



Memorandum of Understanding

between

the Academia Nacional de Ciencias del Uruguay (Academy)

and

the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings (Council)

as well as

the Foundation Lindau Nobelprizewinners Meetings at Lake Constance (Foundation)

The Academy, the Council and the Foundation

- recognising the importance of the unique Lindau Meetings of Nobel Laureates with tomorrow's academic elite from all over the world, and the emerging role of the Academy in Uruguay as promoter of research in Natural Sciences and Economics in Uruguay, as well as coordinator for contacts with the Council and the Foundation,
- taking into consideration the mutual interest of the Academy, the Council and the Foundation to support science capacity building and to materialise participation of excellent Natural Science and Economics students and young researchers in these meetings on a regular basis,

agree to jointly support Natural Sciences and Economics participation under the following terms and conditions:

- 1) The Uruguay Natural Science delegation will be comprised of up to two doctoral student or postdoctoral fellow in the disciplines of physics, chemistry or physiology/medicine. A number of up to three nominations apply for interdisciplinary meetings. The Economics delegation from Uruguay will be comprised of up to 1 doctoral student or postdoctoral fellow nominated by the Central Bank of Uruguay and up to two additional nominations by the Academy.

The delegate(s) will be selected from the Academy or should be citizens from Uruguay studying or doing their research abroad, following recommendations received from the Rectors of the Uruguay universities and selection by a committee, which will be appointed by the agreed body.

- 2) Academic screening of all applications and the evaluation process for the Natural Sciences and Economics delegation shall be co-ordinated by the Academy. Its conduct will be in accordance with the selection criteria and academic standards established by the Council's Review Panel, which will decide upon the final acceptance of the proposed candidates for the Natural Sciences and Economics delegation.
- 3) The total costs of participation for a Young Researcher (including Boarding and Lodging in Lindau) sum up to a total of € 2.500,--.

The Academy agrees to contribute € 1.500.00 towards the total costs of participation in addition to the travel costs to Lindau and back home. The partial support of this kind will be mentioned as "*... supported by the Academia Nacional de Ciencias del Uruguay*".

The foundation or other funders cover the remaining costs of € 1.000.00.]

- 4a) The Academy will support the international communication efforts of the Council and the Foundation. It will publish press releases announcing the participation of its delegation in the Lindau Meetings and the internet broadcast of the lectures. The Academy will use its own press distribution list to identify journalists who may attend the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings in agreement with the Council and the Foundation. All partners agree to promote this cooperation on their websites and via links referring to the respective partner's websites.
- 4b) The importance of the broadcast of lectures hold during the Lindau Meetings is recognised by the Academy. It will consider the possibility of organising special events supporting this broadcast in Uruguay. Details shall be coordinated with the Council and the Foundation.
- 5) The Academy, Council and Foundation agree to cooperate in the building-up of a Lindau Alumni database. The Academy will collect the data of Uruguay participants and agrees to share them in a database, thereby building the future basis for a scientific network among the Best Talents.

The Memorandum will be valid for a period of three subsequent years (2012 to 2014); extension of the same will be mutually decided in due course.

Signed on October 20th 2011 in English language.

**On behalf of the
Academy**

**On behalf of the
Lindau Council**

**On behalf of the
Lindau Foundation**

Prof. Rodolfo Gambini
President

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