

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**WELDON SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING
PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

AND

**GRADUATE ENGINEERING PROGRAMS
UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO AT MAYAGÜEZ**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), effective of the date last signed, is by and between the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering at Purdue University (hereafter "Purdue") with its principal offices at 206 S. Martin Jischke Drive, West Lafayette, Indiana, 47907-2032 and the Engineering Graduate Programs at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (hereafter "UPRM") with its principal offices at 318 Luis Stefani Building, P.O. Box 9040 Mayagüez, Puerto Rico 00681-9040, each of which may be referred to as "Party" or collectively as "Parties."

WHEREAS, Purdue is an academic leader in biomedical engineering with a rapidly growing graduate program; and

WHEREAS, UPRM is an emerging leader in biomedical engineering; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to memorialize the mutual understandings and intentions with regard to pursuing a long-term strategic partnership;

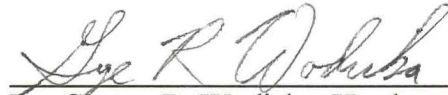
NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties recite the following:

1. The Parties will develop a strategic partnership in biomedical engineering graduate education in order to cooperatively build upon the complimentary strengths of Purdue and UPRM in a synergistic manner.
2. The partnership in biomedical engineering graduate education will include, but not be limited to:
 - Collaborative fellowship grants
 - Faculty exchanges
 - Student exchanges
 - Cooperative dissemination of curricular materials and courses
 - Collaborative supervision of thesis research
 - Collaborative research proposal submissions.
3. The partnership will be announced on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico.

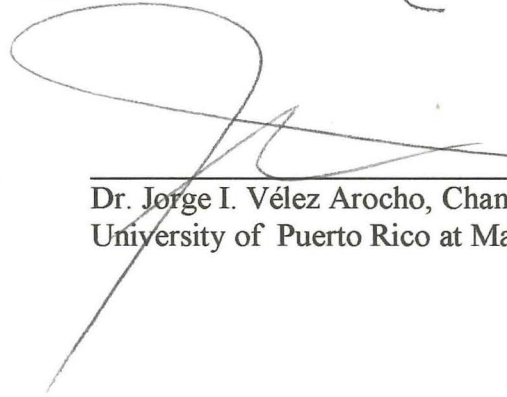
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4. The Parties will meet annually on a rotating basis at the two universities to optimize and ensure the growth of the partnership.
5. Professor George R. Wodicka will be the primary contact for Purdue to facilitate the development of the partnership.
6. Professor Eduardo J. Juan will be the primary contact for UPRM to facilitate the development of the partnership.
7. This agreement does not create any financial obligations for either of the Parties. Such obligations and specific performance of activities will be agreed upon in individual attachments to this MOU.
8. This MOU shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years, unless extended by mutual agreement, or until replaced by superseding agreement(s) or written notice of cancellation is provided by one of the Parties to the other, whichever occurs first.

The undersigned approve this agreement on this 6 day of November, 2007



Dr. George R. Wodicka, Head
Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering
Purdue University



Dr. Jorge I. Vélez Arocho, Chancellor
University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez