

Agreement
between
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
and
St. Petersburg State University

**Управление
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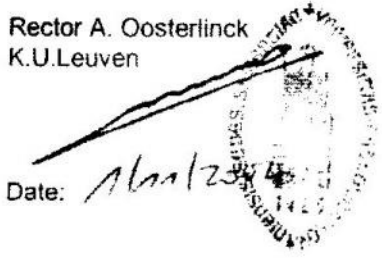
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and **St. Petersburg State University** agree on the following in order to develop and promote academic cooperation between the two universities:

1. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven agrees to include **St. Petersburg State University** in the selective group of preferential partner universities in Central and Eastern Europe for its Selective Bilateral Agreement Programme for Central and Eastern Europe.
2. Partner universities in the Selective Bilateral Agreement Programme for Central and Eastern Europe have the right to propose candidates for the doctoral grant programme. In this doctoral grant programme, every year a maximum of 10 new grants will be attributed to Central and Eastern European students. The selection of the candidates will be done by a K.U.Leuven Commission supervising the Selective Bilateral Agreement Programme. Competition will be on the basis of a full application file with description of the doctoral project and selection will be conditional to the availability of a promotor for the Ph.D. thesis at the K.U.Leuven. The final doctoral degree will be conveyed by the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, although in exceptional cases parts of the research by the grantees may also be conducted at their home institution.
3. After each year of study that same Commission will evaluate the activities of the students who are already at the K.U.Leuven in order to decide on the prolongation of their grant. The number of years a regular Ph.D. student needs to complete his or her doctoral studies is four to five at the most. Candidates should, therefore, be prepared to stay in Leuven for a corresponding number of years. The first year may be a predoctoral year with a final admission test, depending on faculty prerequisites.
4. K.U.Leuven is providing a grant of EUR 1,085/month to the grantees to cover living expenses, an installation allowance of EUR 459 upon first arrival and shipping expenses up to EUR 248. Grantees are exempt from tuition fee. K.U.Leuven takes care of their health insurance and third party liability insurance. For grantees with accompanying partner the grant is EUR 1,332 /month. If they have more than one accompanying child the grant is EUR 1,456/month. In case of a predoctoral year the monthly allowance is reduced to EUR 744 (EUR 992 with partner, and EUR 1,116 with partner and more than one child).
5. **St. Petersburg State University** is prepared to go through a selection procedure of its own to accept a student or researcher from the K.U.Leuven for a period of study or research, during which suitable accommodation will be made available. Within a period of three years the possibilities for reciprocity in the exchange between the two parties will be looked into.
6. All activities shall be carried out through mutual consultation between the two universities. The time scheme set for this consultation ideally is as follows:

September to December	Selection by sending institution
31 December	Final date for submission of application
January to February	Review of applications by receiving institution
March	Interview by K.U.Leuven staff with prospective students, if needed
April	Final selection by receiving institution
May to August	Administrative procedures: visa, etc.
September	Earliest start of the study or research period abroad.

Rector A. Oosterlinck
K.U.Leuven

Date: *April 23 2004*



Rector Ludmila A. Verbitskaja
St. Petersburg State University

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