BASIC AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
(New Zealand)
and
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(USA)

Victoria University of Wellington, represented by Professor Roy Sharp, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, represented by its President or Provost, hereby enter into an agreement for scientific and educational cooperation. This agreement is to provide for the exchange of staff, scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and educational processes at both universities would be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective staff, scholars and students would be increased by the establishment of such exchange programmes.

Article 1

The universities agree to promote the following exchange programmes, based on their respective academic and educational needs:

1. Exchange of scholars and staff
2. Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students
3. Exchange of academic information and materials
4. Joint research activities and publications
5. Participation in conferences and academic meetings
6. Other agreed academic exchanges that both universities agree to.

Article 2

The implementation of each exchange programme based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and agreed upon in writing by both universities. Any such exchange programme entered into, as outlined above, will form appendices to this basic agreement.

Article 3

The exchange programmes as mentioned in Article 2 are not intended to be legally binding documents. They are meant to describe the nature and suggest the guidelines for the exchange programme. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other carrying out the agreement.
Article 4

Both universities shall designate a programme officer to develop and coordinate the specific programmes agreed upon.

Article 5

This agreement will be in force for three years and is subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement at any time, although it is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultations in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institution.

Article 6

This agreement shall become effective on the day when the representatives of both universities affix their signatures to the agreement, in accordance with their own regulations.

For Victoria University of Wellington For Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Profesor Roy Sharp Charles W. Steger
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