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Foreword

The International Health Division of ICMR is publishing the second volume entitled “An Overview of International Collaborative Research Projects in Health Research approved by Health Ministry’s Screening Committee (HMSC)” during January, 2008 to December, 2012.

I am pleased to share this document with you as a sequel of our previous publication entitled “An overview of international collaboration in biomedical research” which provided the information on the international collaborative research projects approved by Health Ministry’s Screening Committee (HMSC) during the years 2000 to 2007.

The earlier document released in June 2008 was considered as a useful publication by the scientific community for providing a wealth of information especially relevant to those engaged in carrying out and promoting international collaboration through joint research projects.

The current document provides ICMR’s strengths in health research for collaboration with different countries. It contains relevant information on various MoUs signed with different countries/agencies and related details on the areas of interest and modes of collaboration.

I congratulate the International Health Division for bringing out the volume II of the document which can be used as a ready reference by the stakeholders and researchers for developing & strengthening the prospective joint cooperation between India and other countries in the areas of common interest.

(Dr. V.M. Katoch)

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