

CSIR-CNRS, France sign MoU



Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) signed an MoU with the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France **on 13th January 2012**. The MoU was signed between Prof Samir K Brahmachari, DG,CSIR on behalf of CSIR, India & Dr. Joel Bertrand, DG, Science,CNRS on behalf of their President Prof Alain Fuchs, CNRS, France.

The other members of the CNRS delegation included :

- *Dr Anne Doucet, representative of CNRS Institute for Information Sciences and Technologies*
- *Dr Pascal Chossat, representative of CNRS National Institute of Mathematics*
- *Dr Minh-Hà Pham-Delègue, Director for International Cooperation*
- *Ms Chamira Lessigny, in charge of international cooperation with India*
- *Dr Dominique Aymer de la Chevalerie, Director of CNRS office In India*

The current MoU envisages exchange of Research Personnel in the fields of mutual interest. Exchange of Technical Information in reproduced form such as periodicals, books, non-proprietary reports and other references, Research activities including the constitution of International Programmes for Scientific Cooperation (PICS), International Associated Laboratories (LIA), International Research Networks (GDRI), International Joint Units (UMI) or any other form of partnership will conducted and promoted jointly.

Some major initiatives launched under the CSIR-CNRS partnership till date include:-

- Indo-French Groundwater Research at National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad with French Bureau of Research in Geology and Minerals (BRGM) set up in 1999.
- Indo French Programme on Weather and Climate with CSIR's Centre for Computer Simulation & Mathematical Modelling and National Institute of Oceanography, Goa with French Lab de Meteorologie Dynamique and Lab de Oceanographie Dynamique of Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace for studying tropical climate variability and change, Monsoon variability and forecasting, Ocean biogeochemistry set up in 2004.
- Joint Laboratory for Sustainable Chemistry at Interfaces at Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad and University of Rennes for development of new reactions, new processes and novel technologies for sustainable chemistry, bioactive natural products and medicinal chemistry and chemical biology set up in 2008
- Collaborative projects in the area of Catalysis under the "International Associated Laboratory" program of CNRS between National Chemical Laboratory and UCCS, University of Lille-1, France since January 2009.

CNRS delegation also took this opportunity to meet its main institutional partners in CSIR, India viz CSIR-NGRI, CSIR-IICT and discussed ongoing cooperation projects.