

**Cooperation Agreement  
on the Cooperation in Research and Teaching  
between  
the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg - hereafter FAU  
and the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur – hereafter IIT-Kharagpur**

**Preamble**

The partners concerned agree in their mutual interests to further, develop and lend permanent support to the cooperation between their institutions in the areas of research and teaching in engineering. With this aim in mind they agree on the following points:

**§ 1**

**Extent and Aims of the Agreement**

(1) The purpose of the cooperation in research and teaching is

1. to promote student exchange (the exchange of undergraduates as summer interns limited to 8 weeks, graduates for dissertation purpose only for a period not exceeding 9 months, postgraduate doctoral research students for a period not exceeding 12 months) for the purpose of study, doctoral research or some other academic qualification,
2. to promote academic exchange between teaching staff ( the exchange of university teaching staff and other academic staff/faculty) with a view to gaining further qualifications or for teaching, study and research normally up to 12 months,
3. to organise and conduct joint conferences, study groups, courses or meetings,
4. to pursue joint research projects,
5. to promote the mutual exchange of information resulting from the exchange of research results, academic material and publications issued by the institutions named in § 1,
6. to learn the language of the host country in conjunction with the exchanges specified in Nos. 1 and 2 .

(2) The parties named in the agreement will confer and agree on suitable means of putting the goals set out in § 1 into practice.

## **§ 2**

### **Persons Bearing Responsibility for the Cooperation**

In order to implement the aims envisaged in the agreement on teaching and research more easily and efficiently, each party bound by the agreement will name a member of the academic staff as liaison partner. The liaison partners will be responsible for the organisational measures needed to implement the agreement and for seeing that they are carried out. In addition, they will be available *in situ* as partners to assist and facilitate the work of beneficiaries of the agreement.

The financing of any of the activities mentioned in this agreement shall be dependent on the availability of funds and shall be subject to specific agreements by which these activities may be accomplished.

## **§ 3**

### **Student Exchange**

- (1) The parties who have signed the agreement commit themselves to organising the exchange of students and other persons specified in § 1 section 1 no. 1 for one or two semesters. Both partners should exchange the same number of exchange students or persons.
- (2) The sending partner institution will put forward the names of suitable candidates for the exchange. The candidates must fulfill the qualifying academic requirements of the host institution, whereby the host institution commits itself to showing as much leniency as the rules applicable in the host country permit in solving questions that may arise.
- (3) The exchange students are fully enrolled as students with all the pertaining rights and obligations. Their command of the language of the host country should be sufficient for them to fulfill the aims of their exchange and to gain benefit from it.
- (4) No fees are to be charged for tuition. Any additional charges, including any for social services, are dependent on the regulations of the receiving institution.
- (5) The exchange student is responsible for all living expenses incurred in the exchange period, including any university expenses other than fees.

## **§ 4**

### **Academic Staff Exchange**

- (1) The partners regulate the exchange of staff and other academic personnel by agreeing on suitable applicants.
- (2) The staff do not become employees of the host institution.
- (3) The partners commit themselves to providing appropriate working conditions.
- (4) § 3 section 5 applies here too.



**§ 5**  
**The exchange of information**

The partners agree to exchange information regularly on academic courses and events.

**§ 6**  
**Intellectual property rights**

Each institution will adhere to the intellectual laws of their respective nations. Intellectual property developed during the visit of an exchange student will be governed by the rules of the host institute unless otherwise specified by an alternate agreement. The two institutions shall jointly own results of clearly defined collaborative projects. Whenever one institution receives any information from the partner under a clearly defined non-disclosure agreement, necessary steps will be taken to protect the intellectual property received.

**§ 7**  
**Period from which the agreement takes effect and for which it has validity**

- (1) The agreement takes effect after ratification of both sides
- (2) The agreement is written in English.
- (3) The agreement is valid for a period of three years. It is extended for a year at a time unless one of the partners terminates it by giving notice three months before the end of the year.

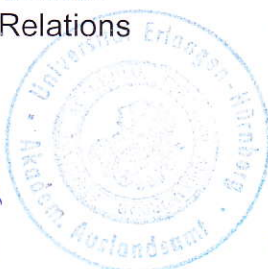
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