

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

State University of New York at Stony Brook, Department of Chemistry

The United States of America

and

Moscow State University, Physics Department
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

OBJECTIVE

In recognition of the common interests shared by the Macromolecular Science and Engineering Laboratory at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and the Polymer Physics Laboratory at Moscow State University, the objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to enhance scholarly interaction between the laboratories through the promotion of systematic, continuing exchange opportunities for faculty and professional staff to participate in research and for visiting students to pursue academic programs.

EXCHANGE VISITOR CATEGORIES

The following types of exchange visitorships are envisioned:

1. Visiting Professors

As resources may permit, members of the faculty at one Laboratory will be invited to serve as visiting members of the faculty of the other. Visiting Professors will engage in the research programs of the host university.

Payment to the Visiting Professor by the host Laboratory will be related to the services performed by the visitor and will be consistent with the policies of the universities. Payment of the overseas transportation costs of the Visiting Professor will normally be the responsibility of the home Laboratory. Travel costs within the host country during the visit will be met by the host university to the extent that the policies and resources permit.

2. Visiting Students

Qualified students from each university will be accepted at the other as Visiting Students for the purpose of pursuing an approved course of research.

Overseas transportation costs of Visiting Students will normally be the responsibility of the home Laboratory. Stipends paid to the students by the host Laboratory will be consistent with the policies of the universities.

It is recognized that while parity in the numbers of exchanges is a desirable goal, this may not necessarily be achieved in the early years of the relationship.

Appointment to any of the above categories of visitorship will make available to the visitor the same academic resources at the host institution that are normally provided to others of the same academic level in the department visited. If it is anticipated that the costs of the proposed activity of an Exchange Visitor will exceed the normally available resources of the respective laboratories, the source of the payment of these costs will be negotiated prior to approval of the visit.

Each institution agrees to assist visitors in gaining access to off-campus facilities which may be needed in the planned study or research.

Each university agrees to make available to each participant in the exchange appropriate medical insurance and/or health benefits, the cost of which will be borne by the participant.

For Visiting Students whose application-status does not carry eligibility for payment of costs of living and study from the host institution, a source of support for these costs must be negotiated prior to admission.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM

Professor A. R. Khokhlov at Moscow State University and Professor Benjamin Chu at the State University of New York at Stony Brook will be the respective Principal Investigators for this exchange arrangement. The resources are to come from their respective research funds.

The Principal Investigators will provide to the sister laboratory descriptions of current research topics. Scholarly publications by faculty and students, reports of laboratory activities, and other pertinent institutional information similarly will be regularly exchanged.


The Principal Investigators will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the Exchange. It will be their responsibility to provide information about the academic background, record and interests of the proposed participants in these exchanges. It is understood that both laboratories will nominate for visitorships only individuals of the highest scholarly quality or promise. Invitations to visitorships will be subject to all approvals normally required at the receiving institution.

Proposals for the next year's exchanges will be prepared and reviewed by the two Principal Investigators of the Program. Each laboratory will exchange information about their opportunities and specific needs for the period designated along with an identification of the resources that will be available to support the sending and receiving of visitors at each laboratory.

The initial period of the relationship as defined in the Memorandum shall be three years starting on July 1, 1991. Should there be a mutual desire to do so, the agreement will be renegotiated and extended in the Spring of 1994. This Memorandum may be amended by mutual consent at any time; it may be terminated by either university at the end of any year by notice to the other received by May 1 of that year.



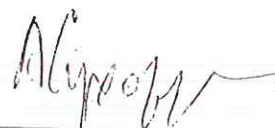
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