

PROTOCOL

of the First meeting of the Russian-Indian Network of Institutions of Higher Education

Mumbai

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11-12 February 2016 the first meeting of the Russian-Indian Network of Institutions of Higher Education (RIN) was held in Mumbai. Nine Russian universities and eleven leading Indian institutes participated in this event. List of the participants is in Annex 1. The meeting was held at the base of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B), which is the Indian coordinator of RIN. The chair of the meeting was Director of IIT-B Professor Devang V. Khakhar.

The program of the meeting included working sessions in three main areas (the program of the meeting is in Annex 2): education, science and technology. In the final, fourth session, the discussions were summarized. The participants identified initial action plan for further development of the RIN.

1. Education

The participants identified the following priority areas for cooperation in the field of education:

1.1. Cooperation on the level of postgraduate programs: joint supervision of doctoral students, development of joint Master's programs (*not double degree programs*)

Action plan:

- to identify priority areas for doctoral and master's programs;
- to develop information-sharing algorithm in identified areas, including information on the departments of universities/institutes that are interested in the implementation of these programs;
- to develop terms of the joint supervision of doctorate students (including draft of supplementary agreement between the institutions needed for terms provision);
- to exchange the curriculum/syllabus of the masters programs within the selected fields;
- to shape the plan of inclusive study for the Russian and Indian members of RIN (to study for one term in partner's institution, to attend the selected courses at partner's institutions, etc.);
- to discuss and formulate the networking education.

1.2. Provision of academic mobility of students and faculties including summer/winter schools, internships, conferences and workshops.

Action plan:

- to provide timely information about upcoming events (summer/winter schools, conferences and workshops);
- to study and harmonize credit system regarding the courses to be provided for students of the member-institutions of RIN;
- to formulate terms of funding of academic mobility, including raising funds from public foundations of both countries;
- to participate in GIAN program (for Russian faculties).

1.3. Provision of Russian language teaching at the Indian institutes - members of RIN

Action plan:

- to consider the possibility of involving Russian centers of science and culture in India for implementation of Russian language courses at Indian institutes - members of RIN.

1.4. Cooperation in the field of vocational training

Action plan:

- to collect information about vocational training programs provided by the institutions - members of RIN;
- to develop mechanisms for providing vocational training programs for institutions - members of RIN.

2. Science

The participants proposed the following measures to develop cooperation in the field of science:

- 2.1. to identify research areas/themes of mutual interest of both Russian and Indian RIN members;
- 2.2. to develop the repository of themes/scholars of institutions-members of the RIN in order to ensure information exchange and interaction between RIN members at grassroots level (scientist-to-scientist);
- 2.3. to develop the repository of high-tech/sophisticated equipment of the RIN members and elaborate terms of collaborative use of this equipment;
- 2.4. to weave a plan of scientific cooperation on the basis of the collected data, including schedule of joint scientific workshops (online and offline); joint conferences and participation in the competitions of Russian-Indian science projects;
- 2.5. *to participate in joint competitions of Russian and Indian foundations (RFFS, RSF, DST, etc)*

3. Technology

The participants identified the following measures to develop cooperation in the field of technology:

- 3.1. to identify the technologies that are in demand and necessary for the industry in Russia and India through establishing connection with business and industry associations (such as the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of India, Association of Indian Industry, Business Council for Cooperation with India);
- 3.2. to conduct workshops for the industry aiming at elaboration of the areas of mutual interest between academia and industry;
- 3.3. to formulate action plan for technological cooperation of RIN members based on requests from industry.

4. General organizational and operational issues

For the implementation of the proposed measures and activities, as well as for the promotion and development of RIN, it was decided:

- 4.3. every member of RIN to appoint a coordinator to carry out work on the RIN's affairs;
- 4.4. to establish a working group for development of a program of cooperation within the framework of the RIN according to the measures of sections 1-3 of this document;
- 4.5. working group to draft the proposals for the Russian-Indian Intergovernmental Commission in order to ensure government support to RIN's programs and activities.
- 4.6. every member of RIN to provide needed information to fulfill repository (see sections 1.1; 1.2; 2.2; 2.3). The development and maintenance of the repository is entrusted to the Resource Center "Russia-India". Repository is to be placed on the Center's web-site <http://www.rusindia.ru>