Agreement for Scientific and Educational Cooperation between

A.V. Zhirmunsky Institute of Marine Biology, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Vladivostok, Russia

and

Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology, Ansan, Republic of Korea

WHEREAS, A.V. Zhirmunsky Institute of Marine Biology, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as IMB) and the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as KIOST) are mutually interested in cooperative research and educational activities involving ocean and life science research and development, they have agreed to establish the following Agreement for Scientific and Educational Cooperation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IMB and KIOST agree as follows:

Article 1. Purpose of Research Cooperation.

- A. IMB and KIOST shall initiate cooperation to further the development of basic scientific and applied research with goals of advancing research in ocean and life science, gaining a more fundamental understanding of the life in oceans, and benefiting society at large.
- **B.** The parties wish to maintain and promote channels of cooperation and communication that permit the exchange of academic and scientific knowledge.

Article 2. Areas of Research Cooperation.

Upon mutual agreement by the parties, cooperative research may be conducted in fields of current research and those to be undertaken in the future by the two parties in areas of common interest.

Article 3. Forms of Research Cooperation.

The parties agree in principle to the following general forms of cooperation:

- **A.** Exchanging researchers, scientists, graduates and post-graduate students;
- **B.** Exchanging research materials and scientific information in fields of mutual interests;
- **C.** Exchanging scholars for lectures, talks, conferences, colloquia, symposia and sharing of experiences;
 - **D.** Implementing cooperative research programs;
- E. Making facilities and equipment (including research vessels) of one party available to researchers from the other party;
 - F. Encouraging direct contacts between researchers; and
- **G.** Permitting other forms of research cooperation by mutual arrangement.

Article 4. Meetings.

Representatives of the two parties shall meet, as occasion demands, to review the progress of research cooperation currently underway and to discuss future cooperation plans.

Article 5. Procedures.

- A. Financial arrangements for research cooperation and treatment of industrial property rights shall be determined by IMB and KIOST through mutual consultation and agreement.
- **B.** Research data developed under this cooperative Agreement may be made available to the general scientific community through, but not limited to, the following: publications, seminars, lectures, and conferences.
 - C. This Agreement may be modified by written consent of both parties.

- **D.** Matters not provided for by this Agreement shall be determined through mutual consultation and agreement.
- E. All the procedures for cooperative activities under this Agreement shall (or may) be subject to each party's national and international rules and regulations.

Article 6. Term of Agreement.

This Agreement shall become effective on the date it is signed by both parties and shall be valid for five (5) years. Thereafter, it shall be automatically renewed on the anniversary date unless written notice of intent to terminate is given by one party to the other party at least six (6) months prior to the next renewal date.

Article 7. Non-Discrimination.

IMB and KIOST subscribe to the principle of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, ethnicity, religion or national origin. They shall abide by these principles in the administration of this Agreement and neither party shall impose criteria for the exchange of researchers, scientists, faculty members or students which would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement and represent that they approve, accept and agree to the terms contained herein.

Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST)

A.V. Zhirmunsky Institute of Marine Biology, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences

By:

Dr. Gi-Hoon Hong President of KIOST By:

Dr. Andrey V. Adrianov Director of IMB

Date: 6 September 2015

Date: 06.09.2015