## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

## FRIEDRICH-SCHILLER-UNIVERSITÄT JENA (GERMANY) and

## **ST.PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY (RUSSIA)**

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The Rector of St.Petersburg State University and the Rector of Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, being convinced that cooperation between the two schools will promote the development of research and other academic activities in each school, hereby agree to encourage academic cooperation in the fields of mutual interest through appropriate means as follows:

- Exchange of students and faculty members, trainees, and post-graduates;
- Development of joint research programs;
- Exchange of academic information, materials and publications;
- Development of advanced teaching methodology;
- Other

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Both universities agree that at the initial stage the most effective form of cooperation will be direct initiatives and connections between the two parties in particular fields, based on personal and departmental interests, in a form adapted to the needs of the parties, and in accordance with the rules and standards of each university.

The parties will start cooperation and negotiations at the level of faculties/departments in 2004/2005, and will sign a long-term Agreement on Cooperation as soon as the programs of cooperation in at least three areas of mutual interest are worked out.

The already existing cooperation between departments of Political Science, Philosophy, Physics and Chemistry is acknowledged as the basis for future cooperation.

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Both universities will do their utmost to seek financing of joint activities from sources available to them. Each side will do its utmost to make university accommodation available to visiting faculty and students.

For the realization of the activities mentioned above, a complete Working Program for a specified period of time will be drawn up and signed as an integral part of the Agreement on Cooperation between the two universities. The Working Program will contain themes of joint research, joint educational programs, conditions of realization of joint programs and academic exchange, and organizational details. Both universities agree that financial arrangements to cover all expenses, including research material. international and domestic travel, per diem, honoraria, and all other costs will be determined on a case-by-case basis and indicated in the Program.

This Memorandum will be effective from the date of signing by authorized representatives of each university. This Memorandum is to be executed in two official copies in English. one original copy for each university.

Date: 26.04.2004

Prof. Ludmila A. Verbitskaya

Rector

St.Petersburg State University

Date: 26.04.2004

Prof.Dr. Kark-Ulrich Meyn

Rector

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