



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

KAZAN (VOLGA REGION) FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, RUSSIA

**Higher Institute of Information Technology and Information
Systems**

and

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA, ITALY

**Dipartimento di Ingegneria Civile, Informatica, Edile,
Ambientale e Matematica Applicata**

1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 Recognising the educational benefits to be gained through a co-operative program promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, Kazan (Volga region) Federal University (KFU), Kazan, Russia, Higher Institute of Information Technology and Information Systems (ITIS) , and School of Engineering and Università degli Studi di Messina (UniME), Messina, Italy, Dipartimento di Ingegneria Civile, Informatica, Edile, Ambientale e Matematica Applicata (DICIEAMA) enter into this Memorandum of Understanding and agree to the following.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The primary purpose of this Memorandum is to facilitate and promote cooperation between the ITIS KFU and the DICIEAMA in the areas of teaching and research. For the first term of the agreement the focus will be on collaboration and student exchange between the Computer Engineering group of UniME at DICIEAMA and Computer Science in ITIS KFU.

3. FURTHER AGREEMENTS

- 3.1 The parties intend to pursue the following general forms of co-operation in fields that are mutually acceptable:
- (a) Visits by and exchange of students for the purposes of study and research; Project based exchange of up to 4 students annually and for a duration of up to one year per student. Funding should be channelled through available funds by each country in term of their citizens and any ministry level agreements.
 - (b) Visits by and exchange of staff for the purposes of research, teaching and discussions; this will be dealt with in case by case basis and according to availability of funds.
 - (c) Joint research activities; Projects should be defined that will accommodate the activities related to (a) and (b) above.
 - (d) Participation in internationally funded projects;
 - (e) Joint participation in course development and delivery; and
 - (f) Articulation of programmes.
- 3.2 As appropriate this Memorandum will have written agreements annexed to it in respect of any specific co-operation.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The parties acknowledge that all or any financial arrangements proposed must be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds from external or internal sources as these become available. Both parties agree that this contract does not contain any financial obligations for either side.

5. TERM OF MEMORANDUM

- 5.1 This Memorandum shall commence on the date hereinbefore written and shall continue for a period of three years (the *Term*).
- 5.2 This Memorandum may be terminated by either party giving the other party six months notice in writing for any reason.
- 5.3 Termination will not operate to prejudice any student or staff engaged in a co-operative activity at the date of termination, the intention being that such activity will be permitted to reach its natural conclusion.
- 5.4 This Memorandum may be amended or varied from time to time provided that such amendment or variation is evidenced in writing and signed by the parties.
- 5.5 Extension of contract is an active step six month before expiry of the previous contract and subject to prior existence of actual cooperation activities in the previous three-year period of contract. If the contract is not actively renewed, it expires automatically.

Signed for and on behalf of
KAZAN (VOLGA REGION) FEDERAL UNIVERSITY by:

Signed for and on behalf of
UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA by:

Authorised Signatory
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