GENERAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
AL-MINYA UNIVERSITY
AND
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(VIRGINIA TECH)

The President of the Al-Minya University and the President of Virginia Polytechnic University and State University (Virginia Tech), for the purpose of furthering cooperation in both education and academic research, hereby affirm their intent to promote such academic exchange as will be of mutual benefit for their respective universities. Academic exchange is considered here to include but not be limited to:

1. cooperative research activities;
2. exchange of faculty members;
3. exchange of students;
4. exchange of scientific materials, publications and information;
5. other activities as agreed upon by both parties.

Details of the implementation of any particular exchange resulting from this agreement shall be negotiated between the two universities as such specific case may arise.

This agreement shall be in effect for five years, at which time it will be reviewed for possible extension. This agreement may be subject to revision from time to time by mutual agreement. Either party may terminate the agreement by written notification signed by the appropriate official of the institution initiating the notice. Notification of termination should be received by the other party at least six months prior to the effective date of termination, although it is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other university.

This agreement shall become effective upon completion of signatures by both universities on this, the __________ day of ______________ 2003.
In witness thereof, the responsible parties hereto offer their signatures.

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY (Virginia Tech)

[Signature]

Charles Steger, President, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, USA

AL-MINYA UNIVERSITY

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