MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES
VIRGINIA TECH
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

AND

FACULTAD DE CIENCIAS FORESTALES
UNIVERSIDAD AUSTRAL DE CHILE
CHILE

The College of Natural Resources, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (hereafter referred to as Virginia Tech), represented by its Dean and the President or Provost of Virginia Tech, and the Facultad de Ciencias Forestales, Universidad Austral de Chile represented by the Rector of the University and the Dean of the Faculty, have agreed to the following terms:

1. That this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is intended to facilitate all exchanges and cooperative initiatives between the universities in the areas of instruction, exchange, development, research, and community service.

2. That the parties recognize that implementation of any agreement will depend upon the academic interest and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources.

3. A variety of cooperative approaches shall be employed, such as:
   - Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students
   - Hosting or conducting student educational tours
   - Exchange of faculty members
   - Exchange of research personnel
   - Technical assistance and/or training
   - Exchange of scholarly and pedagogical materials
   - Joint Research
   - Other cooperative efforts as set forth in Implementing Agreements. (IA)

4. That the initial focus of this linkage agreement will be based on: GIS and Remote Sensing, Wildlife conservation, and forest Products Marketing.

5. That financial and/or funding considerations shall become the subject of specific discussion and agreement within the framework of a separate Implementing Agreement negotiated at the College/Departmental level. Opportunities exist to arrange housing once a year for visiting faculty, tuition exchanges for students, and other cost subsidies. However, no financial commitment whatever on the part of either signatory to this general document is intended or implied.
6. That specific projects to which this MOU may lead will be subject to joint and periodic evaluations by appropriate authorities within the respective universities.

7. That this MOU will be in effect for a period of five years and is subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement upon one year's notice. It is assumed that such action would be taken only after mutual consultation in order to minimize potential inconvenience to the other part to the agreement.

8. That such Memoranda of Understanding are not intended to be legally binding documents. Rather, they are meant to describe the nature and cooperative intentions of those institutions involved, and to suggest guidelines for cooperation. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor may any constraints be imposed by either upon the other.

Dean, College of Natural Resources

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Date: 21/10/2000

Dean, Facultad de Ciencias Forestales Universidad Austral de Chile

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Date: 30/8/2000

President/Provost
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

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Date: 21/10/00

Rector Universidad Austral de Chile

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Date: 7-6-2000