



MEMORANDUM OF CO-OPERATION

between

BLEKINGE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SWEDEN

and

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MANDI**

INDIA

MEMORANDUM OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN

BLEKINGE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

herein duly represented by

Dr Anders Hederstierna
(Vice-Chancellor)

and

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI

herein duly represented by

Dr Timothy A. Gonsalves
(Director)

Blekinge Institute of Technology and Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi (hereinafter “the parties” / “institutions”), inspired by the extensive possibilities offered by international co-operation, recognise the need to develop and nurture new partnerships and to share human and material resources, with the aim to increase international understanding, promote the respect for the human rights declared in UN’s Declaration of Human Rights and to contribute to the pool of global knowledge.

In the spirit of this challenge and responsibility, the parties acknowledge the similarities in the scholarly pursuits of the institutions and desire to promote interinstitutional co-operation, scientific and cultural exchange, as well as mutual understanding and respect.

The parties therefore join in the following Agreement:




Article 1

The two Institutions shall establish and encourage mutually beneficial scientific, technological, educational and other relations based on the following activities:

- Exchange of faculty and staff members for the purpose of research, training, teaching and/or the presentation of special courses in their fields of specialization.
- Exchange of students.
- Establishment of joint research programmes.
- Exchange of scientific and educational literature produced by either or both of the parties, as well as the exchange of material on research undertaken by researchers of both institutions.
- Organisation of conferences, seminars and symposia of mutual interest to the institutions.

Article 2

In each case, the specific content and conditions for a joint activity shall be determined collaboratively by the two parties and documented in annexes to the present Agreement.

The number of members of staff to participate in a visit or exchange programme, their sojourn and conditions of service shall be negotiated in each case, with due consideration for the capabilities and needs of the individuals and the institutions concerned. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the salaries and fringe benefits of members of staff to participate in a visit or exchange programme shall be the responsibility of the home institution.

The number of students to participate in an exchange programme, their sojourn and areas of study shall be negotiated in each case, with due consideration for the capabilities and needs of the individuals and the institutions concerned.

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The parties shall, within appropriate application deadlines, endeavour to provide adequate and reasonable accommodation for exchange faculty, staff and students. Unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties, costs for board (meals), travel and accommodation for exchange students shall be the responsibility of the individual student(s). Costs for accommodation for members of faculty and staff to participate in a visit or exchange programme shall be the responsibility of the home institution unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties. The parties shall endeavour to provide access to facilities such as libraries and the Internet to exchange faculty, staff and students. Unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties, exchange students within a balanced exchange program shall be exempted from tuition fees.

Article 3

Both parties accept that financial arrangements shall be negotiated in each case and shall be dependent on the availability of funds.

The parties shall aim to find sources of financial assistance for the activities and exchanges to be undertaken in the terms of this Agreement.

Article 4

This Agreement represents the total Agreement between the parties.

Article 5

The representatives of the parties, or their authorised substitutes, shall meet frequently at suitable times to evaluate the implementation of this Agreement and to decide on changes or additions thereto, which will not be of any force or effect unless in writing and signed by the representatives of both parties.


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Article 6

This Memorandum shall be considered for review after a period of 5 years.

Article 7

This Agreement shall come into effect when the authorised representatives of both parties have signed it. Either party may withdraw from the Agreement by giving written notice before 31 December of any year of its intention to withdraw with effect from 1 September the next year.

Article 8

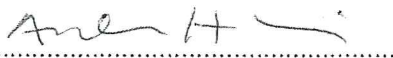
The parties choose for purposes of this Agreement as their *domicilium citandi et executandi*, the following addresses:

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Campus Gräsvik 1
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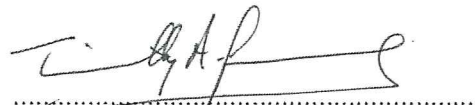
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Signed in Karlskrona(place)
on 2016-04-22 (date)

Signed in(place)
on (date)



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