
**INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN UNIVERSIDAD DE CONCEPCIÓN, CHILE AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, CROATIA.**

I. GENERAL

The Universidad de Concepción, represented by its Rector Professor Sergio Lavanchy Merino, and the University of Zagreb, (hereinafter "UNIZG") represented by its Rector Professor Aleksa Bjelis, PhD, hereby agree to cooperate under the terms described below.

A. Purpose of the Agreement

With the objective of promoting academic cooperation in education and research, and considering that the Parties to the agreement are united by common interests in academic, scientific and cultural affairs, the Parties agree to enter into this Agreement of Cooperation.

B. Modes of Collaboration

Subject to mutual consent, the areas of cooperation shall include any academic program offered at either institution considered of interest to the Parties, and that according to the latter, will contribute to the fostering and development of cooperation initiatives, which include but are not limited to:

1. Exchanges of faculty members (academic and research staff) for short-term visits (for a period not exceeding 14 days per faculty member, up to two (2) faculty members per year).
2. Student exchange programs implemented with, or without, external funding at the postgraduate and graduate level.
3. Promoting scientific, academic and cultural activities such as short term courses, seminars, workshop and conferences of mutual interest, and the exchange of publication and other academic material.
4. The design of collaborative research projects; development of formal proposals for funding of such research; participation in international calls for research proposals.
5. Development of joint academic programs.
6. Inter-institutional internship programs.

11. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. Faculty Members' (academic and research staff) Exchange

Exchanges of faculty members (academic and research staff) shall be conducted under the following guidelines:

1. Both Parties may nominate their faculty members (academic and research staff) to participate in an exchange. The duration of exchange visits will be determined by mutual consent, but will mainly comprise short-stay visits of faculty members (not exceeding 14 days per faculty member, up to 2 faculty members each year). The number of man-days per calendar year will be defined each year in mutual consent. All nominations are subject to the approval of the host institution. Faculty members (academic and research staff) participating in the exchange must have a sufficient command of the language of instruction, if they are invited to teach.
2. At the time of invitation, the Parties will determine funding conditions related to travel expenses and living cost for visiting faculty members (academic and research staff). It is also understood that any financial arrangements will be negotiated and agreed to in writing for each specific case and will depend upon the availability of funds.
3. The Parties shall undertake efforts to raise funds from outside sources for the exchange of faculty members (academic and research staff).
4. Each exchange faculty member must obtain medical and accident insurance coverage during the exchange period. It is understood that the host institution accepts no responsibility or liability for providing health care services or health and care insurance for visiting faculty members.
5. Exchange faculty members (academic and research staff) shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary visas and complying with all immigration laws and regulations of the country of the host institution. The host institution shall cooperate in such efforts, but will not be responsible to assure the granting of any visas, permits or approvals.
6. The Parties to the agreement shall inform one another regularly about the curricular programs offered by each institution, and especially about research seminars, scientific conferences, and symposia organized by each. The Parties will exchange documentation and publications issued from these activities.
7. Should any faculty and research collaboration result in any potential for intellectual property, the Parties shall meet through designated representatives and seek an equitable and fair understanding as to ownership and other property interests that may arise. Any such discussions shall at all times strive to preserve a harmonious and continuing relationship between the Parties.

B. Student Exchange

1. With the objective of granting students from both institutions the opportunity to learn about the culture and academic life of the counterpart, students that are enrolled as full time students in an academic program offered by either Party may participate in the Student Exchange Program.
2. The responsibility for the selection of participating students in the Exchange Program will fall upon the home institution and will be carried out according to its norms and regulations concerning academic records and any other established criteria. The home institution will provide the host institution with the list of students that have qualified for the exchange.
3. Each institution reserves the right to accept or reject a candidate nominated by the other. The host institution will inform the other of the final admission decision as soon as possible.
4. The exchange student should demonstrate language proficiency in the language(s) of instruction of the host institution.
5. The duration of **graduate student** exchange program is of one (1) academic semester for master students, after which the exchange student must return to their home institution. This period of time may be extended subject to mutual consent, but must not exceed an additional term of one (1) academic semester. The duration of **postgraduate student** exchange program is at least two (2) semesters. This period of time may be extended subject to mutual consent based on the needs of students research.
6. Each host institution will provide the exchange students with a waiver of tuition fees for formal academic courses.
7. All other costs associated with the exchange, such as travelling and living expenses, accommodation and health and accident insurance will be the exchange student's responsibility. The host institution will assist exchange students in finding suitable accommodation.
8. Exchange students will be enrolled as full-time non-degree students at the host institution. Thus, exchange student must take sufficient courses at the host institution to be considered full time students.
9. The number of exchange students will be defined and agreed upon annually on the basis of exchange seats available in both institutions. In principle, each Party may nominate up to 2 (two) students per academic year. One (1) student enrolled for the academic year is equivalent to two (2) students enrolled for one academic semester.
10. Balance in the number of exchange students from both institutions should be reached within a period of five (5) years.
11. Exchange students will have the same rights and duties as students of the host institution. Therefore, exchange students must abide by all statutes, rules and regulations of the host institution for the duration of the exchange.

