



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY (AMS)**  
**AND**  
**INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY (IMS)**

**1. Preamble**

- 1.1 Whereas, the **AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY** hereinafter referred to as “AMS” with its office at **45 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108-3693 (USA)**, promotes the participation of a full and diverse community in all activities of the Society on the basis of professional attributes alone. Such activities include publications, meetings, conferences, education awards and honors, and employment. The Society firmly believes that discrimination based on any nonmerit factor will prevent the Society from reaching its full potential. Accordingly, it is the policy of the Society to encourage the fullest diversity of its participants and to ensure that all of the Society's activities will be carried out free of non merit discriminatory practices.
- 1.2 Whereas, the **INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY** hereinafter referred to as “IMS” with its office at **India Meteorological Department (Satmet Building), Mausam Bhawan campus, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (India)**, is a non-profit organization in India with none of its income or assets accruing to the benefit of its members and has the broad objective to work for advancement of Meteorological and allied sciences in all their aspects; Dissemination of the knowledge of such sciences both among the scientific workers and among the public ; Application of Meteorology and allied sciences to various constructive human activities, such as, agriculture and land uses, irrigation and power development, navigation of sea and air, engineering and technology, medicine and public health etc.
- 1.3 Now therefore, both the organizations having common goals of supporting the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the atmospheric and related sciences, the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and the Indian Meteorological Society (IMS) have agreed to work together for mutually beneficial interaction, in accordance with the broad guidelines and principles outlined in its Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred as MoU), as set out herein below.

## **2. Collaboration and information exchange**

To the mutual benefit of both societies, AMS and IMS will promote collaboration and information exchange in the following ways:

- 2.1 Links to the other society in each society's website.
- 2.2 Listing of each society's meetings in the calendar of meetings of the other society.
- 2.3 Reporting of activities of the partner society from time to time to keep the broader membership aware of these activities.
- 2.4 Collaboration or cooperation on reports or white papers on substantive issues such as climate change or science education.
- 2.5 Collaboration on topics associated with advancing the enterprise associated with each society, to include email exchanges, joint meetings, or other mechanisms as agreed to.

## **3. Meeting cooperation**

- 3.1 Each society will be listed as a co-sponsor of the other's annual meeting, with all members of the partner society being eligible for a reduced registration fee at the host society's meeting (which may be higher than the member fee that is available for those members of the partner society who are affiliate members of the host society).
- 3.2 In some cases, the partner society may agree to organize a session at the host society's meeting.
- 3.3 In some cases, the two societies may choose to organize a joint conference. In those situations, a separate MOU specific to the meeting will be prepared to cover financial obligations as well as the responsibilities of each society.
- 3.4 Each society will offer the other one free exhibit booth space at their annual meeting. (Charge beyond the booth space charge, such as for decorating, will still apply and the exhibiting society must sign an exhibitor agreement.)

## **4. Reciprocal membership**

### ***4.1 AMS membership***

Members of IMS may join AMS as "Affiliate Members" and with benefits provided to Affiliate Members as outlined on the AMS website, including, but not limited to

a subscription to the digital version of the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS)*, member rates on all journals, books, and other products of the AMS, and member registration rate for all AMS meetings. The dues rate for Affiliate Members will be set at the time of this MOU as \$25 (US), but is subject to inflationary increases over time at the discretion of the AMS. IMS members will apply for Affiliate Members status directly with AMS, and AMS will handle all aspects of the application and annual renewal process. Members of IMS will be asked to provide their IMS membership number (or other appropriate identification) that can be confirmed with IMS at the discretion of AMS.

#### **4.2 IMS membership**

Members of AMS may join IMS as “Annual Members” or “Life members” with all benefits provided to such members as outlined on the IMS website and updated from time to time, including but not limited to the digital version of the *Bulletin of Indian Meteorological Society* popularly known as “Vayumandal”, special rates for registration in all IMS meetings, eligibility to be elected as Fellow of IMS, etc. The dues rate for Annual and Life membership granted to AMS members will be US\$ 25 and US\$ 150 respectively which are 50% of the dues for any other foreign members for becoming members under these categories. These rates may vary from time to time and will be decided by IMS at its discretion. AMS members will apply to IMS for such membership along with their AMS membership numbers which will be authenticated by AMS.

#### **5. Representation at annual meetings**

- 5.1 Each society will try to have an appropriate representative at the annual meeting of the other, recognizing that scheduling conflicts may occasionally prevent this.
- 5.2 The travel, lodging and registration costs associated with the representative will be borne by the organization sending the representative and not by the host society.

#### **6. Member publications**

- 6.1 The IMS will be offered a complimentary institutional subscription to the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS)*.
- 6.2 Similarly, the AMS will be offered a complimentary institutional subscription to the *Bulletin of Indian Meteorological Society (Vayumandal)* from IMS, and other publications brought out by IMS from time to time and of interest to AMS.

**7. Financial obligations**

7.1 Neither society will have any financial obligation to the other.

7.2 For any joint program or activity that carries with it requirement for financial considerations the two societies will execute a separate MOU for that activity.

**8. Term of agreement**

8.1 This agreement expires five years from the date of signing of MoU, but can be renewed for additional five-year terms through a letter signed by appropriate representatives of AMS and IMS stating the intention to extend the agreement.

8.2 The agreement can be terminated by either party in writing at any time upon thirty (30) days notice.

8.3 The terms AMS and IMS, unless excluded by or repugnant to the context shall be deemed to include their successors and assignees in their respective offices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this MOU.

DONE on the .....day of ....(month), 2014, in two originals.

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