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To

Prof. /Dr. (Name)

Affiliation:

Country name:

Subject: Invitation as expert / distinguished faculty for Academic/Research Engagement under Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN) Scheme launched by Ministry of HRD Govt. of India.

Dear Sir,

College of Engineering Pune (COEP) is an autonomous institute of State Government of Maharashtra, affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, India. Established in 1854, the third oldest in Asia, COEP's heritage campus is synonymous to the History of Engineering Education in India. Today, COEP offers Ten Undergraduate and Twenty-two Graduate programs, with Ph D./Research programs in all the departments, with more than 4000 students on roll, and 215 full time faculty members on campus. The most sought after destination of brightest students across the state and the country, COEP, post autonomy, has been the most vibrant place for innovations in Academics, Research, Entrepreneurship, Management and Governance, always ranked among top 15 technical institutes in the Country.

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India has launched a scheme "Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN)" with an aim at tapping the talent pool of Professors, Scientists and Entrepreneurs internationally to encourage their engagement with the Institutes of Higher Education in India so as to augment the country's existing academic resources, elevate India's scientific and technological capacity to global excellence and attract the best international experience into our system of education. GIAN aims at enabling the interaction of students and faculty members in the host Institute with the best academic and industry experts from all over the world, who would also share their experiences and expertise to motivate and inspire people to work on Indian problems. Under this scheme it is envisaged that the expert faculty from reputed University abroad be identified and invited towards an academic engagement for the duration of one or two weeks.

Your expenses towards return travel, honorarium for 10 to 14 lectures (one week stay) with honorarium of USD 6000 and 20 to 28 lectures (two weeks stay) with an honorarium of USD 10000 and local hospitality will all be borne by us, as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, (MHRD) Government of India in this regard.

With this background, we hereby approach you with an invitation and request to be with us in the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science, at College of Engineering, Pune, during April to December 2016. The exact agenda of your engagement with us can be designed after your confirmation. However, with the intent of further raising the academic excellence through collaborations and networking with Institutes of higher learning/Universities abroad, the activity chart may encompass delivering above mentioned lectures in your domain of expertise (which may be video recorded), sharing your academic and research experiences/practices, suggest ways for jointly undertaking research, helping Metallurgy and Materials Science department in identifying curricular gaps with your University etc. to indicate a few. We also expect a creation of a repository at COEP for benefit of our stakeholders who would miss your sessions.

After receiving your consent, we will forward your proposal to MHRD, Govt. of India for final approval.

Your kind gesture in honoring our request would be highly appreciated.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

Director