

Guidelines for a
Cooperative Program in the Biomedical Sciences
Between
The American Institute in Taiwan
and
The Coordination Council for North American Affairs

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1. Background

Cooperation between scientists from the United States and Taiwan is furthered pursuant to an Agreement dated September 4, 1980, between the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA). The "Taiwan Relations Act" (Public Law 96-8, April 10, 1979) authorizes the continuation of commercial, cultural and other relations between the people of the United States and the people on Taiwan. Such relations are conducted by or through AIT, a non-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia. CCNAA is the instrumentality which has been established to provide assurances and take actions on behalf of the people on Taiwan. AIT works in association with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Washington, D.C., in administering the program. CCNAA performs a similar function in affiliation with the National Science Council (NSC) in Taipei.

2. Program Goals

To increase the contacts and cooperation between biomedical scientists and health professionals and institutions of scientific research and higher learning between our two sides; to provide researchers and institutions with opportunities to exchange information, ideas, skills, and techniques; to enhance opportunities to collaborate in solving problems of common interest, and to utilize special facilities or research opportunities available. Cooperation may be in areas of the basic life sciences, clinical and behavioral sciences, and medical technology. The types of cooperative activities may include the exchange of scientific information, scientific visits, seminars and workshops, and cooperative research.

3. Implementation and Coordination

AIT and CCNAA will coordinate and implement the activities agreed to under these guidelines with the bureaus, institutes and divisions of NIH and similar organizations

allied to the NSC.¹ Each side shall designate a program coordinator to be responsible under its auspices for the overall coordination of cooperative activities under these guidelines. For each topic identified as the subject of a formal cooperative activity, each side shall also name a topic coordinator.

4. Funding

Funding of cooperative activities under these guidelines shall be carried out on the basis of mutuality, reciprocity, and flexibility. In general, each side will fund the cost of its participation in cooperative activities and may, if it chooses, provide full or partial support for participation in these activities by scientists of the other side. Decisions on funding for joint activities will be made by mutual agreement.

5. Fellowships

The NIH through its visiting scientists and guest worker program and International Research Fellowship Program provides research and training opportunities in the United States for scientists sponsored by the NSC. The programs are administered by the Fogarty International Center of NIH. AIT will undertake to facilitate the participation of biomedical scientists from the territory represented by CCNAA in such programs. As a reciprocal measure, CCNAA will undertake in coordination with the NSC, to implement a program of fellowships for United States biomedical scientists applying to conduct research and/or training in the territory represented by CCNAA. This program will be administered in the United States by AIT through the Fogarty International Center in accordance with the requirements of the visiting science program of the NSC.

6. Review Meetings

AIT and CCNAA program coordinators shall meet periodically, at times and places of their choosing, to review this program of cooperation and guidelines and additions/modifications to same.

7. Initial Areas of Cooperation

The following topics are being considered for initial cooperative activity:

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular Diseases
- Stroke
- Infectious Diseases
- Environmental Health
- Blood Banking
- Animal Models

Other areas of cooperation may be added from time to time as may be mutually agreed to by NIH and NSC, with the concurrence of AIT and CCNAA.



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