



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The **Royal Society of Chemistry [RSC]** founded in 1841 and located at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BA, United Kingdom, represented by its President, Professor Gill Reid and Chief Executive, Dr Helen Pain

and

The **Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker [GDCh]** founded in 1949 in succession of the Deutsche Chemische Gesellschaft [DChG] (founded in 1867) and located at Carl Bosch-Haus, Varrentrappstraße 40-42, 60486 Frankfurt am Main, Germany, represented by its President, Professor Karsten Danielmeier and Executive Director, Professor Wolfram Koch

set out the following **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**.

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is a recognition that the statutory duties and responsibilities of the two societies will increasingly become European in nature, and recognises that successfully addressing the pan-European challenges and the global competition requires close collaboration and coordination of activities. Both societies are aware of and accept the responsibility, as the two largest chemical societies in Europe, for reaching a true European Research Area in chemistry in general and for the successful development of the European Chemical Society [EuChemS] as the European platform for the chemical sciences and the corresponding chemical communities in particular.

Under this **AGREEMENT** the RSC and the GDCh **DECLARE** their commitment to cooperate for the establishment of a continuous communication and exchange in the field of chemistry and related areas of knowledge for the benefit of both the German and United Kingdom [UK] chemical communities.

The purpose is to create channels between members, bodies, divisions, sections and groups of both chemical societies in order to encourage:

- awareness of and participation at scientific meetings, organised under the sponsorships of GDCh and/or RSC, of German and UK chemists in both countries;
- joint sponsorship and/or organisation of scientific, educational and/or social events for scientific exchange and promotion of public awareness of chemistry and related areas to ensure a more diverse and inclusive chemical sciences community and innovative culture in both Germany and UK;
- work in partnership with other relevant parties to support joint activities and projects
- exchange of printed or electronic materials published or sponsored by both chemical societies.

Both societies commit to work together to support and develop the activities of the EuChemS in order to further strengthen its role as a single and powerful voice for chemists and the chemical sciences in Europe.

For this purpose, GDCh and RSC agree to:

- coordinate their activities within EuChemS and its bodies through regular meetings of the societies' officers and senior staff; and
- work together to increase the visibility and acceptance of EuChemS within the membership of both societies and beyond.

As 'not-for-profit' organisations, both GDCh and RSC will work to attract the participation of other German, UK and international science organisations for the purpose of the present **AGREEMENT**.

Both GDCh and RSC agree to rescind the previous bilateral **AGREEMENT** dated 25 October 2017 and replace it with this **AGREEMENT**, and to re-confirm, or otherwise, this new **AGREEMENT** five years from the date of signing.

AGREED by the representatives through their authorised signatures.

The present document is signed at the occasion of the GDCh Science Forum Chemistry in Leipzig, Germany on 5 September 2023.

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RSC President

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