

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

between

the **Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA)**

represented by: Tamás Freund as president,  
on the one hand,

and

the **Hungarian Young Academy (HYA)**

represented jointly by: Katalin Solymosi and Péter Török as co-chairs,  
on the other,

– hereinafter MTA and HYA together referred to as: “the Parties” –

at the place and on the date below with the following terms and conditions.

### **Preamble**

The Statutes of the Hungarian Young Academy (HYA) stipulate that HYA is a scientific society which operates in accordance with the public duties of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA). Constituted as an organic part of the membership of the public association of MTA, it intends to be the voice of young researchers in Hungary. The main objectives of HYA are to participate in the scientific activities of MTA and to represent the community of young researchers in Hungary and abroad. Through their activities, the Parties aim to promote the professional development of young researchers and strengthen the dialogue between researchers and society, and therefore agree on the following:

1. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences shall regularly promote HYA and its activities among the members of its public association and its partners.
2. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences shall provide an annual operational budget for HYA the amount of which shall be established each year by the President of MTA. The administrative tasks related to HYA shall be executed by a staff member of the MTA Secretariat.
3. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences shall allow HYA to use the lecture halls of the MTA Palace maximum eight times a year free of charge, and shall provide access to its telecommunication channels and online platforms (e.g. Zoom) for the purposes of holding HYA events approved and supported by MTA.
4. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences shall provide the funds necessary to cover the expenses related to the creation and operation of HYA's own website.

5. The Hungarian Young Academy shall regularly organise the Young Researchers' Forum – in the framework of the ordinary General Assembly of MTA –, offering an opportunity to discuss topics and problems of particular importance to young researchers and propose solutions together.
6. The Hungarian Young Academy shall organise a symposium with the involvement of young researchers and specifically featuring talks by young lecturers, in connection with the Hungarian Science Festival on topics that are of special concern for the scientific community and society.
7. The Hungarian Young Academy shall regularly organise science communication workshops to foster communication between science and society and mobilise young researchers and secondary school students.
8. The Hungarian Young Academy shall encourage young researchers to join and actively participate in the work of the public association of MTA, and it shall support and represent initiatives aimed at facilitating the professional advancement of young researchers and increasing their prestige and recognition.
9. The Hungarian Young Academy shall promote initiatives aimed at the elaboration of a sustainable and reasonable career model for young researchers.
10. The Hungarian Young Academy shall regularly form an opinion on calls announced for young researchers, provide feedback to funders, and facilitate the constructive review of such calls to the necessary extent.
11. The Hungarian Young Academy shall communicate the opinions and problems of young researchers in a constructive form to professional advocacy organisations, governing bodies and the Government.
12. The Hungarian Young Academy shall mobilise young researchers all over the country to organise grassroot events for professionals as well as for the general public.
13. Joining the international network of young academies, the Hungarian Young Academy shall represent Hungarian science and the community of Hungarian young researchers also on the international level.
14. The Hungarian Young Academy shall undertake a voluntary role in disseminating information about the title "Doctor of MTA" and in increasing its recognition. Moreover, it shall support and contribute to the necessary and timely review of the procedure related to its obtention.
15. The Hungarian Young Academy shall support the initiatives aligned with the goals of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and shall communicate them to young researchers.

16. The Hungarian Young Academy shall undertake a proactive role in initiatives aimed at the scientific assessment of the situation of young researchers and at the dissemination of the findings as widely as possible.
17. The Hungarian Young Academy shall strive to make scientific careers attractive to younger generations, mentor youth preparing to embrace scientific careers, and do its best to help retain young researchers in their scientific professions.
18. At MTA's request, the Hungarian Young Academy shall organise joint programmes with MTA and facilitate their organisation.
19. Under this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall cooperate with each other in every respect. In matters not regulated by the Memorandum, the provisions of Act V on the Civil Code shall apply.
20. The rights and obligations arising from this Memorandum shall be indefinitely binding on the Parties from the date of signature of this Memorandum.
21. The Parties may amend the Memorandum of Understanding by mutual written agreement.
22. The Parties may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding without justification, with 30 days' notice in writing.
23. The Parties have caused this Memorandum to be duly signed and executed.

**Budapest, 18 November 2021**

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MTA President

**Katalin Solymosi**  
HYA Co-chair

**Péter Török**  
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