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   - Organization of joint research programs
   - Exchange of procedures and other publications
   - Exchange of academic information and materials
   - Joint supervision of M.S. and Ph.D. students
   - Exchange of students (undergraduate and graduate)
   - Exchange of faculty

This agreement is based on the principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of both parties.

Implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Ghent University

AND

Blackburg, Virginia, USA

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Between

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
Date
09/01/2012

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Blacksburg, VA, USA
Vice President
International Affairs
Associate Vice President for
Dr. Gunu Ghosh

Date
12/31/2012

Dr. Charles W. Steger
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