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This memorandum of understanding (MoU) entered into and executed on 26/02/2016 between INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, Ahmedabad a society registered in the year 1961 with registration no.Gujarat/105/Ahmedabad under the Societies Registrations Act, 1860 having its office at Vastrapur, Ahmedabad - 380 015, Gujarat, India (herein after called as IIMA) of the first part

### **AND**

**INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH,** a society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860, having its office at V. Ramalingaswami Bhawan, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi -110029, India (herein after called as ICMR) of the other part.

Each one individually called a "party" and collectively "parties."

Whereas, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA): The decade following independence in 1947 was witness to a surge of innovative ideas to build a fledgling independent nation into a model democratic state committed to growth with equity in the development of its people. The establishment of IIMA was the outcome of one such innovative initiative.

Led by Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, Shri. Kasturbhai Lalbhai and proactively supported by the then Chief Minister of Gujarat, Dr. Jivraj Mehta, a group of enlightened individuals set up IIMA. This group ably wove together a coalition of five actors - the governments at the centre and the state, the local industrialists, the Ford Foundation and the Harvard Business School, in a true spirit of public private partnership to establish the Institute.

The constitution for governance of IIMA was different from that for traditional universities. It was set up as an institution that would be managed by a Society, the IIMA Society, created under the Societies Act, for the purpose. The Institute was to be run by the Board of Governors, constituted by the IIMA Society; the Board would have wide representation from all the relevant constituencies to reflect the multifarious needs of a developing nation.

IIMA has consistently been ranked as one of the best management schools in the country year after year in the last several years. Since 2008, IIMA has been awarded EQUIS (European

Quality Improvement System) accreditation. This accreditation awarded by the EFMD (European Foundation for Management Development) certifies that the quality of IIMA's academic processes and programmes are on par with the best business schools globally that have similar accreditation.

Whereas, Centre for Management of Health Services (CMHS) was setup in June 2004 in recognition of IIMA's contributions to the health sector in the past and the felt need to strengthen the management of health sector in the context of socio-economic developments of our country. The overall objectives of CMHS are to address the managerial challenges in the delivery of health services to respond to the needs of different segments of our population efficiently and effectively, build institutions of excellence in the health sector, and influence health policies and wider environments.

Whereas, ICMR, New Delhi, is the apex body in India for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research and engaged in conducting research and development on National health priorities such as control and management of communicable diseases, fertility control, maternal and child health, control of nutritional disorders, developing alternative strategies for health care delivery, containment within safety limits of environmental and occupational health problems; research on major non-communicable diseases like cancer, cardiovascular diseases, blindness, diabetes and other metabolic and haematological disorders; mental health research, drug development with special reference to drug discovery, clinical trials and traditional medicine in a number of research institutions spread all over the country, ICMR is agreeable to enter into the aforesaid MOU to add value to the research and innovations on Management of Healthcare Services being undertaken at IIMA.

IIMA wishes to enter into a MoU with ICMR for strengthening its research & management of Healthcare services through institution building activities involving joint workshops, research projects, policy papers and training interventions for ICMR.

## 1. Scope of Cooperation

IIMA and ICMR agree to collaborate in following areas:

- 1.1 Identifying areas of public health need: The two parties will jointly identify that which unmet public health needs could most effectively be addressed by the development of new or redesign of existing medical technologies/devices. It will also identify how health needs could be prioritized especially in areas where innovation research can cater to public health needs. Which specific factors be considered and why while making such priorities?
- 1.2 Fostering innovation and commercialization in the health domain: The two parties will

- collaborate to create and validate management techniques for fostering innovation and commercialization of products in the health domain
- 1.3 Addressing barriers to development of medical technologies/devices: The two parties will identify the perceived or actual barriers facing innovators, academia and industry that limit the commercialization/ use of indigenous innovative technology/ medical device
- 1.4 Designing evidence based policy formulation and identifying implementation issues in the area of innovations in health research: The two parties will develop mechanisms for evaluating perceived or actual barriers for health research and innovation and exploring whether these require intervention through policies at government level. Similarly, mechanisms for generating funds for health innovation research will be identified and policy interventions suggested to the government. Both sides will jointly come out with white papers.
- 1.5 Capacity building: Capacities will be built at all levels at ICMR through workshops and management development/ training programmes. IIMA will help in implementing robust management systems that help in performance improvements. A program on "Inputs in Management and Research Methodology" for Ph.D. students will be designed and offered to ICMR institutes.
- **1.6 Designing physical and virtual Incubators:** To help in scaling up innovations, physical and virtual incubators will be designed in a collaborative mode.
- **1.7 Setting up schemes to create ICMR Business Zones** aimed at encouraging ICMR and business interactions to increase innovation and growth.

Both parties will explore the possibility of joint collaborations with other Science and Technology Departments/ Institutes/IITs/Universities.

The areas of cooperation may be revised by mutual consent. However, specific programmes, activities and projects may require separate agreements detailed out and will be documented as annexures to this MoU.

A joint task force will be constituted to suggest mechanisms to achieve objectives of MOU and monitor the activities under the MOU.

#### 2. Period of MoU

This MoU shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of signing the agreement, and its extension, continuation or otherwise shall be jointly decided by IIMA and ICMR two months prior to end of the above period. However, the rights / obligations arising from the implementation of the MoU shall survive the termination of the MoU.

2.1 Notwithstanding anything stated in 1.1, the MoU may be terminated by either party after

giving a notice of 60 clear days provided that this clause will be operative only if either party violates the terms of MoU or if the parties feel that no useful purpose would be served in further continuing it either due to change in circumstances or change in constituting parties.

2.2 In the event of termination of the agreement vide clause 1.2, the rights and obligations of the

parties thereto shall be settled by mutual discussions. The financial settlement shall take

into consideration not only the expenditure incurred but also the expenditure committed by

the parties hereto.

Financing

ICMR and IIMA will approach government, other funding agencies and industries for funding the

various initiatives envisaged under this MoU. The two institutions may also consider providing

initiation grant or other kind of support from their own resources.

Arbitration

3.1 In the event of any dispute or differences between the parties hereto, such disputes or

differences shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation or through the good offices

of the Director General, ICMR and Director, IIMA. If they fail to resolve the dispute, the

Director General, ICMR and the Director, IIMA will be involved in resolving the dispute.

The decision taken in this regard shall be final and binding on both the parties.

If such a resolution is not possible, then only the unresolved portion of the dispute or

differences shall be referred for arbitration as per the provisions of the Arbitration and

Conciliation Act 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE EXECUTED THIS MOU ON THE

DAY MONTH AND THE YEAR MENTIONED HEREIN ABOVE.

Signed and delivered by

Secretary, DHR and DG, ICMR

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For ICMR

In the presence of

Arnab Krman Laha Meenorshi Place: New Lelli

Director, IIMA

For IIMA

Date: 26 Feb 2016