

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FOUNDATION FOR
RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT (FRD) IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION
FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH (CONICYT)

EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

1. - Purpose

This Agreement provides for the strengthening of cooperation between Chile's and South Africa's scientific and technological communities.

2. - Subjects

This Agreement covers the area of natural sciences, applied natural sciences and engineering, excluding social and medical sciences.

3. - Modalities

The ways of co-operation could include the following kind of activities

- a. Study visits
- b. Exchange of documents on research and development
- c. Exchange of information
- d. Exchange of scientific and technological personnel
- e. Participation in courses, seminars, conferences, symposia, and workshop
- f. Execution of joint or co-ordinated programmes and projects on research and development
- g. Mutual consultation on issues related to scientific and technological subjects
- h. Evaluation of scientific and technological projects, and
- i. Training of students at the master, doctoral and posit-doctoral levels

In launching this Cooperative Program, it would be desirable that activities should concentrate on those indicate in numeral a), f), and i).

In the case of study visits, they will be of an exploratory nature, principally aimed at meeting scientists or groups in discussions, participating in workshops, conference and symposia or in joint projects and where desirable, formulate future joint projects.

4. - Eligibility

Participation in the Cooperative Program will be open for all scientists in both countries.

For the Students Exchange Program, preference should be given to applicants whose study

programmes relate to projects supported by the Cooperative Program.

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5. - Duration of activities

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In the case of exploratory visits (numeral 3.a), they should have a flexible duration, each one not exceeding six weeks.

The duration of support for training for Chilean students in South Africa would normally not exceed four years, in the case of master and doctoral studies; and two years, in the case of post-doctoral studies.

6. - Application and selection procedures

Applications for co-operation on the part of the Chilean scientific and technological community will be made through CONICYT and those from the South African community through CSIR/FRD.

Application from Chilean students, with the corresponding CONICYT recommendation must arrive at the FRD before the 1st of August of the calendar year.

The activities to be carried out will mutually be agreed upon by correspondence.

7. - Financial arrangements

As general principle, the institution that is sending a researcher to an institution in the other country will be responsible for the international air tickets, while the recipient institution will be responsible for subsistence and internal transport costs.

However, in the case of Chilean students who pursue training in South Africa, the FRD would be responsible for the payment of the international travelling and tuition expenses, as well as a grant consisting in a FRD bursary or fellowship.

The FRD would not be responsible for the payment of tickets or expenses incurred by any accompanying person.

8. - Medical expenses

Aspects related to the possible medical expenses, which a Chilean student may incur during his stay in South Africa, would have to be agreed upon between him and the South African institution where he will be studying.

9. - Validity of Agreement

This Agreement will come into force on March 10, 1988 and it will be implemented directly between the FRD and CONICYT.

This agreement will remain effective until one of the parties serves notice on the other no less than one year in advance of the intended date of termination.

Signed at Pretoria on 15 March 1988, in two copies, both being equally authoritative.

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