

## INTER-INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT

### FOR

#### CoHEMIS (Center for Hemispherical Cooperation in Research and Education in Engineering and Applied Science) CONSORTIUM

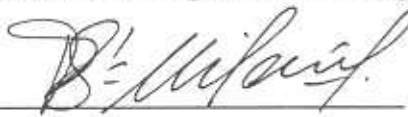
The Mayagüez Campus of the University of Puerto Rico, herein represented by its Rector and *the Université Quisqueya (UniQ)*, herein represented by its Rector, are interested in a hemispheric science and technology enhancement initiative for the purpose of and in accordance with the following:

1. The initiative, identified as "CoHemis Consortium", will receive the active cooperation of the University of Puerto Rico's Mayagüez Campus and of the Université Quisqueya (UniQ), referred to hereon as "Consortium university", as well as other institutions as may be necessary to successfully implement the program objectives defined in the following section.
2. The major objectives of this program are:
  - 2.1 Increase the global competitiveness of Western Hemisphere industries;
  - 2.2 Increase the number and quality of Hispanic-American / Caribbean Engineering and Applied Science Ph.D.'s;
  - 2.3 Enhance the technological capabilities of Latin America and the Caribbean and hence their social, economic and commercial development;
  - 2.4 Foster the protection of the hemisphere's environment and resources;
  - 2.5 Increase the awareness of high priority regional problems among researchers;
  - 2.6 Support to the extent possible the Mayagüez Campus' Center for Hemispherical Cooperation in Research and Education in Engineering and Applied Science (CoHemis) in its mission stimulating, organizing and facilitating joint applied research, technology assessment, and human resources development programs to serve the needs of the Americas with the participation on engineering and science researchers and graduate students from the different countries of the hemisphere;
  - 2.7 Identify areas in science and technology in which the faculty and facilities of the two institutions complement each other to make it feasible to conduct joint research and technology assessment projects which are expected to produce results with potential benefits for more than one country in the Western Hemisphere in a relatively short term with the participation of CoHemis visiting researchers and students;

- 2.8 Seek financial support for such projects from diverse national and international sources; and
- 2.9 Develop program for faculty and graduate student information exchange, and for training and research to support the type of projects defined in section 2.6 above.
3. The University of Puerto Rico's Mayagüez Campus, through CoHemis, will support the Consortium in the following ways:
  - 3.1 Facilitate visiting professorships and sabbaticals by consortium university faculty in Latin America and Caribbean institutions and industry;
  - 3.2 Seek to provide CoHemis assistantships to the consortium university's graduate students doing dissertation work in applied research of hemispherical interest either at CoHemis or at the consortium university;
  - 3.3 Facilitate institutional and professional relations and exchange of faculty and students between the consortium university and universities and research centers in Latin America and the Caribbean;
  - 3.4 Enable the consortium university's faculty to conduct joint research of hemispherical interest at the Mayagüez Campus CoHemis researchers and graduate students by means of short periodic visits; and
  - 3.5 Provide facilities, communications, infrastructure and support for CoHemis.
4. The Université Quisqueya (UniQ) will support the Consortium in the following ways:
  - 4.1 Attempt to locate or grant assistantships for CoHemis students qualifying for admission to the Université Quisqueya (UniQ) after completion of their M.S. degree at the Mayagüez Campus;
  - 4.2 Attempt to locate or grant fellowships for Mayagüez Campus faculty qualifying for admission to the Université Quisqueya (UniQ) as graduate students;
  - 4.3 Co-sponsor conferences or other activities, either at CoHemis, the consortium university's premises or in Latin America and the Caribbean, through CoHemis' hemispherical network of collaborators;
  - 4.4 When possible, provide access to its research facilities to CoHemis researchers and graduate students; and
  - 4.5 Collaborate with CoHemis in reviewing technical information from Latin America and Caribbean countries and in evaluating research proposals.

- 5. The Mayagüez Campus and the Université Quisqueya (UniQ) will sustain a continuous exchange of information on relevant projects and results.
- 6. General Dispositions:
  - 6.1 The present memorandum of understanding will not be interpreted as creating legal or financial relationships between the parties. This memorandum of understanding constitutes a declaration of intentions aiming promote interactions in matters of collaborative research and graduate education expected to increase the well-being of the countries of the Americas. Nothing agreed upon in here will affect the rights of both parties to enter in similar agreements with other insitutions.
  - 6.2 Each institution designates one representative to be liaison in the activities resulting from this agreement. The representative from the Mayagüez Campus of the University of Puerto Rico will be *Dr. Luis F. Pumarada*, CoHemis' Director. The representative from Université Quisqueya will be **Ing. Ernst LARAQUE, Dean, School of Sciences, Engineering and Architecture**
  - 6.3 The agreement may be amended at any time after the written consent of both parties; and
  - 6.4 This constitutes the entire understanding between the Mayagüez Campus and the Université Quisqueya (UniQ) as sponsors of the CoHemis Consortium. This agreement may be amended or terminated by mutual agreement of the sponsors.

In testimony of which the authorized representatives of the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus and the Université Quisqueya (UniQ) sign this Inter-Institutional Agreement accepting all of its elements.

  
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 Université Quiqueya (UniQ)

  
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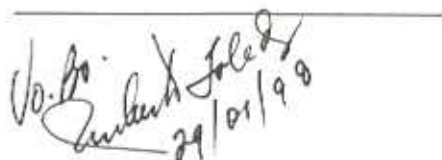
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