**THE FIRST INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY,**

**STATE OCEANIC ADMINISTRATION,**

**PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

**AND**

**THE V.I. IL’ICHEV PACIFIC OCEANOLOGICAL INSTITUTE,**

**FAR EASTERN BRANCH, RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,**

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**REGULATIONS ON THE OPERATION**

of the

FIO-POI JOINT RESEARCH CENTER

OF OCEAN AND CLIMATE

**1. FOUNDERS**

The founders of the FIO- POI Joint Research Center of Ocean and Climate (hereinafter referred to as the JRC) are:

The First Institute of Oceanography, State Oceanic Administration, People’s Republic of China, hereinafter referred to as "FIO SOA" and the V.I. Il’ichev Pacific Oceanological Institute, Far Eastern Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as “POI FEB RAS”, both hereinafter referred to as “Parties”.

**2. BILATERAL BASIC DOCUMENTS**

2.1. Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the People’s Republic of China about Cooperation in the Field of the World Ocean Research and Exploration” signed on May 27th, 2003.

2.2. Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Joint Research Center of Ocean and Climate (hereinafter referred to as the MOU) signed on January 13rd, 2017.

**3. STATUS OF JRC**

3.1. The JRC is a form of scientific collaboration and a platform of research project development.

3.2. The JRC is run by the FIO SOA and the POI FEB RAS.

3.3. The JRC is operated in accordance with the laws and regulations of Russian Federation.

3.4.Address of the JRC: 43, Baltiyskaya Street, Vladivostok, Russia, 690041.

**4. OBJECTIVES**

4.1. The JRC’s mission, aims and goals

The JRC’s mission is deepening substantial cooperation and making the cooperation more efficient and fruitful between the Parties, promoting the development of ocean and climate sciences of the Peoples Republic of China and Russia, as well as protecting marine environment and advance the efficient utilization and exploitation of marine resources.

The scientific collaboration through the JRC aims to:

- facilitate the future Chinese-Russian cooperation in the field of marine science and technology;

-strengthen the friendship and understanding between both countries.

4.2. Main areas of the JRC activities include:

- the enhancement of communication for scientists and technicians of both sides;

- the elaboration of scientific data, information and research achievements exchange;

- the organization of the joint scientific investigation including research cruises;

- organizing symposiums, workshops and seminars;

- the promotion of joint publication of scientific results;

- the coordination and arrangement of scientific equipment, research vessels and labs for joint projects;

- promoting the training of young scientists;

- the arrangement of joint application of research funds.

**5. RESEARCH PRIORITIES**

5.1. Prior research areas include, but not limit to the following directions:

- Role of ocean in climate and global change;

- Research and monitor of marine environment and prediction of natural disaster;

- Research and evaluation on environmental impact for related activities about the utilization of oceanic resource;

- Study and protection of marine biodiversity;

- Paleoceanography and Paleoclimatology;

- Submarine mineral resources exploration;

- Arctic and Antarctic research;

- Basic and applied oceanography;

- Development and application of new marine technology and instrument;

- Marine policy and law issues;

- Other cooperation fields agreed by both parties.

**6. STEERING COMMITTEE**

6.1. Role and Purpose

The JRC will operate under the joint supervision of the Parties, effectively through the Steering Committee of the JRC (hereinafter referred to as the Steering Committee).

6.2. Membership

The Steering Committee consists of 8 members (4 from each side), all of whom are nominated by the Parties.

Members of the Steering Committee shall have a 4-year term.

6.3. Functions

Steering Committee shall ensure the JRC's objectives to be achieved by performing the following functions:

- Approve the assignment of the JRC Director and Co-Director;

- Approve the JRC’s long- term development program and annual working plan;

- Monitor and review the activities at regular Steering Committee meetings once per year;

- Approve the mutually agreed amendments to the JRC Regulations if necessary.

6.4. Meetings

The Steering Committee shall meet at least once every year and the Steering Committee meeting shall be hosted by the Parties in turn. The Director and the Co-Director will prepare the Agenda and organize the Steering Committee Meeting. A quorum will consist of 5 or more members. All meetings shall be documented in a meeting minutes in English. If necessary, the Steering Committee shall make decision(s) through intercessional meetings or by formal written letters.

**7. DIRECTORS**

7.1. Authority

The Director and the Co-Director are assigned by the Steering Committee to take charge of overall operation and oversee the administration and strategic plan of the JRC. The position of Co-Director is occupied by the Party that does not hold the position of Director. The Parties alternatively occupy the position of the Director and Co-Director with 2-year term.

7.2. Responsibilities

The Director:

- makes annual plan and budget and report the annual summary on activities and expenditure to the annual Steering Committee meeting;

- manages the JRC budgets and accounts;

- develops and implement fundraising activities.

The Co-Director:

- assists the Director in the management affairs;

- exercises the Director’s responsibilities in case of unavailability of the Director.

**8 JRC STRUCTURE**

8.1 The Group of General Affairs and Research and Technology Group will be set up to implement the activities assigned by the Director and Co-Director.

8.2 General Affairs Group will be set up at the opening of the JRC, which is responsible for the operational management and the communication between the Parties. The candidate head of the General Affairs Group is nominated by both Director and Co-Director of the JRC.

8.3 Research and Technology Group (R&T) will be set up according to the demands of research activities. It should be set up within two years from the opening of the JRC. The head of the R&T is nominated by both Director and Co-Director of the joint center.

**9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

9.1. Issues of legal protection and sharing of intellectual property as well as copyright created, used and transferred by the Parties will be resolved in accordance with the relevant laws, regulations and international agreements of the Parties.

9.2. The intellectual property rights arising from or in connection with the operation of the JRC shall be jointly owned by the Parties and must be agreed upon in writing by the Parties.

9.3. The use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of any of the Parties on any publication, document and/or paper is prohibited without the prior written approval of either Party.

9.4. Publications of scientific results, obtained by research teams of JRC shall be made with the reference to JRC.

9.5. Scientific and technical information provided by one of the Parties to the other Party within the framework of this Regulation is not transferable to third parties without a written agreement of the Parties.

**10. OTHER**

10.1. From the date of signing the Regulations are not legally connected with international law.

10.2. In order to implement joint projects and cooperation programs within the framework of the intention of the Parties in the JRC, the Parties conclude additional contracts and agreements that regulate issues related to subjects, forms and financial issues, joint research, operation of scientific and technical facilities, joint using and creation of intellectual property.

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