



## CSIR and the Royal Society, UK enter into an Agreement for Joint Collaborative Research Activities



**CSIR, India** and **The Royal Society, UK** entered into an **agreement** for partnership on 25<sup>th</sup> December'2006. The agreement was signed through exchange through of letters by Prof. Martin Rees, President of the Royal Society and Dr. RA Mashelkar, DG, CSIR and a fellow of the Royal Society himself. This agreement is the last cooperation agreement with a foreign agency signed by Dr. Mashelkar while holding the office of Director General. The agreement will provide opportunities to CSIR and British scientists to develop **Joint Research Projects** in cutting edge technologies as well as mobility of researchers through **Industrial Research Fellowship programme**. The programme will be jointly funded by CSIR and Royal Society.

### Joint Research Projects

- Total 10 awards / year initially.
- Application for joint projects should exemplify that a relationship between both parties already exists. The research proposal should clearly bring-out the benefits and outcomes with a realistic research schedule.
- Assessment of applications will be conducted jointly by the Royal society and CSIR. Potential partners from UK and CSIR will liaise before making joint project proposal, which could be submitted by the UK project leader to the Royal Society through its **electronic application system e-GAP**. CSIR partner will submit it to CSIR.
- The joint project award will cover mobility costs and a contribution towards research expenses/consumables
- The programme will commence in 2007 with two annual deadlines June and December

### Industrial Research Fellowship

- Total 5 awards / year initially
- Application to be submitted by the host scientist / institute to the partner ( Royal Society or CSIR) in host country
- Visiting scientist will receive upto GBP 18000 per annum or INR 36000 per month plus cost of international travel by receiving side
- Application should demonstrate existing relationship with host institute and the research proposal should be clearly indicate benefits and outcomes with realistic research schedule
- The programme will commence in 2007 with an annual application deadline in May

**Further details of the procedure for application will be announced shortly on ISTAD's as well as Royal Society's websites ([www.csirwebistad.org](http://www.csirwebistad.org); [www.royalsoc.ac.uk](http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk) )**

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