The universities agree to encourage the development of the following exchange programs based on their respective academic and educational needs:

- Organization of other academic exchanges agreeable to both universities
- Organization of joint conferences
- Organization of joint research programs
- Exchange of periodicals and other publications
- Exchange of academic information and materials
- Joint supervision of M.S. and Ph.D. students
- Exchange of students (undergraduate and/or graduate)
- Exchange of faculty

This agreement is based on the principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of each party to implement this memorandum of understanding effective as of the date of signing.

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UNIVERSITAT BERN

AND

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(Virginia Tech)

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

BETWEEN

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
Date 10.11.2001

Ben, Switzerland
University of Bern
Refer: Dr. Martin Tunder

Date 10.10.1999

Blackburg, VA, USA
Virginia Tech
President
Dr. Charles W. Steger

5. The agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both universities sign this agreement.

4. The agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document, but serves to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing contained in this agreement shall be defined as restricting or limiting the autonomy of either institution, nor will it determine the available financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each exchange program shall be separately negotiated and determined by both universities.