Memorandum of Understanding
between
Lietuvos mokslo taryba (LMT)
and
Narodowe Centrum Nauki (NCN)

Narodowe Centrum Nauki, hereafter referred to as NCN, and Lietuvos mokslo taryba, hereafter referred to as LMT, both entities hereafter referred to as “the Parties”, acknowledge the importance of fostering bilateral cooperation in basic research between Lithuania and Poland.

Article 1
This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is concluded with the intention to facilitate collaboration among researchers in both countries.

Article 2
In order to strengthen the Polish-Lithuanian cooperation in all recognised areas of basic research in science and the humanities, the LMT and the NCN have agreed on joint project funding.

1. The Parties establish an opportunity for funding joint Lithuanian-Polish projects – preferably on a regular basis. This funding opportunity is issued as a call for proposals.

2. The LMT and NCN intend to support projects in all areas of basic research. However, the respective call for proposal may focus on certain disciplines or topics.

3. The LMT and NCN accept only integrated and joint project proposals in English applied for and conducted by researchers working in Poland and Lithuania.

4. In principle, each Party will cover the project costs for their grantees.

Detailed regulations on the procedure, the review process and the joint decision of the respective call are subject to further negotiations between the NCN and LMT. Within the frame of the respective call, the Parties agree to provide applicants with the requisite information beforehand. Both Parties agree to exchange call documentation, if needed, especially in the case of an appeal procedure.

Article 3
The NCN and LMT are open to other forms of scientific cooperation in accordance with their respective guidelines, funding policies and budget regulations. Detailed regulations for the realisation and implementation of new areas of cooperation are subject to further negotiations between the NCN and LMT.

Article 4
This MoU may be modified or amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.

Article 5
All questions or disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be settled by amicable agreement between the Parties.
Article 6
This MoU shall come into effect on the date it is signed by both Parties; it is for a period of 5 years and shall subsequently be extended thereafter annually. Each Party may terminate the MoU by giving a written notice to the other Party six months in advance. Such a termination shall not affect the implementation or processing of ongoing activities, programmes or projects that have been agreed upon prior to the termination of this MoU, unless otherwise agreed upon by both Parties.

Article 7
This MoU is drawn up in two copies in the English language. Both copies are signed in duplicate and are equally authentic.

Place, Date
Kraków 16 November, 2016

For Narodowe Centrum Nauki

Professor Zbigniew Blocki
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For Lietuvos mokslo taryba

Professor Dainius H. Pauža
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