

**Memorandum of Understanding for Advancing the Collaboration
between the Royal Australian Chemistry Institute and the German
Chemical Society**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into on **01 of September, 2023**, by and between the **Royal Australian Chemistry Institute (RACI)**, a federally-chartered non-profit headquartered at 1/21 Vale Street, North Melbourne, Victoria 3051 Australia, and the **German Chemical Society (GDCh)**, Varrentrappstr. 40-42 60486 Frankfurt am Main, Germany. This agreement shall be valid for five (5) years from the date of signature.

RACI and GDCh have a shared interest in advancing the chemistry enterprise, and its practitioners, in addressing global challenges confronting humanity. Toward that end, RACI and GDCh enter into a renewable, five-year Agreement to collaborate in the following areas; the underlying theme(s) of the collaborations shall focus on the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those appended to this Agreement:

- **Science Policy:** Understanding the need to communicate the power of chemistry to the public and to policymakers, RACI and GDCh will work together on expanding the community's knowledge of chemistry. This includes collaboration on public outreach and advocacy events, incorporating the UN Sustainable Development Goals whenever possible.
- **Early-Career Chemists:** Continue and further develop symposia, workshops, and training on a wide-variety of education and employment issues relevant to students and early career chemists taking into account diversity, inclusion, and other relevant factors. Career and leadership development will be a focus area for this area of collaboration. Events will take place at either RACI/GDCh conferences, events, or

other mutually agreed venues/events. RACI and GDCh will explore the possibility of supporting a bi-lateral exchange program.

- **Membership Benefits:** Provision of RACI and GDCh conferences and short-course registrations at member or preferred rates; explore in addition possibilities for mutual benefits for members, such as special membership campaigns, discounted membership for students, etc. The latter suggested mutual benefits are conditional based on approval from appropriate leadership bodies within the respective societies.

AGREED by the Parties through their authorized signatories:

The present document is signed at the occasion of the GDCh Science Forum Chemistry in Leipzig, Germany on 05 of September, 2023.

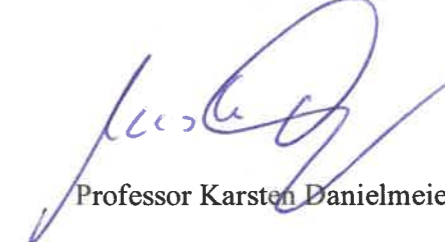
For and on behalf of **RACI**:



Professor Pall Thordarson

RACI President

For and on behalf of **GDCh**:



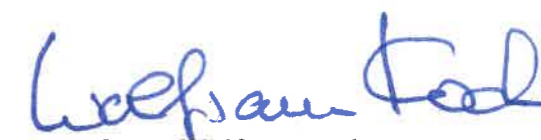
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