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**BASIC AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND
EDUCATIONAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN**

**ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY,
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

AND

**THE UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN,
THE NETHERLANDS**

The St. Petersburg State University, represented by Prof. L.A. Verbitskaya, Rector, and the University of Groningen, represented by Dr. S.K. Kuipers, President, hereby enter into an agreement for scientific and educational co-operation. This agreement is a continuation of the agreement first signed by both institutions on 2 March 1993.

This agreement is to provide for the exchange of staff, scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and educational processes at both universities would be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective staff, scholars and students would be increased by such joint cooperation projects.

Article 1

The universities agree to promote the following exchange programmes and projects, based on their respective academic and educational needs:

1. Exchange of scholars and staff.
2. Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students.
3. Exchange of academic information and materials.
4. Joint research activities and publications.
5. Participation in conferences and academic meetings.
6. Other academic exchanges that both universities agree to.

Article 2

The implementation of each exchange programme or joint project based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and agreed upon in writing by both universities. Any such exchange programme entered into, as outlined above, will form appendixes to this basic agreement and shall be carried out subject to the availability of funds.

Article 3

In each project proposal concerning the exchange of staff and/or student, arrangements for the following items will always be included, not withholding the liberty of parties to include other arrangements:

- duration of the joint cooperation project and/or the period of exchange
- number of staff members and/or students involved
- specific goal of the project and tasks of the person(s) involved
- budget

Article 4

The exchange programmes as mentioned in Article 2, are not intended to be legally binding documents. They are meant to describe the nature and suggest the guidelines of the exchange programme. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other carrying out the agreement.

Article 5

Academic staff exchanged under this agreement will be accorded appropriate visiting status in the other institution. They will be provided board and lodging as far as described in the joint cooperation projects.

Article 6

All staff and students exchanged under this agreement must be covered by adequate medical insurance; each institution will hold the other indemnified against any costs incurred through ill health or accidental injury of such staff or students and against any damage of the property of the other caused by the willful or negligent action of such staff or students.

Article 7


Both universities shall designate a programme officer to develop and co-ordinate the specific programmes agreed upon.

Article 8


This agreement shall become effective from the moment it has been signed by both parties and remain valid for an indefinite period, subject to review by both institutions every 3 years. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement at any time, giving the other not less than 6 months notice of its wish to terminate, in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institution.

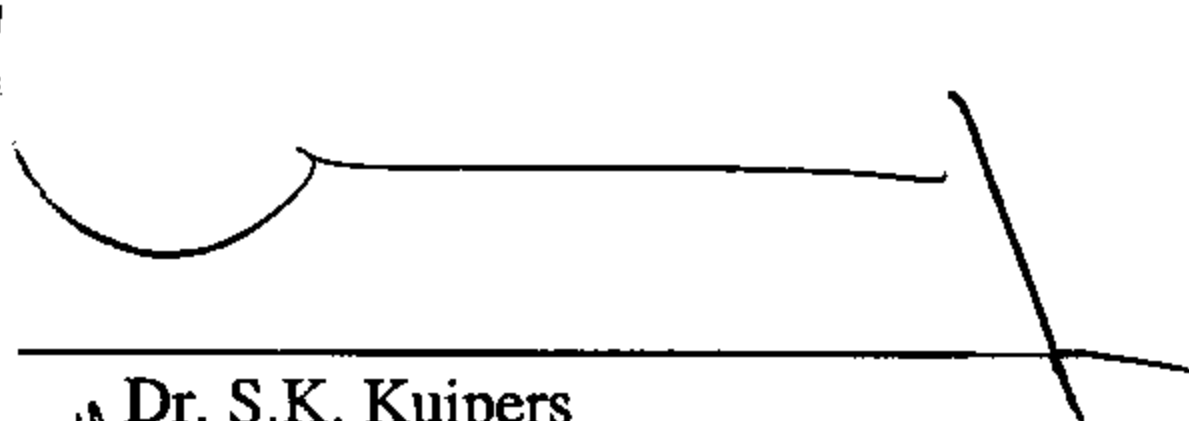
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