academy signed their first collaborative agreement in 2004. Since that time, visits between these two academies have been frequent and former Indian academy presidents Drs. Mamannamana Vijayan and Raghunath Anant Mashelkar were invited to participate in the Academy Presidents' Forum held at Academia Sinica in 2008.

During their current stay in Taiwan, President LAL and the delegation from the Indian National Science Academy accompanying him also attended the 23rd Council for Science Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA) International Conference, which was held at Academia Sinica from October 28 to 30, 2012.

The Indian National Science Academy was established in 1935 with the object of promoting science in India and harnessing scientific knowledge for the cause of humanity and national welfare. It is the apex body of the Indian scientists representing all branches of science and technology and plays a crucial role in promoting, recognizing and rewarding excellence. The INSA has more than 800 Fellows.

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