





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

DR IRENE M. PEPPERBERG

PRESIDENT, THE ALEX FOUNDATION

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, USA

AND

PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS IN ROBOTICS (PAIR) LABS

CENTRE FOR ROBOTICS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

BHARATH INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, INDIA

THIS MEMORANDUM is made on the

day of 4th October 2020

1. PREAMBLE

1.1 Recognising the educational benefits to be gained through a co-operative program promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, via Dr Irene M Pepperberg's (Harvard University) research on parrots and Dr Jaishankar Bharatharaj's (Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research) research on parrot-inspired therapeutic robot enter into this Memorandum of Understanding and agree to the following.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this Memorandum is to facilitate and promote cooperation between Dr IRENE M. PEPPERBERG (President, ALEX FOUNDATION & Associate, HARVARD UNIVERSITY) and Psychosocial Aspects in Robotics (PAIR) Labs, Centre for Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research as described in clause 3.1.

3. FURTHER AGREEMENTS

3.1 The parties, intend to pursue the following general forms of co-operation in fields that are mutually acceptable:

3.2 This Memorandum may have written agreements annexed to it in respect of any specific cooperation.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The parties acknowledge that all or any financial arrangements proposed must be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds.

5. TERM OF MEMORANDUM

- 5.1 This Memorandum shall commence on the date hereinbefore written and shall continue for a period of three years.
- 5.2 This Memorandum may be terminated by either party giving the other party three-month notice in writing for any reason or for no reason or this can be transferred to other university or organization the parties move to.
- 5.3 This Memorandum may be amended or varied from time to time provided that such amendment or variation is evidenced in writing and signed by the parties.
- This memorandum is signed to promote collaborative research on the parrots and parrot-inspired robots led by Irene M Pepperberg (Alex Foundation, Harvard University) and Jaishankar Bharatharaj (Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research). The parties may carry research using their current affiliation which may change time to time.

Signed by IRENE M PEPPERBERG
THE ALEX FOUNDATION
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Signed for and on behalf of Centre for Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research by:

Authorised Signatory

Name: Irene M Pepperberg

Occupation: President, Alex Foundation &

Associate, Harvard University

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Authorised Signatory

Name: Dr Senthil Kumar Sasthan Kutty Occupation: Director, Centre for Robotics and

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