AGREEMENT BETWEEN

L UNIVERSITE HENRI POINCARÉ - NANCY I (FRANCE)

and

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE and STATE UNIVERSITY (USA)

2000/25

BETWEEN

UHP Université Henri Poincaré - Nancy I,
represented by its President,
and specifically its member
whose Director is

and

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Represented by its President
and specifically its department
whose Director is

it is agreed as follows:

Article 1

The aim of this agreement is to facilitate and enhance scientific and technical exchanges between the two institutions of higher education in all areas of interest to the two parties
- Participate in teaching and research
- Facilitate the reception of exchanged students and trainees

Article 2

At first step, the exchanges between the two universities will concern the following disciplines
-Wood Science and Technology
The exchanges can be extended to other scientific fields by an appropriate amendment of the agreement.

Scientific co-ordinators:
in Nancy: Pr. Xavier DEGLISE, LERMAB (Laboratory of Research on Wood Material)
in Blacksburg: Emeritus Roberts L. YOUNGS

Article 3

Both parties agree to define and carry out co-ordinated programmes of education and / or research. Therefore, both parties will exchange all documents and information related to the commonly agreed directions of education and / or research.

Article 4 FINANCES

Both parties - and particularly the concerned laboratories — shall endeavour to anticipate in their budget the necessary means for the application of the present agreement.
They will request, if appropriate, in the programme of French-American cooperation or any other true programme, the necessary means for the achievement of previously defined targets.
Both parties will regularly consult each other in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the decided agreement upon education and/or research and give a review of the finalized actions or actions in process.

Article 6

This co-operation agreement is established both in French and in English; both versions are identical in their spirit and interpretation. The present agreement is concluded for a period of 5 (five) years, eventually renewable after the agreement of the tutelage units. It will become operative:

- at the date of the signature

It may be terminated by either party with the provision of a 6 (six) month notice and provided that this will not jeopardise the completion of any ongoing programme. In any case, such a termination of the agreement should not affect the progress of ongoing programmes, for the concerned researchers and teachers.

Article 7

The present agreement will be submitted for endorsement to the appropriate University Authorities in France and in United States of America according to their own peculiar regulations. This agreement is not intended to be legally binding on either institution and shall therefore not diminish their full autonomy or impose any constraint by either upon the other. During the practice of their activities, the persons concerned by the present agreement will conform to the laws and regulations operating in the host country.

Article 8

Participants or their home institutions will provide their own medical insurance and accident insurance during their stay in the host country.

the President of Université Henri Poincaré - Nancy I
Claude BURJESS

date: 18 Dec 2001

the President of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Charles W. STEGER

date: 1/6/02

the Director of ENSTIB

Pr. P. TRIBOLOTT

date:

the Head of the Department of Wood Science and Forest Products
Paul M. WINNISTORFER

date: 2/1/02