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University of Medical
Sciences, Tehran, Iran*

In acknowledgement of the academic and cultural benefits that each university can give to the other, the above organizations have agreed to this memorandum of understanding.

In order to promote cooperation between the research institute for Endocrine Sciences of the Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and the Department of Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Diabetology and Clinical Chemistry of the Max Planck Institute of psychiatry (hereinafter referred to as the parties), it is agreed that:

- 1. Within fields that are mutually acceptable the following general forms of cooperation will be explored:*
 - Joint research activities in the field that both parties are interested.*
 - Training PhD students with focus on the joint research activities, according to the rules of each university.*
 - Visit by and interchange of staff for research, teaching and discussion.*
 - Exchange of information including. but not limited to, exchange of data, library materials and research publication.*
 - Visits by graduate students, where appropriate, for the purpose of study and research.*
- 2. It was agreed that Dr. Hamid Reza Bazrafshan M.D Internist, Endocrinologist, from the Iranian party should coordinate planning of a cooperation program between the Department of Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Diabetology and Clinical Chemistry of the Max Planck Institute of psychiatry and the Research institute for Endocrine Sciences of the Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences. This started by identification of suitable projects within the agreed areas*

and interested researches of the Max Planck Institute and Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences in Iran.

During late 2013, professor G.K. Stalla will visit Iran in order to evaluate potentials for collaboration.

At this stage both parties agreed to start two projects:

- *Pituitary Tumor and Pituitary Research Center in Iran.*

- *Neo-Exnet project (Network of Excellence for Neuroendocrine Tumor)*

- 3. All programs of action will be agreed in advance and will depend on the availability of funds. The research institute for Endocrine Sciences of the Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Science will apply for external sources such as Iranian Ministry of Health. The Max-Planck Institute will apply for funds from grant agencies. No guarantee is given that such funds will be available from either party.*
- 4. Specific details for implementation of these activities will be developed mutually for specific projects. This memorandum will have, from time to time, annexes attached to it with regard to these specific projects.*
- 5. The program of cooperation outlined here will be conducted initially by the clinical research unit of the Department of Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Diabetology and Clinical Chemistry of the Max Planck Institute of psychiatry and the research institute for Endocrine Sciences of the Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences.*
- 6. This memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for a period of four years, starting on the date it is signed by both parties, unless it is terminated by either party, giving three months notice in writing. Thereafter the memorandum shall be automatically renewed for further period of four years subject to the same conditions of termination.*
- 7. All amendments or additions to the present Memorandum, and all exchange protocols and programs will take the form of a written agreement signed by parties.*
- 8. The present Memorandum exists in two copies in English. Each party shall retain one copy. All copies shall have equal validity.*

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