

Letter of Intent to Collaborate concerning:

Cooperation between the CogNovo Research Programme, Plymouth University, UK
and

The Department of Psychology, Manipal University Jaipur, India

Plymouth University's CogNovo Research Program is led by Prof. Susan Denham, director of the Plymouth University Cognition Institute. Jointly funded by the EU Marie Curie Initial Training Network initiative and Plymouth University, CogNovo is a multi-national doctoral training programme that offers research training in Cognitive Innovation, both as a new field of scientific investigation and as a strategy for research and innovation. The project involving a consortium of 23 academic and industrial partners from around the world and has 25 funded PhD positions, each devoted to studying a different aspect of the role of novelty, innovation and creativity in cognition. The CogNovo research community includes cognitive neuroscientists, experimental psychologists, computational modelers, philosophers, anthropologists, artists, designers and cognitive roboticists. CogNovo is transdisciplinary; work on the project will be informed by contemporary debates and innovative thinking around cross-disciplinary collaboration with the aim of providing a rich doctoral training environment for researchers who will undertake rigorous academic research informed by the component specialisms within CogNovo. The CogNovo programme is motivated by the perceived need for researchers of the future to be able to think creatively and critically; to understand the implications of their research, to anticipate changes and proactively seek out new solutions to problems, and to know how to transform their ideas into utilizable products and effective social innovations. CogNovo provides a wide-ranging curriculum designed to nurture curiosity beyond conventional discipline boundaries to enable CogNovo Fellows to graduate as confident, productive and insightful innovators, with the intellectual breadth and transferable skills necessary to take up the challenges of the future.

The Department of Psychology at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Manipal University Jaipur offers programs both at undergraduate and postgraduate level along with PhD in psychology. Currently Dr Geetika Tankha is the head of the Department of Psychology. The collaboration between the Department of Psychology at Manipal University Jaipur and the CogNovo Research programme at Plymouth University will experimentally explore novel principles of quantum cognition (i.e., noncommutativity and observer-effects in perceptual judgments). An interdisciplinary approach will be adopted linking principles derived from quantum physics to psychology, philosophy, arts, humanities, and ancient (Vedic) Indian schools of thought.

In his capacity as named collaborator and member of the CogNovo consortium, the Department of Psychology at Manipal University Jaipur will:

- Offer a secondment opportunity for a total duration of 3 (-4) months to CogNovo Fellow Christopher Germann;
- Support the CogNovo Fellow in his research whenever possible (theoretically & practically);
- Work with the CogNovo Fellow in order to develop traditional and innovative publishing strategies for interdisciplinary research in the sciences, arts, and humanities. (Wherever the empirical data

collected at MUJ is used for research publications, it will be done in consultation and jointly with the MUJ faculty.)

Moreover, the Department of Psychology at Manipal University Jaipur has the opportunity to voluntarily engage with the following agenda:

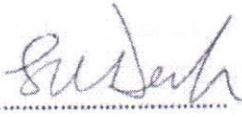
- Participate as a full member of the CogNovo project; inclusion on www.cognovo.eu;
- Participate in the training workshops and development meetings of CogNovo (funding for participation being provided by CogNovo);
- Share in the research processes and findings of the CogNovo project;
- Collaborate with the research teams;
- Work in partnership with the consortium of partners in the CogNovo project to develop large scale international research projects capable of attracting significant funding;
- Help to develop a sustainable network of researchers and alumni between partners.

The intended Period of Performance are:

- July/August until November/December 2016

This Letter of Intent does not entail any financial obligation of either party. It consists solely of a declaration of intent for collaboration and exchange in accordance with the terms detailed above. CogNovo will completely fund the experimental research of Christopher Germann (participant payment, necessary hard and software, etc.). Moreover, Manipal University Jaipur is entitled to charge appropriate fees to cover specific costs associated with laboratory or fieldwork which is part of a doctoral dissertation. CogNovo would be very grateful to the Department of Psychology at Manipal University Jaipur if they would accept the cooperation under these terms and conditions because this intercultural collaboration would give Christopher Germann a great opportunity to broaden his intellectual horizon and develop novel perspectives in cognitive psychology and related areas.

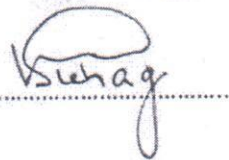
Signed for CogNovo at Plymouth University:

Signature: 

Name in print: Professor Susan Denham

Date: 01/04/16

Signed for Department of Psychology at Manipal University Jaipur:

Signature: 

Name in print: DR. VANDANA
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Date: 18 April 16

