



## Memorandum of Understanding

between

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MANDI (INDIA)**

and

**ÅBO AKADEMI UNIVERSITY, FINLAND**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) is made between

**Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi, India** (hereinafter referred to as “IIT Mandi”) represented by its true and lawful Director, Prof. Laxmidhar Behera.

and

**Åbo Akademi University**, Tuomiokirkontori 3, FI-20500, Turku, Finland (hereinafter referred to as “ÅAU”) represented by its true and lawful attorney Prof. Mikael Lindfelt (Rector, ÅAU) of the other part.

This is a written agreement between IIT Mandi and ÅAU which propose to cooperate for purposes of developing **Double Supervision** and **Double Degree Agreements for doctoral researchers**.

### 1. INTERPRETATION OF TERMS

In this agreement, unless a contrary intention is expressed in the text, the words "The two institutions", 'Collaborating institutions', 'both universities', and 'the two universities' refer to IIT Mandi and AAU, 'The Memorandum' means' this agreement.

### 2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The cooperation may take the form of:

2.1 Mutual assistance in the establishment of new agreements (double degree agreements for doctoral researchers);

- 2.2 Exchange of staff;
- 2.3 Joint research projects;
- 2.4 Exchange of information and publications;
- 2.5 Organization of conferences and workshops.

Each individual collaborative project in the abovementioned areas will be planned, developed and executed by the Parties respecting the principles agreed in this Agreement and be subject to a separate written agreement to be executed between those parties taking part in such project.

### 3 FIELD OF COLLABORATION

- 3.1 The Collaboration between the two institutions will be established within any field of common interest.
- 3.2 Depending on financial means and practical feasibility, the parties may establish joint research and educational projects and programmes respecting the principles agreed in this Agreement. For each programme, the two universities may set up a committee and appoint a coordinator to be responsible to the relevant university authorities for reporting on the project status at least once a year.
- 3.3 The different facilities, departments and scientific centres in both universities are encouraged to initiate additional mutual agreements to achieve the aims of this general agreement. Any additional agreements shall be duly executed by the relevant authorized parties.
- 3.4 No rights of any kind whatsoever in any invention, copyright, trade secret, or any other form of intellectual property are granted or transferred under this Agreement.

Distribution and use of information and intellectual property resulting from the cooperation activities under this Agreement are performed in compliance with the existing legislation of the Parties and in compliance with further agreements signed by the Parties. Any use of the partner party's name, including any of its constituent schools, departments, programmes or logos, relating in any way to the activities described in this Agreement, shall be subject to prior written approval.

- 3.5 Each Party bears all the costs and charges of its own related activities under this Agreement, if not specified differently in further agreements.

### 4 VALIDITY OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 4.1 This Agreement shall be valid for a period of five (5) years renewable for a further period unless either party gives notice of termination.
- 4.2 Either party may terminate this Agreement upon giving to the other party six (6) months prior written notice. Such a termination shall, however, not affect ongoing projects based upon this Agreement or the existing rights of parties under this Agreement.

4.3 Six months prior to the expiry of the first term of this Agreement, a general assessment shall be made by a Committee to be appointed by the parties with equal representation.

4.4 Possible renewal of the Agreement shall be carried out through exchange of letter of Intent within three months prior to the expiry of the Agreement and based on the assessment report.

4.5 Any amendment to the Agreement shall be agreed upon jointly in writing by the two parties.

4.6 This Agreement shall take effect upon ratification by signature by the Director of IIT Mandi and the Rector of ÅAU.

4.7 This Agreement is made in two equally authentic copies, i.e. one for each of the signing parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have hereunto set their respective hands and signatures on the day and year first above written.

## 5. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Negotiation, implementation, and reporting on the progress concerning the collaboration shall be coordinated by:

On the part of IIT Mandi:

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On the part of ÅAU:

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