MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Virginia Tech)
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA
AND
THAPAR INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
PATTIALA, INDIA

Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) agree to implement this memorandum of understanding effective as of September, 2006.

This agreement is based on the principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of both parties in exchanging scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and international educational process at both the signing entities will be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective scholars and students will be increased by the establishment of such exchange programs.

1. The signing entities agree to promote of the following exchange programs based on their respective academic and educational needs:

   - Exchange of scholars (professors, lecturers, or researchers)
   - Exchange of students (undergraduate and/or graduate)
   - Summer Programs
   - Exchange of academic information and materials
   - Exchange of books, periodicals, and other publications
   - Organization of joint research programs
   - Organization of joint conferences, workshops, and symposia
   - Organization of other academic exchanges agreeable to both entities
2. The two institutions recognize that the implementation of any exchange program will depend upon the academic interests and expertise of the individuals involved and upon the availability of financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each exchange program based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both entities.

3. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing therefore shall diminish the full autonomy of either entity, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the agreement.

4. The agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both signing entities affix their signatures and seals, will be in force for a period of 5 (five) years, and is subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that either entity may terminate the agreement at any time, although is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institution.

5. For Virginia Tech, Dr. S. K. De Datta, Associate Provost for International Affairs, and for Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Dr. Abhijit Mukherjee, Institute Director, shall serve as Officers for this Agreement.

[Signatures and dates]

President
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA, USA

J.S. Neerav, Vice Chairman of the
Board of Governors of Thapar
Institute of Engineering & Technology

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Dr. S. K. De Datta
Associate Provost for International Affairs
Virginia Tech

Balcksburg, Virginia - USA

Sept. 1, 2006

Date

James A. Hyatt
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, Virginia - USA

Sept. 1, 2006

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Dr. Abhijit Mukherjee
Director - Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology