



FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA, ITALY

AND

INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY, DUBAI



The University of Messina - Italy, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Pietro Navarra and The Institute of Management Technology, Dubai, UAE, legally represented by the Director, Prof. Francois Therin, hereby referred as “the Parties”;

Considering the interest of the Parties to establish a cultural scientific and didactic cooperation in fields of mutual scientific interest;

Considering cultural diversity an incentive, rather than an obstacle, to innovation and international cooperation;

Agree under the following conditions:

1st Article

The Parties are committed to promote joint didactic, research and cultural activities as well as scientific exchanges in the areas of mutual interest; to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research; to keep up with academic trends and to share innovations.

2nd Article

The cooperation between the Parties may consist in students and faculty exchanges and joint research activity in the area of business management and allied fields of activities.

2.1 Students Mobility

- 2.1.1 Students Mobility under this agreement will be initially limited to English taught business management programs at the Masters Level.
- 2.1.2 Students participating in the exchange program will be accepted as credit award and transfer candidates by the host institution. The duration of exchange will be one semester. All such students should be enrolled as full time students at the home university.
- 2.1.3 The parties shall exchange a maximum of 5 (five) students per year. Reasonable efforts will be made to have equivalent number of students exchanged from each institution during the duration of this agreement.
- 2.1.4 The selected exchange students shall pay their tuition fees to their respective home institution as per the prevailing fees structure. All incidental expenses including travel, health insurance, study material, visa, accommodation etc. will be borne by the student participants.
- 2.1.5 Upon the completion of semester, host institution will send the transcripts of participants to home institution. As credit systems can vary across the universities, exchange students will be made aware of grade conversions scales.

2.2 Double Degree Program

Under the present agreement, Master level students will be given the opportunity to earn double degree subject to following conditions and criteria:



- 2.2.1 Student being registered as full time student at the home institution.
- 2.2.2 Students must obtain not less than 50% of total program credits at the home institution. Unless otherwise agreed in the Double Degree Agreement, students must successfully pass all courses and exams corresponding to first year at the home institution before such exchange happens.
- 2.2.3 Study the remaining term, i.e. 50% of program, at the host institution as per the academic requirements of the host institution.
- 2.2.4 The tuition fees for the exchange term will be payable at home institutions. No exchange of money will take place between institutions under the double degree. All costs, such as accommodation, meals, transport, health insurance, library, visa & travel, will be borne by students.
- 2.2.5 Every year 3 students of double degree exchange from either side will benefit from tuition waiver.
- 2.2.6 The implementation of the Double Degree Program will be specified in a specific protocol to be agreed upon the parties.

2.3 Faculty Mobility and Joint Research Activity

Each institution will encourage:

- 2.3.1 Faculty exchange and joint research in the areas of common interest.
- 2.3.2 Exchange of Ph.D. students for thesis co-tutorship, whose terms and conditions will be defined in specific agreements.
- 2.3.3 Exchange of information, scientific works and other scientific and didactic materials of mutual interest.
- 2.3.4 Joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, symposia etc. Access to IT and research equipment and other facilities of both Institutions will be facilitated at mutual terms.

3rd Article

Scientific aims, implementation procedures as well as expected results of each specific cooperation activity will be defined in specific protocols annex to the present framework cooperation agreement.

Within the limits of rules and regulations in force in each country, the Parties are engaged to find the necessary financial means to implement each specific cooperation activity.

4th Article

The present framework agreement shall be in force for a period of 5 years from the date of the last signature. Any amendment shall be made in written by the Parties. At the end of the period of 5 years, the framework cooperation agreement may be renewed in written, unless 6 months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies to the other Party the decision not to renew it.

In case either institution wishes to terminate this agreement, those students already recruited for exchange would be allowed to benefit from the schemes itemized above.



5th Article

The present framework agreement is written in English and consists of two original copies.

If a dispute arises concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement the Parties agree to settle amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation.

The Parties to the Agreement shall observe and comply with all laws, rules, and regulations of each other's country where this Agreement is performed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives. Each Party shall hold one original signed Agreement, with both documents being equally authentic.

Date

Date

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