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12. Students who wish to enroll in a degree program at the host institution must have undergone the normal admission procedures of that institution.
 13. The student exchange program shall be open to graduate and postgraduate students (MSc/MA Degree and PhD programs). This program shall be developed according to the following general guidelines:
 - a. Academic achievements at the host institution shall be recognized by the home institution according to the latter's standards procedures.
 - b. Specifics of each exchange student's course of study in the host institution must be clarified and mutually agreed upon by means of a Learning Agreement before the beginning of the student's exchange experience.
 - c. At the end of the exchange program, the host institution will certify the grades and credits achieved by the exchange student.
 - d. The undergraduate exchange student should have completed at least two (2) years of study at the home institution, before participating in the program.
 - e. The Parties will determine on a case-to-case basis, the period of study that Graduate exchange students should have completed at the home institution, before participating in the program.
 15. Exchange students shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary visas and complying with all immigration laws and regulations of the country of the host institution. The host institution shall cooperate in such efforts, but will not be responsible to assure the granting of any visas, permits or approvals.
 16. Exchange students must purchase appropriate medical, accident, civil liability and repatriation insurance before leaving their home country.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

1. The terms of cooperation for each specific activity not contemplated by this Memorandum of Agreement shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both Parties, prior to the initiation of the activity. Such agreements will constitute appendixes to this Memorandum of Agreement and will state the objective, duration, budget, activities to be carried out by each Party, conditions concerning intellectual property, and shall be approved by the corresponding authority of each institution.

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2. The designated liaison officers for this Memorandum Agreement are:

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Notification of any changes in liaison officers shall be made in writing. No amendments to this Memorandum of Agreement are required for that purpose.

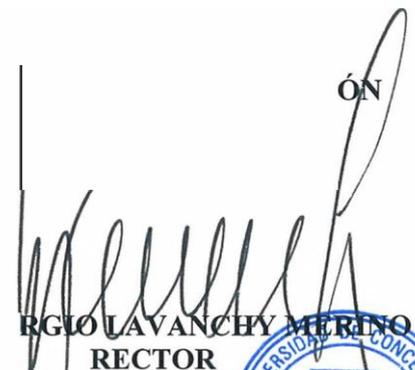
IV. LEGAL PROVISIONS

1. Intellectual Property: The Parties agree that the specific agreements of cooperation shall include the necessary provisions for the protection of property rights to inventions, copyright and other intellectual property that result of joint work or collaborative research activities.
2. Civil Liability: Neither Party shall be liable for any damage caused by force majeure or acts of God, and particularly by the suspension of academic or administrative activities at either institution. Once these difficulties have been surmounted, activities shall be resumed.
3. Employment Relationship: This Memorandum of Agreement is essentially an academic agreement between the Parties. Therefore, this agreement does not originate an employment relationship between the home institution and the faculty members (academic and research staff) of the host institution, and vice versa, nor shall it bind the parties to provide welfare or social security benefits to visiting scholars.

4. **Duration and Amendment:** This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of signature with the understanding that it may be terminated by either Party provided that a written notice is given with ninety (90) days in advance, unless an earlier termination is mutually agreed upon. The Memorandum of Agreement may be amended or extended by mutual written consent. In case of termination, the Parties shall take the necessary measures to ensure the conclusion of commenced activities.
5. **Conflict Resolution:** The Parties hereto shall carry out all the activities under this agreement in good faith. In case of disagreement, the Parties agree to make every reasonable effort, with common goals to resolve such dispute directly and willingly, through their Rectors or designees.
6. **Entire Agreement:** This Memorandum of Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior communications, understandings and agreements relating to the subject matter hereof, whether oral or written.

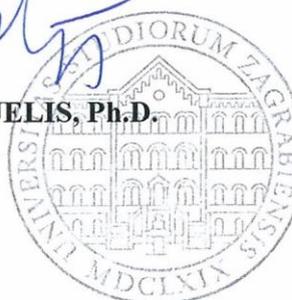
In witness hereof, the Parties hereby affix their signatures to this document in two counterparts.

Rector
Concepción (Chile), April 24th 2018



For the
UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB

Prof. ALEKSA BJELIS, Ph.D.
RECTOR



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