



BILATERAL COLLABORATION ALLIANCE KCS – GDCh

Preamble

The Korean Chemical Society (KCS) and the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh – German Chemical Society) are both learned societies with broadly comparable constitutional aims and obligations. Many of their hitherto mainly national fields of activity, such as advancing the standards of education and training, consultation with government and other administrative authorities on the science and practice of chemistry, dissemination of chemical knowledge, are becoming increasingly multinational or global issues. Many of their members may reside in another country during at least part of their academic training and professional career. Therefore, the learned societies wish to cooperate in order to offer benefits and services to each other's members in a way that reaches beyond their national borders.

Bilateral Cooperation Agreement

In recognition of the importance of cooperation between the Korean and German chemical communities in common scientific, educational and public outreach projects, the Korean Chemical Society (KCS) and the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh) agree to enter a five-year collaboration alliance with a strategic focus on communicating the value of chemistry to the general public/policy and the role chemistry plays in addressing global challenges, as well as to identify and support other mutually beneficial services to KCS and GDCh members.

In furtherance of a productive relationship for Korean and German chemistry, the KCS and GDCh agree to the following joint engagements and activities for the period of 2017 to 2022:

- Development of an action plan for joint activities, in particular common symposia and exchange of young scientists;
- Promotion of existing and upcoming Korean-German master studies and graduate schools;
- Promotion of career opportunities for chemists and chemical engineers in Korea and Germany;
- Provision of KCS and GDCh meeting and conference registrations at member rates;
- Establishment of links to each other's websites to help catalyze KCS and GDCh member research collaboration, co-authorship, funding proposal development, recognition, national meeting content provision, resources for outreach, educational exchange.

KCS and GDCh intend to continue this cooperation in the years 2022 and following and will enter into corresponding negotiations in due time. KCS and GDCh intend in particular to extend the mutually beneficial services to KCS and GDCh members.

We agree to hold a signing ceremony of this collaboration alliance on the occasion of the GDCh Scientific Forum Chemistry 2017 – Anniversary Congress “GDCh – 150 Years”, September 10-14 in Berlin.

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