

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
between
**University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences,
Vienna, Austria (BOKU)**
and
**Suranaree University of Technology, Nakhon Ratchasima,
Thailand (SUT)**

Whereas the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria (BOKU), and the Suranaree University of Technology, Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand (SUT), recognizing the value of educational, cultural and scientific exchange between international research universities and having ascertained that substantial interest exists to establish a formal relationship, agree, after approval by their responsible authorities, to conclude this agreement on academic cooperation.

I.

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate and to enhance the academic cooperation in the fields of training, research, curriculum development, postgraduate education, quality assurance, institutional development, information dissemination, and exchange of students, faculty and staff.

II.

The partner institutions shall endeavor to promote collaboration through a broad range of strategies, which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the following activities:

- exchange of doctoral and diploma (master's) students
- exchange of faculty members and researchers/ technical experts for short-term visits
- design of collaborative research projects
- development and implementation of joint seminars, training-courses or conferences involving faculty and/or students from both universities as well as other parties
- exchange of scholarly publications and information in areas of mutual interest to faculty in the two institutions.

III.

The partner institutions will exchange, in the first phase, working schedules covering the cooperation for a period of 1-2 years. These schedules will contain specific terms of participation for each major activity implemented under this agreement. They will become valid when signed by the designed representatives of the two partner universities. They are to be attached to the agreement as annexes and form an integral part of the cooperation agreement.

IV.

For preparation and coordination of all clauses covered by this contract, the two universities will nominate authorized representatives. These representatives will also prepare the working schedules for cooperation as provided for by article III.

V.

The financing of the planned cooperation activities shall be conducted under the following guidelines:

Exchanges of faculty members and technical specialists:

- All expenses, including research material, international and domestic travel, per diem, honoraria and all other costs, shall be the responsibility of the participating scholar and determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Each side will assist visiting faculty and researchers/technical specialists in finding accommodation .

Exchanges of doctoral or diploma (master's) students:

- the financing shall be covered by scholarships.
- students exchanged at both universities, within the framework of this agreement will be exempted from paying tuition fees.

VI.

The partner institutions shall inform one another regularly about the curricular programs and postgraduate courses offered, especially about research seminars, colloquia, conferences, and symposia organized by each institution. They shall exchange without cost to the receiving institution documentation and publications issued from these proceedings.

VII.

This agreement becomes valid when signed by representatives of both institutions and will be effective for a period of 5 years. After this period, an automatic extension of the agreement will be applied unless a party withdraws from the agreement by sending an official letter to the partner institution before the contract period ends. The partner institutions agree that proposed changes to the agreement's contents or validity are to be communicated in writing to the partner university. Either party may terminate the agreement in writing with six months notice.

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