

Framework Agreement
between
the Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI)
and
the Italian Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research of the
National Antarctic Research Programme (PNRA)

The Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI) and the Italian Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research of the National Antarctic Research Programme (PNRA) (hereafter named the parties), recognizing the importance of the polar regions in understanding the global Earth system

have agreed as follows:

- 1) The parties are committed to develop close cooperative relationships in polar science and technology.
- 2) Research activities with mutual interest will be conducted and promoted jointly. The subject and content of such activities will be discussed and reviewed in advance through mutual consultation. Each project will be defined in a specific additional protocol.
- 3) In each additional protocol, the parties will define the actions carried out by each party; the protocols will be signed by the competent authorities of each party.
- 4) The effective period of this agreement shall be 5 (five) years starting from the date of signing. In the event one of the parties desires to extend the effective period, it may be extended after mutual consultation and agreement. All activities planned in the frame of specific protocols will be carried out until their end even after the effective period of this agreement.
- 5) In the additional protocols the two parties will establish the rules for guaranteeing adequate sharing of intellectual benefits and rights obtained from joint research activities carried out in the frame of this agreement.
- 6) Exchange personnel in the fields of mutual interest, and the number of personnel to be dispatched, the purpose, time and period of dispatch, and other terms and conditions thereof shall be decided on a case basis after mutual consultation.
- 7) The parties will not publish the results of joint researches without the consensus of both parties. The rights gained from the activities carried out in the frame of this agreement and the specific protocols will be of property of both parties and the benefits will be equally divided.

- 8) Technical information in reproduced form of periodicals, books, non-proprietary reports and other references shall be furnished when specifically requested by each party.
- 9) One party shall not disclose to any third party any confidential information of the other party or of mutual activities.

In the event doubts should arise in the interpretation of the provisions of this agreement or problems about matters not described therein, both parties shall consult with each other and settle them amicably in the spirit of this agreement.

Two copies of this agreement, both in English, are signed.

The two parties represent the references for this agreement as:

Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI)

Get-Pearl Tower, Songdo Technopark, Songdo-dong, Yunsu-gu, Incheon City,
The Republic of Korea

Italian Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research of the National Antarctic Research Programme (PNRA)

c/o Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca, Piazzale Kennedy 22,
00144 Roma, Italia

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused this agreement to be executed in duplicate by its duly authorized officer, and retains one each of the duplicate texts having equal authenticity.

For KOPRI:



Dr. Hong Kum Lee

President of Korea Polar Research Institute

Date: 12. Oct. 2010

For PNRA:



Prof. Carlo Alberto Ricci

President of the Italian Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research of the National Programme of Antarctic Research

Date: 10 November 2010