AGREEMENT OF DIRECT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSIDADE DO PORTO

The Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VP&SU) and the Universidade do Porto (UP) are entering, on the basis of established contacts, into the following Agreement of Direct Cooperation for the purpose of developing joint research and educational and scientific/technical interchange. The two universities will combine their efforts and resources to further the scientific/technical growth and cultural cooperation of both nations by carrying out activities of mutual benefit in accordance with the following articles.

Article 1

Both universities will work conjunctively to advance knowledge on the methods, techniques and processes of Modern Optics. A specific objective of these activities will be to perform joint experiments in the field at the major laboratories located both in the United States of America (U.S.A.) and in Portugal.

The responsible functions of the two universities with regard to the formulation and development of the cooperation will be through a representative of the Physics Department, College of Arts and Sciences (VP&SU) designated by the President and a representative of the GRUPO de FÍSICA da Faculdade de Ciências (UP), designated by the Rector.

Participation in the activities of this cooperative agreement by other U.S.A. and Portuguese universities, organizations and agencies will be coordinated through the University of Porto for Portuguese participants and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for U.S. participants.
Article 2
Both universities also agree to the following forms of cooperation between the two institutions.
1. Joint research programs in the disciplines and fields which are the subject of mutual interest. Research programs will be undertaken in both countries.
2. Mutual exchange of faculty for the purpose of consultation as well as for research and teaching.
3. Participation in scientific/technical meetings and seminars on the invitation of the institution organizing the meeting.
4. Exchange of experiences and information in the area of teaching programs as well as in the methods and techniques used in the educational process.
5. Cooperative use of the areas of specialization of the respective institutions to advance the knowledge of their faculty and the graduate and post-graduate education of their students.

Article 3
Human, material, technological and financial resources necessary in the execution of projects to be developed under the terms of this agreement shall be provided for by the universities as appropriate and available from their own resources, or from those that may be secured jointly or individually from outside sources or entities under special agreements, especially the Bilateral USA-Portugal Agreement for Scientific Cooperation. Both institutions will provide access to their laboratories and research facilities so that the visiting faculty/researchers may become involved in meaningful projects and programs. Additionally, the institutions agree to exchange their publications, research results, and papers on a permanent and mutual basis.
Article 4
Both sides are ready to examine additional proposals concerning mutual cooperation. In addition this agreement does not exclude opportunities to introduce changes for the purpose of expanding this cooperation. Such changes may be in the form of correspondence. Any changes in the form of amendments to this agreement will be considered a part of this agreement.

Article 5
The two universities assume the responsibility of providing for mutual review evaluation, on an annual basis, of the activities developed under this agreement.

Article 6
Each university has the right to withdraw from this agreement by notification to the cooperator provided that such action does not conflict with the completion of contractual commitments entered into on a cooperative basis.

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