

LETTER OF INTENT

Between

The Department of Engineering Science & Mechanics
The Pennsylvania State University
Of the United States of America

And

The Department of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics
The Sumy State University
Rimsky-Korsakov St. 2, 40007, Ukraine

Both the Department of Engineering Science & Mechanics (ESM) at The Pennsylvania State University and the Department of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics, The Sumy State University, Rimsky-Korsakov St. 2, 40007, Ukraine intend to establish ties of friendship and cooperation for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding and academic, cultural, and personnel exchange.

Article 1

Both organizations agree to consult on the possibilities of the exchange of teaching and research personnel. Exchanges will be from any applicable branch of learning, and the time for each exchange to stay at the host organization could range from one week to one year, as agreed to by both organizations on a case-by-case basis.

Article 2

Each organization may nominate one or more of its staff members to visit the other organization for the purpose of teaching, research, or advanced study. Any contributions by the host institution in support of salary and benefits shall be made directly to the home institutions rather than directly to the individual faculty member.

Article 3

The host organization will provide study and research privileges equivalent to those available to resident staff. Exchange staff are expected to study and work according to a mutually agreed upon plan for professional improvement and research. Specific arrangements for special facilities, laboratories, and the like will be agreed upon in advance by the two organizations. This letter covers only research cooperation, and does not cover the generation of intellectual property.

Article 4

Both organizations will attempt to develop an exchange of appropriate books and reference materials. Both organizations will explore possibilities for exchanging books and reference materials published in their respective countries.

Article 5

Exchange personnel must abide by the laws of the host country and the rules and regulations of the host organization. Each of the cooperating universities will assist its guest scholars, to the fullest extent possible, in obtaining visas and other documents required by the government of the host country.

Article 6

Nothing in this Letter of Intent shall be construed as creating any legal or financial relationships between the parties. This agreement will be construed only as a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial academic collaboration.

Article 7

Both institutions are committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by university policy or by state or federal authorities. Both institutions do not discriminate against any person because of age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The Pennsylvania State University and the Sumy State University, shall abide by these principles in the administration of this Letter of Intent, and neither institution shall impose criteria for the exchange of scholars which would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

Article 8

All projects entered upon as a result of this Letter are subject to joint and periodic evaluation by the appropriate authorities of both universities. This Letter is effective on the date of signing for a period of five years and may not be renewed although it may be replaced by a more specific program related Memorandum of Agreement as appropriate. Both institutions have the right to initiate a termination of this relationship with a minimum of six months' notice.

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