

Agreement Between the University of Puerto Rico's Mayagüez Campus and Escola Politécnica da Universidade de São Paulo.

The Mayagüez Campus of the University of Puerto Rico, located on Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, in this document called UPRM, represented by its Acting Chancellor, Dr. Fred Soltero-Harrington, below signed and the University of São Paulo, state autarchy established in the city of São Paulo, State of São Paulo, Brazil registered at CGC-MF under _____ herein represented by its Rector, Prof. Dr. Jacques Marcovitch, and intermediate by Escola Politécnica of USP, in this document called EPUSP, herein represented by its Dean, Prof. Dr. Célio Taniguchi, as deliberated by the Budget and Asset Council, in its session of .../...../....., are interested in a hemispheric science and technology enhancement initiative for the purpose of and in accordance with the following understandings:


First Clause – Consortium Definition

1. The initiative, identified as "Cohemis Consortium", will receive the active cooperation of the University of Puerto Rico's Mayagüez Campus and of Escola Politécnica da Universidade de São Paulo, referred to hereon as "consortium university", as well as other institutions as may be necessary to successfully implement the program objectives defined in the following section.

Second Clause – Objectives

2. The major objectives of this program are:
 - 2.1 Increase the global competitiveness of Western Hemisphere industry.
 - 2.2 Increase the number and quality of Iberian-American Engineering and Applied Science Ph.D.'s
 - 2.3 Enhance the technological capabilities of Latin America and the Caribbean and hence their social, economic and commercial development.
 - 2.4 Foster the protection of the hemisphere's environment and resources.
 - 2.5 Increase the awareness of high priority regional problems among researchers.
 - 2.6 Support the Mayagüez Campus' Center for Hemispherical Cooperation in Research and Education in Engineering and Applied Science (CoHemis) in its mission of providing funds and facilities and conducting joint applied research, technology assessment, and human resources development programs to serve the needs of the Americas with the participation of engineering and science researchers and graduate students from the different countries of the hemisphere.



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- 2.7 Identify areas in science and technology in which the faculty and facilities of the two institutions complement each other to make it feasible to conduct joint research and technology assessment projects which are expected to produce results with potential benefits for more than one country in the Western Hemisphere in a relatively short term with the participation of CoHemis visiting researchers and students.
- 2.8 Seek financial support for such projects from diverse national and international sources.
- 2.9 Develop programs for faculty, graduate student and information exchanges and for training and research to support the type of project defined in section 2.6 above.

Third Clause – Support from University of Puerto Rico's Mayagüez Campus

3. The University of Puerto Rico's Mayagüez Campus, through its Center for Hemispherical Cooperation in Research and Education In Engineering and Applied Science, will support the Consortium in the following ways:

- 3.1 Facilitate visiting professorships and sabbaticals by consortium university faculty in Latin American and Caribbean institutions and industry.
- 3.2 Provide CoHemis assistantships to the consortium university's graduate students doing dissertation work in applied research of hemispherical interest either at CoHemis or at the consortium university.
- 3.3 Facilitate institutional and professional relations and exchanges of faculty and students between the consortium university and universities and research centers in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 3.4 Enable the consortium university's faculty to conduct joint research of hemispherical interest at the Mayagüez Campus through CoHemis researchers and graduate students by means of short periodic visits.
- 3.5 Provide facilities, communications, infrastructure and support for CoHemis.

Fourth Clause – Support from EPUSP

4. EPUSP will support the Consortium in the following ways:

- 4.1 Grant access to CoHemis students qualifying for admission to their institutions after completion of their M.S. degrees at the Mayagüez Campus.
- 4.2 Make efforts to identify fellowship support to Mayagüez Campus faculty qualifying for admission to their institutions as graduate students.
- 4.3 Co-sponsor conferences or other activities, either at CoHemis, the EPUSP's premises or in Latin American and the Caribbean. through CoHemis' hemispheric network of collaborators.

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4.4 Provide access to research facilities to CoHemis researchers and graduate students.

4.5 Collaborate with CoHemis in reviewing technical information from Latin American and Caribbean countries and in evaluating research proposals.

Fifth Clause – Exchange of Information

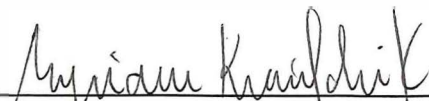
5. The Mayagüez Campus and the consortium university will sustain a continuous exchange of information on relevant projects and results.


Sixth Clause – General Dispositions

6.1 The present memorandum of understanding will not be interpreted as creating legal or financial relationships between the parties. This memorandum of understanding constitutes a declaration of intentions aiming to promote interactions in matters of collaborative research and graduate education expected to increase the well-being of the countries of the Americas. Nothing agreed upon in here will affect the rights of both parties to enter in similar agreements with other institutions.

6.2 This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature. The renewal may occur by mutual consent of the two parties. The agreement may be terminated by either party giving notice to other party in writing three (3) months in advance.

In testimony of which the authorized representatives of the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus and the consortium university sign the memorandum of understanding accepting all of its elements. The present agreement is signed in five copies, each of them in English and in Portuguese, all texts being equally valid.


Jacques Marcovitch,
Chancellor
Universidade de São Paulo

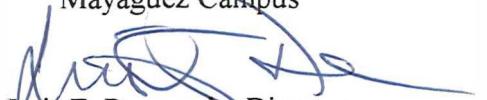

Celio Taniguchi, Director
Escola Politécnica da USP

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