MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
and
TECHNION - ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (hereafter referred to as VIRGINIA TECH) and Technion - Israel Institute of Technology (hereafter referred to as TECHNION), believing the extension and strengthening of scientific exchange and cooperation to be of mutual value to their institutions and to the development of understanding between our peoples, hereby record their intentions to promote academic and educational exchange between their institutions through the following activities.

1. STAFF EXCHANGE
   1.1 Exchange of Academic Staff
       The two institutions may nominate their academic staff to participate in an exchange for the purpose of study or lecturing in the other institution on a reciprocal basis. The participant is subject to approval by the host institution. The period of exchange will normally be one or two semesters. The host institution will provide an institutional appointment, library and research facilities, and other assistance as far as possible. The sending institution will maintain its academic staff on full salary during the period of the exchange subject to the policies of the sending institution. The host institution will assist the visiting academic staff in locating living accommodation.

   1.2 Visiting Academic Staff
       In addition to the reciprocal exchanges, either institution may invite faculty members of the other institution for the purpose of lecturing or consultation for a specified period of time, subject to the approval of the home institution. In such cases the inviting institution makes appropriate funding arrangements agreed to in advance.

   1.3 Visiting Research Fellows
       Either institution may nominate one or more of its faculty to visit the other institution for the purpose of advanced study or research, subject to the approval of the host institution. In such cases, the sending institution will provide the Research Fellow with normal salary based on the sending institution's regulation. The host institution will provide institutional courtesies, library and research facilities, and an appropriate appointment.

2. STUDENT EXCHANGE
   2.1 Exchange of Students
       Each institution may send students, either undergraduate or graduate, to the other institution in appropriate fields of study.

   2.2 Both institutions agree that the exchange program for degree training should follow the educational system and regulations of the counterpart institution. Students from each college or faculty who apply for degree or non-degree programs shall submit their applications to the other college or faculty through their own institution.
3. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH

3.1 Cooperative research is to be encouraged as individual scholars or departments establish contact and develop mutual interests. The cost and conditions of such agreements will be negotiated individually.

4. EXCHANGE OF ACADEMIC MATERIALS

4.1 Each institution shall exchange all relevant materials, such as those relating to the library, on a regular basis. The libraries can also exchange reference materials for research purposes.

5. TERMS OF COOPERATION

5.1 The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of that activity.

5.2 Any such agreement entered into, as outlined above, will form an Appendix to this Memorandum of Understanding.

6. COORDINATION OF THE EXCHANGE

6.1 Each institution shall designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate the specific activities agreed upon.

6.2 Through these offices, either party may initiate proposals for activities and specific details of any such activities will be set forth in a letter of agreement.

7. RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

7.1 This agreement for cooperation becomes effective on the date of signature. It may be amended by agreement of the parties. It is renewed every three years without change on that date unless one party gives notice six months in advance.

7.2 For this purpose, the responsible parties will be the University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Senior Vice President of Technion - Israel Institute of Technology.

Signed on behalf of

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Dr. Charles W. Steger  
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