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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
SAINT PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY, RUSSIA
and
FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN, GERMANY
on the extension of the project
“GERMAN –RUSSIAN INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE CENTER”

Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education “**Saint-Petersburg State University**” (hereinafter referred to as SPbU), duly represented by its Vice Rector for International Affairs Sergey Andryushin, acting under the proxy № 28-21-503 issued 26.12.2018, on the one part,

and

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany (hereinafter referred to as FUB), duly represented by its Vice President for International Affairs Verena Blechinger-Talcott, on the other part, hereinafter together referred to as the “Parties” and solely to as the “Party”, enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) and agree to the following:

Taking into account the excellent results of the center of excellence “German-Russian Interdisciplinary Science Center” (G-RISC) since 2009, intending to strengthen the cooperation in the area of natural sciences between the parties, contributing to the strategic partnership between FUB and SPbU, expressing the strong will to continue, develop, and contribute to G-RISC project, the Parties have reached the following understanding:

1. Purpose of the MoU

1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding is an expression of the intent of both Parties to sign a cooperation agreement between SPbU, FUB, and the German Academic

Exchange Service (DAAD) on continuing the "German-Russian Interdisciplinary Science Center" project for the next planned period starting from August 01, 2019 for up to five years.

1.2. This Memorandum of Understanding is to agree, that both Parties will contribute in kind and financially including own resources and resources of third funding organizations to further develop G-RISC.

1.2.1. SPbU intends to support G-RISC with up to 35,000 EUR annually from August 01, 2019 until July 31, 2022 to support academic and scientific mobility to and from and events in Saint Petersburg. SPbU intends to support G-RISC also after July 31, 2022 for the remaining two years of the second project period lasting until July 31, 2024. However, SPbU will commit herself bindingly to further contributions only after signing an according supplementary financial protocol prior to July 31, 2022.

1.2.2. FUB intends to support G-RISC with up to 35,000 EUR annually from August 01, 2019 until July 31, 2024 to support academic and scientific mobility to and from and events in Berlin.

1.3. Continuing G-RISC under this Memorandum of Understanding may include as well but is not limited to:

- Develop joint proposals and jointly attract third party funding;
- Separately apply to national funding organizations;
- Define and provide in kind as well as financial contributions during preparation the continuation of G-RISC as well as during the next possible project phase;
- Support joint research projects and academic mobility, necessary to prepare the continuation of G-RISC;
- Provision of administrative and other necessary support.

2. Duration and Termination of the MoU

2.1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature, and will remain effective for five (5) years or until an agreement on continuing G-RISC is signed. It can be prolonged by further mutual agreement. SPbU will come up with a draft for a supplementary financial protocol determining SPbU contributions from August 01, 2022 until July 31, 2024 prior to July 31, 2022.

2.2. Any changes to the Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to the written consent of both Parties.

2.3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice of its intention at least six months prior to termination. Such termination will be without prejudice to any ongoing projects and programs in development.

3. Final Provisions

3.1. Should any dispute or disagreement arise between the Parties connected with or concerning the Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall first try to resolve the dispute by negotiations. If the dispute has not been resolved by such negotiations within 30 days since the dispute arose, the Parties shall be free to submit the dispute to a court of the respondent's place of business. The applicable law is law of the country where the questionable commitment arose.

3.2. Both Parties shall not use names and logos of the other Party without its prior consent, if it is not directly related to the performance of obligations under this Memorandum of Understanding.

3.3. Two copies of this Memorandum of Understanding are signed in English language, all versions with the same content and validity. One copy in English for each Party.

3.4. The contact persons and the coordinators of the cooperation are:

3.4.1. Natalia Taranova, Head of the International Research & Technology Department, tel.: +7-812-324-0888, e-mail n.taranova@spbu.ru.

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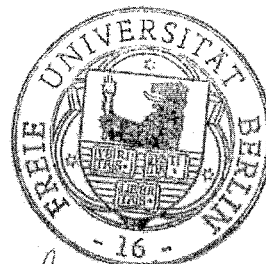


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Vice Rector for International Affairs

Date: 10.10.2019

On behalf of
Freie Universität Berlin



VERENA BLECHINGER-TALCOTT

Vice President for International Affairs

Date: 09.10.2019