

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



between

Isfahan University of Technology (Iran) Represented by Dr. S.M. Modarres Hashemi Rector,

#### and

the Université de Valenciennes et du Hainaut-Cambrésis, France Le Mont Houy, F-59313 Valenciennes Cedex 9, Represented by Professor Mohamed OURAK, President.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In light of the cooperative agreements between Iran and France and the legal and regulatory measures governing higher education in both countries, and convinced of the need to encourage and reinforce cooperation and information exchanges, improve research and teaching programs, and facilitate exchanges of teachers, researchers, staff and students; as well as the necessity of establishing and supporting regular institutional relationships in their specific domains of competence, notably scientific and cultural, the contracting parties have agreed to the following:

#### Article 1: PURPOSE

The goal of this cooperative agreement is to improve the level of scientific inquiry and instruction offered at both institutions, as well as to promote and strengthen the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding between the two institutions in particular and the populations of their respective countries in general.

### **Article 2: CONDITIONS OF IMPLEMENTATION**

This memorandum of understanding constitutes an agreement on the general principles governing the relationship between the two parties. The details of implementation will be defined in specific addenda to this memorandum.

The present memorandum concerns the cooperation between the two institutions in terms of research, higher education, organization and university management.

This cooperation may take the following forms:

- participation in common research projects,
- mutual participation in international projects related to institutional cooperation,

• organization of study groups, seminars and courses in the domains governed by this memorandum

- exchanges of information, documentation and scientific publications,
- Exchanges of students/ researchers,
- co-supervision of doctoral students.

Any addendum to this memorandum may only take effect after validation by the signatory institutions.

The exchange and distribution of publications and the exchange and use of diverse pedagogical documents, audio-visual resources and computer–related materials will respect the regulatory measures in effect in each of the countries concerned, notably copyright and intellectual property laws.

### **Article 3: FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**

The signatory institutions will petition through other agreements or international partnerships the financial means necessary. If such financial means are not obtained, the institutions should, if possible, allocate the funds needed to implement the present memorandum in their individual university budgets.

At the end of each academic year, both institutions will compile financial statements, which will be submitted to the signing parties at each institution.

#### Article 4: VALIDITY, DURATION, MODIFICATION AND EXPIRATION

Four (4) exemplars of this memorandum of understanding will be established, two for each signatory institution (English and French). After approval by the competent authorities, the memorandum will enter into effect for a duration of five (5) years, renewable after discussion.

This memorandum can be revoked at any moment, by either of the signatory institutions, given a 6month notice of this decision.

Any addendum or amendment to the present memorandum must be submitted for ratification by the titulary authorities.

## For the Université de Valenciennes et du Hainaut-Cambrésis

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# For the Isfahan University of Technology

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