AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION AND EXCHANGE
BETWEEN
SELÇUK UNIVERSITY
AND
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY (VIRGINIA TECH)

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the Selçuk University, hereafter referred to as SU, Konya, Turkey, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, hereafter referred to as Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. Its primary objective is to facilitate the development of cooperative and collaborative efforts between SU and Virginia Tech.

The parties hereto agree as follows:

1. That this MOU is intended to facilitate all exchanges and co-operative initiatives between the universities in the areas of instruction, student exchange, curriculum development, research, and community service.

2. That the parties recognize implementation of any agreement will depend upon the academic interest and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources. Accordingly, joint institutional goals will be accomplished in accordance with separately negotiated College and Department level Implementing Agreements.

3. A variety of co-operative approaches shall be explored and these may include:
   - Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students
   - Exchange of faculty members
   - Exchange of research personnel
   - Technical assistance and/or training
   - Exchange of scholarly and pedagogical materials
   - Joint research
   - Other co-operative efforts set forth in separate Implementing Agreements.

4. The focus of this linkage agreement will be decided upon by mutual agreement.

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. No financial commitment whatsoever on the part of either signatory to this 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 from the date of signing and is subject to revision or modification by mutual 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 both parties to the agreement. Upon expiration of this agreement, it can be renewed with consent of both parties.

8. That the contact person for Virginia Tech shall be S. K. De Datta, Director of the Office of International Research, Education, and Development, and the contact person for SU shall be Abdurrahman Kutlu, Rector.

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

In witness thereof, the responsible parties hereto offer their signatures:

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND
STATE UNIVERSITY (VIRGINIA TECH)          SELÇUK UNIVERSITY

S. K. De Datta, Director, Office of International Research, Education, and Development, and Associate Dean, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Charles W. Steger, President

Abdurrahman Kutlu, Rector

[Signatures and dates]

April 14, 2003