

## Memorandum of Cooperation between the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Cuban Academy of Sciences

In the spirit of mutual respect and recognizing the potential value and benefits of scientific cooperation to society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the Cuban Academy of Sciences (CAS) believe there are potential opportunities to work together, and enter this Memorandum of Agreement to conduct efforts that further scientific cooperation. Such efforts build on a long history of cooperation between the Cuban and U.S. scientific communities on a wide range of issues including health and biomedical research, environmental conservation, ocean and marine studies, and science policy.

CAS and AAAS aim to identify topics and mechanisms to establish and enhance the exchange of ideas, the interactions of personnel and the dissemination of information on issues consistent with and respectful of the laws and regulations of the two countries.

This document focuses on biomedical and life sciences. Specifically, CAS and AAAS will first look for opportunities for sustained cooperation on such topics as:

- Monitoring identification and countermeasures for emerging infectious and vector borne diseases
- Diseases of the brain including neurodegenerative, neurodevelopmental and psychiatric disorders.
- New and innovative approaches to understanding the distribution, development, progression and treatment for different cancers
- Building better information exchange and protocols for addressing drug resistance

Potential mechanisms for cooperation on such activities include workshops, symposiums, joint publications and research exchanges.

Specific topics for CAS and AAAS cooperation will be agreed upon by the parties in accordance with their internal policies.

This MoU will sunset three (3) years after its signing and will be automatically renewed unless cancelled by either side. Either party may cancel this MoU at any time by providing written notification to the other party.

The primary contact points for this MoU shall be:

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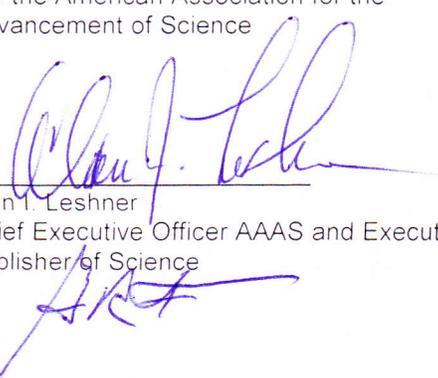
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Signed this tenth day of April, 2014.

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