

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
SAINT PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY, RUSSIAN FEDERATION
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND**

Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Federation, and the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, ("the Universities"), desire to develop academic exchange and co-operation in teaching and research and hereby agree to promote, facilitate and implement co-operation according to the terms below.

This agreement cancels and replaces the *Convention de coopération entre l'Université de Lausanne et l'Université de Saint-Pétersbourg* signed on 11 December 1989, as well as the *Avenant à la Convention de coopération entre l'Université de Lausanne, Suisse, et l'Université de Saint-Pétersbourg, Fédération de Russie*, signed on 1 May 2012, and its extension through the Letter of Agreement signed on 26 July 2016.

1. Areas of Cooperation

The Universities agree that the objectives of this Memorandum are:

- a) The exchange of information and academic materials,
- b) Visits by and exchange of research and teaching staff,
- c) Visits by and exchange of students,
- d) Development of collaborative research projects,
- e) Organisation of joint academic activities, such as lectures, seminars, conferences and courses.

2. Implementation and Funding

If necessary, specific details of any activity shall be set forth in a written addendum. The Universities acknowledge that in the absence of any provision to the contrary, all expenses of salary, travel, accommodation, health and accident insurances, living and other related costs will be the responsibility of the visitor himself or herself.

3. Duration and Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective for five years from the date of the last signature, and will be renewed automatically for successive five-year periods. It may be amended by the Universities' written mutual consent at any time, any amendment becoming immediately part of the present Memorandum of Understanding. However, it may also be terminated by either party giving six months' prior notice to the other party in writing. In the event of termination, all activities and exchanges approved earlier shall be allowed to proceed to their natural conclusion. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding entails the termination of all the addenda pursuant to art. 2, at the conditions mentioned above.

4. Litigation

Any dispute arising under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding which can not be resolved by the Universities shall be referred to an independent mediator to be approved by both institutions.

In witness thereof, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

**SAINT PETERSBURG STATE
UNIVERSITY**


Sergey Andryushin
Vice-Rector for International Affairs

Place and date

UNIVERSITY OF LAUSANNE


Prof. Nouria Hernandez
Rector

Place and date



Lausanne, 16 April 2018