

Collaborative Agreement

BCMATERIALS and IEP SAS

Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of this Collaborative Agreement is to provide the modalities for scientific and technical cooperation in Materials Sciences between:

a) The **Fundación Bcmaterials - Basque Center For Materials, Applications and Nanostructures** is a legal entity validly existing under its own Statute signed on 19 th April 2012, with Headquarters in Leioa (Biscay) (SPAIN), Barrio Sarriena, s/n, with CIF G-95686069, hereinafter also referred to as the BCMATERIALS. Is represented by Senen Lanceros Mendez, of legal age and Spanish nationality, identified with citizen identification number 30602537W, in his capacity as Scientific Director and legal representative of BCMATERIALS.

and

b) The **IEP SAS - Institute of Experimental Physics of the Slovak Academy of Sciences**, is a legal entity validly existing as a research institute of Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) and located in Watsonova 47; 040 01 Kosice; Slovak Republic, hereinafter also referred to as the IEP SAS. The IEP SAS is represented by a director, currently Dr. Zuzana Gazova.

Scope of this Agreement

The scope of this Agreement covers all aspects of scientific activity required to support collaborative scientific and research programs in the areas of Materials Science and Technology.

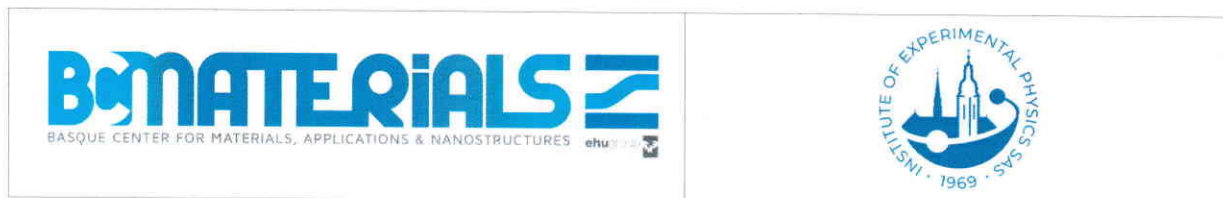
The Agreement encourages and supports the free exchange of scientists and scientific information between BCMATERIALS and IEP SAS, through mutual visits, organization and participation in scientific meetings and development of joint research projects.

The Agreement will permit the exchange of theoretical and experimental results as well as computer codes or other information necessary for the effective pursuit of the scientific objectives of the research programs covered under the Agreement.

Exchange Visits

The collaborative research program will encourage the visits to the participating institutions. Both sides agree to stimulate the exchange visits of faculty members, scientists, post—graduated and under—graduated students. The specific details regarding such exchanges are to be specified under separate agreements in every case and person by filling the document in the ANNEX 1.

For the exchange of students/researchers, the host institution should nominate a researcher in charge of coordinating the present agreement and facilitate the secondment of the visitor researcher.



Duration of this Agreement

This Agreement is valid for 4 (four) years after the date of signing. This Agreement may be prolonged by so stated in written form one month before the end of it, if the two parties consider it necessary and profitable.

Financial Obligations

Cooperative activities under this Agreement are subject to and dependent upon the availability of appropriated funds, personnel, and resources. Neither Party is required to obligate funds pursuant to this Agreement. Except when otherwise specifically agreed in writing, all costs resulting from cooperation shall be borne by the Party that incurs them. In particular, whenever a delegation / exchange of staff is contemplated under this Agreement, the sending Party shall be responsible for the salaries, insurance, and benefits to be paid to its personnel. The financial means for covering accommodation and living expenses for scientific workers can be covered by the host institution, depending on the available sources.

Confidential Information

The Parties shall keep the information marked as confidential (the "Confidential Information") of the other Party from inadvertent disclosure to any third party in the same manner as it protects its own Confidential Information, and only use the Confidential Information for the purposes of this Agreement.

Intellectual property

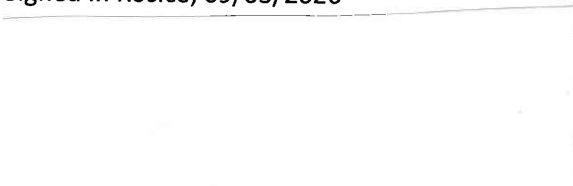
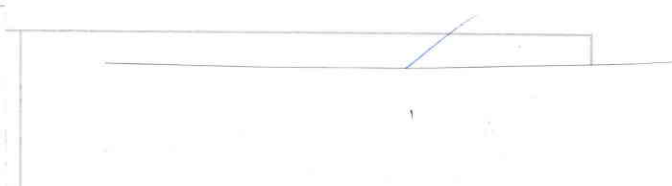
The results of the collaborative research covered under this Agreement shall be published or registered in the form of co-authored presentations at conferences, patents and scientific papers in national and international journals.

In the case, that collaborative research is performed in the scope of a funded project, public or private, from one of the institutions, the intellectual property will belong to the institution holding the funded project, unless specifically stated otherwise in written form.

Administration of this Agreement

The terms of the Agreement will be coordinated by the Scientific Director of BCMATERIALS Prof. Senen Lanceros Mendez, Scientific Director, and for the director of the IEP SAS, Dr. Zuzana Gazova.

Signed in Kosice, 09/03/2026

	
Prof. Senen Lanceros Mendez	Dr. Zuzana Gazova



ANNEX I

Under the Collaborative Agreement signed by the parties on 09/03/2026

In the framework of the research project: -----

The host institution: -----

Agrees the reception of the researcher/student: -----

From: DD/MM/YEAR to DD/MM/YEAR

Being the researcher in charge from the host institution: -----

Iñaki Serna Rubio Administration Director of BCMaterials	----- Director of -----

----- Invited researcher/student	----- Researcher in charge from host Institution