

24 May 2018

SUBJECT: TWAS-UNESCO Associateship - Ref. 3240302355

Dear Dr. Panda,

I am very pleased to inform you that you have been awarded a TWAS-UNESCO Associateship appointment at the:

National Center for Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology
Thailand Science Park
Pathumthani 12120
Thailand

The terms and conditions of this appointment are as follows:

Appointment. Your appointment is for a period of three years during which you are entitled to visit the above mentioned institute twice for a period of two to three months each time.

The first visit must be taken up within one year of the date of this award letter, otherwise it will automatically become null and void. After this period TWAS will bear no further responsibility.

TWAS requires that you observe and adhere to the conditions governing this programme as laid out in this letter of appointment. Any amendment or addition to the conditions specified here will have to be approved by the TWAS Executive Director; the appointment may in fact be terminated by TWAS unilaterally in the event of a breach of the conditions agreed.

Visits. The dates of your two visits will be agreed upon by you and **Ms. Sasitorn Sivanuntakor**, who is the person responsible at the host institute. He will also advise you on all local arrangements there, including food and accommodation which they are expected to provide. The dates of your first visit should be communicated to TWAS, bearing in mind that we require at least two months prior notice to make the necessary travel and financial arrangements.

Visa(s). Before leaving your country of permanent residence, you should complete all formalities regarding entry and/or transit visas that may be required for your journey, including any vaccination requirements. A copy of all visas must be supplied to TWAS before travel arrangements can be finalized. Should you require assistance to obtain a visa, kindly contact the TWAS secretariat.

Financial Obligations for TWAS. For each of the two visits, TWAS will cover your travel costs from your permanent address to the host institute and return using the most direct and economical route available. The TWAS Secretariat will be in touch with you regarding quotations etc. for each visit. Any travel expenses not approved in advance by TWAS cannot be covered.

The TWAS-UNESCO Associateship Scheme will provide you with USD300.00 per month towards incidental local expenses.

TWAS will **not** cover any costs over and above those specifically indicated in this letter. As a consequence, TWAS shall not cover local expenses in the host country (e.g., food and accommodation) or be held liable for any expenses of any other kind, for instance for passport renewal fees or visa fees; travel or any other costs for dependants accompanying you on your visits; salaries or social benefits during the period of your stay; insurance, medical bills,

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hospitalization fees; loss or damage to personal property; nor will TWAS provide compensation in the event of death, disability or illness.

Acknowledgement. Publications or patents emanating from the collaboration with the host institute should acknowledge the support provided by TWAS.

Reports. At the end of each visit the associate is required to send TWAS a report on his/her activities carried out during the visit. Report forms should be requested from TWAS secretariat upon completion of your visit.

If you accept the terms and conditions laid out in this letter of appointment which I hope you will, please complete and sign the enclosed acceptance form. The original stays with you, while one copy should be sent to TWAS and one to the host institute by 23 June 2018 at the latest. If no acceptance form is received by that date, the associateship will become null and void. Upon receipt of the acceptance form, the TWAS secretariat will inform you how to proceed with travel arrangements.

The administration and financial operation of TWAS is undertaken by UNESCO in accordance with an agreement between UNESCO and the Italian Government for TWAS.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Romain Murenzi
Executive Director, TWAS

Attachment: Acceptance form

cc: - Ms. Sasitorn Sivanuntakor
- Ms. Pajaree Wichienmanee
- TWAS Finance