



GESELLSCHAFT DEUTSCHER CHEMIKER

BILATERAL COLLABORATION ALLIANCE CCS - GDCh

Preamble

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

In furtherance of a productive relationship for Chinese and German chemistry, the CCS and GDCh agree to the following joint engagements and activities for the period of 2011 to 2014.

- Continuation of efforts to secure external funding and organize joint activities in support of the Chemical Sciences and Society Symposium (CS3) and the Sino German Frontiers of Chemistry Symposium;
- Development of joint face-to-face and web-based activities, bilateral symposia, events and programs to enhance the public image of chemistry in China and Germany;
- Resource sharing of secondary-level green chemistry educational materials;
- Promotion of career opportunities for chemists and chemical engineers in China and Germany;
- Provision of CCS and GDCh meeting and conference registrations at member rates;
- Development of a pilot chemistry summer school for Chinese and German chemistry graduate students or post docs;
- Development of an action plan for joint contributions beyond 2011 International Year of Chemistry;
- Establishment of links to each other's websites to help catalyze CCS and GDCh member research collaboration, co-authorship, funding proposal development, recognition, national meeting content provision, resources for outreach, educational exchange.

CCS and GDCh intend to continue this cooperation in the years 2014 and following and will enter into corresponding negotiations in due time. CCS and GDCh intend in particular to extend the mutually beneficial services to CCS and GDCh members.

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