

AGREEMENT OF COLLABORATION

The Universidad Politécnica de Valencia (UPV), Camino de Vera s/n, Valencia and in its name, his Excellency the Rector, Prof. Dr Justo Nieto Nieto. And the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (UPRM), and in its name and representation the Rector Dr. Jorge I. Vélez Arocho.

DECLARE:

1. That both entities are involved in the fields of scholarship, science and culture.
2. That Universities, to fulfil their essential aims and purposes, are called upon to establish channels of communication to encourage the exchange of scientific and cultural learning.
3. That for the above mentioned reasons; both institutions wish to expand their academic and scientific collaborative activities.

And to this end they have decided to sign an agreement of academic, scientific and cultural collaboration containing the following

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FIRST: PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

The Universidad Politécnica de Valencia and UPRM will promote the exchange of experiences and staff in the fields of teaching, research and culture in general, in those areas in which both are manifestly involved.

SECOND: FORMS OF COOPERATION

To fulfil the aims set out in the previous clause, both parties, as far as their means allow and in accordance with the norms of each institution, and where appropriate of each State, undertake:

- To encourage the temporary exchange of students, teaching staff and researchers.
- To promote participation in bilateral and multilateral projects and programs of research and development.
- To cooperate in programs of education for research and technical staff.
- To advise each other on matters related to the activities of both institutions.

- To exchange books, publications and other research and teaching materials, provided that there are no previous commitments impeding it.
- To cooperate in any other ways which are in the interest of both parties as far as their means allow and with the activities that the present Agreement establishes.

THIRD: ESTABLISHING COOPERATION

The two institutions shall collaborate to work out a program aimed at implementing the forms of cooperation established in this Agreement. They shall periodically examine the joint actions carried out or in progress.

FOURTH: FUNDING

Both institutions, based on previous agreement and information exchange, shall endeavour to find external funding which will be used to support the activities carried out in the context of this agreement.

FIFTH: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

For staff and researchers exchange, the host institution shall supply the visiting personnel medical assistance it offers to its own university community.

SIXTH: SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

The present Agreement shall not be interpreted as having created a legal or financial association between the parties. It constitutes a declaration of intentions to encourage authentic relations to the mutual benefit of the two parts regarding academic cooperation.

SEVENTH: REPRESENTATIVES

Each university will designate a co-ordinator for the present agreement that will act as its representative.

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EIGHTH: ARBITRATION

The resolution of any controversies as to the interpretation and performance of the present Agreement will be transferred to an arbitration committee formed by the signatories or their representatives. The signatures in duplicate below bear witness to approval of the foregoing.

NINTH: REGULATIONS FOR STUDENT EXCHANGE

1. A number of students to be agreed (max of 5) will attend classes at the Politechnical University of Valencia in either the fall (September-January) or the spring (February-June) semesters. The same number of students of the Politechnical University of Valencia per year will attend (UPRM) in corresponding terms.
2. Students selected for exchange opportunities continue to pay tuition to their home institution. No tuition will be collected by the hosting university.

3. Students will be screened by the sending institution. Once selection procedures are completed, the sending institution's exchange coordinator shall contact his/her counterpart to complete arrangements. The host institution reserves the right to accept the students. The student information will include the following:
 - a. Name
 - b. Address and telephone number
 - c. Primary area of interest
 - d. Citizenship
 - e. Official transcript
 - f. Written recommendation from two faculty members
 - g. Written statement from the student outlining his/her goals for the exchange.
4. Although every attempt will be made to place each student recommended for exchange, it is understood that due to space or equipment limitations it may be impossible to accommodate a request for a particular discipline in a given semester. The notification the host institution shall be made based on the host institution rules and regulations for international exchange.
5. Where appropriate, it is the student's responsibility to make application and to receive approval from the appropriate government agency for the necessary student visas and immigration documents to enter the province/state and country of the host institution. The host institution will supply each student with a letter indicating acceptance into the exchange program and admission to the host institution.
6. Requests for the fall semester must be received by the hosting institution by April 1; requests for spring semester must be received by November 1.
7. Each university should do all the necessary in order to know that the selected students can communicate in the language of the host institution.

TENTH: DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The present agreement will have duration of two academic years, after which it may be renewed on the approval of both parties by means of an agreement prior to its termination. This agreement will have duration of two years from the day of the signatures. It can be ended by written communication, thirty days before the intended ending day. Termination of the agreement shall guarantee the successful completion of the actions or projects previously agreed upon. The agreement may

be amended or renewed by written communication between both parties.

In the name of the **Universidad Politécnica de Valencia (UPV)**

In the name of the **University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (UPRM)**



Legal Representative
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Rector UPV

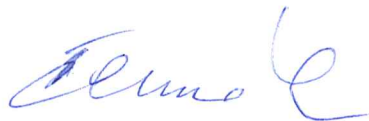


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Date:

Date: 24 julio 2003

WITNESS:



Prof. Dr. Tomas Cermak
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