



GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION

between

Riga Technical University

and

Universidad Austral de Chile

In Valdivia, on 26/05/2014. Riga Technical University, represented by its Rector, Prof., Dr. habil. sc. Ing. Leonīds Ribickis, based in Riga, Republic of Latvia, Kalku str. 1, LV – 1658, and Universidad Austral de Chile, represented on behalf of its Rector Dr. Victor Cubillos Godoy, based in Valdivia, Republic of Chile, Calle Independencia N° 641, sign this General Agreement for Academic Cooperation based on the headings set out below:

1: THE PARTIES

- 1.- The Riga Technical University, hereinafter referred to as 'RTU', is an institution of Higher Education, that aims to the cultural and material progress of society through the under graduate and post graduate education and research.
- 2.- Universidad Austral de Chile, hereinafter referred to as 'UACH', is a Corporation under Private Law and a nonprofit institution of Higher Education. Its mission is to contribute to the cultural and material progress of society through the generation and diffusion of scientific and humanistic knowledge, technological advances, and artistic creations, in accordance with the University's historical traditions and the region and country's requirements for sustainable development.



2. LEGAL BODY

1. The legal body of the Rector of Universidad Austral de Chile, Victor Cubillos Godoy, to act as legal representative is laid down in the Record or the Extraordinary Session of the Higher University Council from June 18, 2010, registered as legal title on July 2, 2010 through notarial act N° 2696-2010 by notary Carmen Podlech Michaud.

2. The legal body of the Rector of Riga Technical University, Prof., Dr. habil. sc. Ing. Leonīds Ribickis, to act as legal representative is laid down in the Constitution of Riga Technical University (promulgated by law of 29 December 1997 "On Constitution of Riga Technical University") and in the Cabinet order No 32 of 27 January 2011, whereby Prof., Dr. habil. sc. Ing. Leonīds Ribickis is approved as the Rector of Riga Technical University by February 2, 2011.

3: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

UACH and RTU recognize that they have areas of common interest and similar aims for academic, scientific, cultural and institutional development. Thus, the parties consider that it is relevant and appropriate to engage in mutual cooperation in these areas in order to facilitate the achievement of the proposed objectives.

4: PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT.

UACH and RTU agree to carry out direct academic collaborations in the areas of research, teaching and the exchange of academic staff, graduate and undergraduate students. Additionally, the institutions aim to cooperate administratively to guide and develop the collaborative activities and to define appropriate procedures for cultural cooperation between both universities.

5: SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF COOPERATION

UACH and RTU will collaborate in the following areas:

1.- Exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students.



- 2.- Exchange of academic staff for continuing education and/or the development of teaching, study or research activities.
- 3.- Organization of conferences, training sessions and joint meetings.
- 4.- Joint scientific research projects, especially in the architectural and urban planning studies.
- 5.- Exchange of publications, academic materials and other information.

In accordance with this framework, the parties state their intention of developing collaboration activities related to the general purpose of this agreement as set out under the third heading.

6: IMPLEMENTATION

To implement the activities identified under the fourth heading, each mutually identified and agreed upon activity shall be covered by a separate Academic plan. These plans will provide the base for specific terms and conditions under which the activities shall be undertaken under the terms of this Memorandum.

7: STUDENT EXCHANGE

The parties agree to organize and facilitate student exchanges through specific Agreements, in accordance with the provisions stipulated under the preceding heading, and will include, at least the following provisions:

- 1.- Student exchange will be for a period of one or two semesters and the number of exchange students to be received by each party will be determined by mutual agreement between the two institutions.
- 2.- Each Institution will be responsible for proposing suitably qualified candidates for the student exchange program in accordance with the enrolment requirements of the host Institution, which will ensure maximum flexibility to resolve any problems in relation to the current requirements of the receiving country.
- 3.- The exchange students will be enrolled at the host institution with all current rights and obligations. They must have an adequate knowledge of the host country's language in order to achieve the objectives of their stay.



4.- Exchange students will be exempt from university tuition fees at the host university. However, each student will be responsible for their own travel and living expenses, as well as insurance and any other personal expenses during the period of the exchange. All students which apply to be received by the UACH must pay a registration fee. The amount of this specific fee will be stipulated annually and informed previous to the application.

8: EXCHANGE OF ACADEMIC STAFF

The parties agree that for the exchange of academic staff of the universities, specific Agreements, in accordance with the fifth heading, will be drawn up and signed by both parties. These Agreements will contain the following provisions:

- 1.- For academic exchanges, the parties will undertake to identify candidates that are suitable to perform the activities outlined in the present agreement, following procedures established for this purpose.
- 2.- Unless otherwise agreed between by both institutions, academic staff that participate in the exchange program will not incur any employment relationship with the host institution. Thus under all circumstances the employment relationship of the academic staff will remain with the University of origin.
- 3.- The parties agree to provide appropriate conditions for the exchange academic staff to allow the correct development of agreed activities.
- 4.- Exchange academic staff will be responsible for their living costs while at the host institution.

9: COORDINATION

To facilitate development of the agreement and ensure its proper implementation each institution will facilitate communication between academic units and aid in evaluations of the activities carried out. Therefore contact person from both parties shall be nominated. From Universidad Austral de Chile: Prof. Mg. Roberto Martínez Kraushaar (email: rmartinezk@uach.cl) and from Riga Technical University, Head of International Institutional Cooperation Unit: Juris Iljins (email: Juris.iljins@rtu.lv).



10: ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION

This Memorandum shall become effective upon its signing by both parties for a period of five years and will be renewable for equal and successive periods, if neither party expresses in writing its intention to terminate the Memorandum at least three months before the current period expires.

11: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Memorandum or specific plans annexed to the Memorandum will be resolved through direct negotiation with a harmonious relationship maintained between the parties.

12: COPIES


This agreement will be signed in 4 copies with the same content for each party, 2 in English and 2 in Spanish

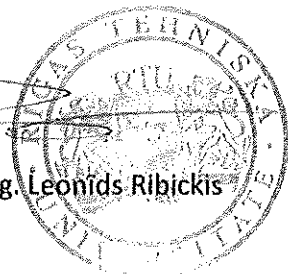

Dr. Víctor Cubillos
Rector



Universidad Austral de Chile

Valdivia, __ / __ / __


Prof. Dr. habil. sc. ing. Leonids Ribickis
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Riga, 26 / 06 / 11

