

Background

In recent times the scientists from certain countries and territories are increasingly and systematically denied entry by the host countries on the basis of their nationality, origin or beliefs from attending international conferences sponsored by various Unions such as the IUPAP etc. This is completely contrary to the concept of free circulations of scientists for ensuring global exchange ideas and forging of international collaborations without barriers which is the basic premise on which the International Science Council functions.

Proposed Resolution by IUPAP

During the third General Assembly of the International Science Council (ISC) held in Muscat Oman, it is resolved that the denial of visa to scientists attending international conferences is unacceptable. The ISC would make all possible efforts along with its member Unions and Academies to campaign against the denial of visa to scientists on the basis of their nationality, origin, or beliefs because such practices run contrary to free scientific exchange, the very foundation on which the future scientific and societal progress depends.