MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
ASSOCIATION OF AGROMETEOROLOGISTS (AAM)
AND
INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY (IMS)

1. Preamble

1.1 Whereas, the ASSOCIATION OF AGROMETEOROLOGISTS hereinafter referred to as "AAM" with its office at B.A. College of Agriculture, Anand Agricultural University, Anand 388 110, Gujarat, India, established on 22nd March, 1999 as a non-profit organization in India with none of its income or assets accruing to the benefit of its members and has the broad objective of helping advancement, dissemination and application of the knowledge of Agrometeorology science and encouraging and promoting research in Agrometeorology and related disciplines.

1.2 Whereas, the INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY hereinafter referred to as "IMS" with its office at India Meteorological Department (605, SATMET Building), Mausam Bhawan Campus, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (India), established in 1957 and registered in 1972 as a non-profit organization in India with none of its income or assets accruing to the benefit of its members and has the broad objective to work for advancement of Meteorological and allied sciences in all their aspects; Dissemination of the knowledge of such sciences both among the scientific workers and among the public; Application of Meteorology and allied sciences to various constructive human activities, such as, agriculture and land uses, irrigation and power development, navigation of sea and air, engineering and technology, medicine and public health etc.

1.3 Now therefore, both the organizations having common goals of supporting the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the agrometeorology, meteorology and related sciences, the Association of Agrometeorologists (AAM) and the Indian Meteorological Society (IMS) have agreed to work together for mutually beneficial interaction, in accordance with the broad guidelines and principles outlined in its Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred as MoU), as set out herein below.
2. **Collaboration and information exchange**

   To the mutual benefit of both societies, AAM and IMS will promote collaboration and information exchange in the following ways:

2.1 Links to the other society in each society’s website.

2.2 Listing of each society’s meetings in the calendar of meetings of the other society.

2.3 Reporting of activities of the partner society from time to time to keep the broader membership aware of these activities.

2.4 Collaboration or cooperation on reports or white papers on substantive issues such as climate change or science education.

2.5 Collaboration on topics associated with advancing the enterprise associated with each society, to include email exchanges, joint meetings, or other mechanisms as agreed to.

3. **Meeting cooperation**

3.1 Each society will be listed as a co-sponsor of the other’s annual meeting, with all members of the partner society being eligible for a reduced registration fee at the host society’s meeting which may be at par with the fee to be charged by it to its own members.

3.2 In some cases, the partner society may agree to organize a session at the host society’s meeting.

3.3 In some cases, the two societies may choose to organize a joint conference. In those situations, a separate MOU specific to the meeting will be prepared to cover financial obligations as well as the responsibilities of each society.

3.4 Each society will offer the other one free exhibit booth space at their annual meeting. (Charge beyond the booth space charge, such as for decorating, will still apply and the exhibiting society must sign an exhibitor agreement.)
4. Reciprocal membership

4.1 AAM and IMS memberships

Members of IMS may join AAM as “Members” with full benefits as provided to Members of AAM as outlined on the AAM website, including, but not limited to a subscription to the digital version of the *Journal of Agrometeorology*. On similar terms, Members of AAM may join IMS as “Members” with full benefits as provided to other Members of IMS as outlined on the IMS website, including, but not limited to a subscription to the digital version of the *Bulletin of Indian Meteorological Society* popularly known as “Vayumandal”.

For members of AAM who wish to join IMS as members, the IMS will provide a concession of 50% to all such AAM members on prevailing rates of annual and life membership fees. Similarly under the reciprocal arrangement, for members of IMS who wish to join AAM as members, the AAM will provide a concession of 50% to all such IMS members on prevailing rates of annual and life membership fees. Such concessions will be provided by both societies to each other members initially for a period of 2 years beginning from the date of signing of this MoU until 31st March 2021. Thereafter, the concession may be extended with the mutual consent of both the societies.

5. Representation at annual meetings

5.1 Each society will try to have an appropriate representative at the annual meeting of the other.

5.2 The travel, lodging and registration costs associated with the representative will be borne either by the concerned individual or by the organization sending the representative and not by the host society except when such arrangements are offered by the host organization on its own.

6. Member publications

6.1 The IMS will be offered a complimentary institutional subscription to the *Journal of Agrometeorology* and other publications brought out by AAM from time to time and of interest to IMS.

6.2 Similarly, the AAM will be offered a complimentary institutional subscription to the *Bulletin of Indian Meteorological Society (Vayumandal)* and other publications brought out by IMS from time to time and of interest to AAM.
7. Financial obligations

7.1 Neither society will have any financial obligation to the other.

7.2 For any joint program or activity that carries with it requirement for financial considerations the two societies will execute a separate MOU for that activity.

8. Term of agreement

8.1 This agreement expires five years from the date of signing of MoU, but can be renewed for additional five-year terms through a letter signed by appropriate representatives of AAM and IMS stating the intention to extend the agreement.

8.2 The agreement can be terminated by either party in writing at any time upon thirty (30) days notice.

8.3 The terms AAM and IMS, unless excluded by or repugnant to the context shall be deemed to include their successors and assignees in their respective offices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this MOU.

DONE on the 11th day of February, 2019, in two originals.

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