MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

UNIVERSITÉ FRANÇOIS-RABELAIS DE TOURS, FRANCE

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FRANÇOIS - RABELAIS
TOURS

and

ANNA UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI, INDIA

EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS
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Université François-Rabelais de Tours, France
60, rue du Plat d’Étain, BP 12050 - 37020 Tours Cedex 1, France

and

Anna University, Chennai, INDIA
Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai 600 025, INDIA.

WHEREAS,

The Université François-Rabelais de Tours is a decisively European university that has established its campaign of actions within the Europe 2020 strategy, which aims to develop “smart, sustainable and inclusive growth”. Through its higher education and research missions, the Université François-Rabelais de Tours plays a key role in research development and in raising the scientific, cultural and professional capacities of as many individuals as possible.

Open to the world, the Université François-Rabelais de Tours privileges cooperation and exchanges by actively participating in the establishment of the European Higher Education and Research Area that stems from the Bologna Process.

WHEREAS,

Anna University was established on 4th September 1978 as a unitary type of University. It offers higher education in Engineering, Technology and allied Sciences relevant to the current and projected needs of the society. Besides promoting research and disseminating knowledge gained there from, it fosters cooperation between the academic and industrial communities. The University was formed by bringing together and integrating two well-known technical institutions in the city of Madras. College of Engineering, Guindy (CEG) (1794), Madras Institute of Technology, Chrompet (MIT) (1949) and three Technological Departments of the University of Madras, Alagappa College of Technology (ACT) (1944), School of Architecture and Planning (SAP) (1957). From December 2001, it has become a large, highly renowned affiliated University.

The signatories agree:

ARTICLE 1: Common Shared Vision

1. Signatories of this agreement share the following common vision: the promotion and Enhancement of the dissemination of knowledge in order to provide society with superbly trained professional engineers, and in the creation of knowledge through the scholarly research activities of its faculty, staff and students in order to provide society with the vitally needed highly qualified personnel.

2. Signatories of this agreement agree in principle to establish for themselves a preferential Institutional partner status.
ARTICLE 2: Responsible offices

Université François-Rabelais de Tours, France and Anna University, Chennai agree to appoint an overall coordinator for the administration. The coordinator will serve as the contact person on campus, being responsible for arrangements associated with visits, ensuring that necessary approvals are in place and the general welfare of the students/faculty.

ARTICLE 3: Commitment of the signatories

Université François-Rabelais de Tours, France and Anna University, Chennai commit themselves to work together in a collaborative, collegial relationship of mutual benefit with the contribution of complementary skills and resources towards the common shared vision.

3.1. Student exchange programme

3.1.1. Université François-Rabelais de Tours, France and Anna University, Chennai would offer opportunities to undergraduate and postgraduate students from the partner institution to carry out projects in their own laboratories.

3.1.2. Université François-Rabelais de Tours, France and Anna University, Chennai agree in principle to intake in the regular curriculum undergraduate and postgraduate students from the partner institution for one semester or one year. The exchange of students concerns all academic teaching areas at Anna University, with the exception of XXX, and all the Faculties at UFRT, with the exception of the Faculty of Medicine and International research Master Degrees taught in English at Polytech Tours. For these Master programs, specific agreements may be negotiated case by case.

3.1.3. Each home institution will send up to 4 full-time equivalents to the host institution each academic year or up to 8 students for one semester. The exact number of students might be negotiated by the two institutions on an annual basis. In any given year, the number of students hosted can vary, so as to maintain a reasonable balance in the exchange.

3.1.4. Proposals for students must be done in advance and agree upon with sufficient notice to both parties. Both institutions reserve the right to make final judgement on the admissibility of each nominated student.

3.1.5. The home institution will be responsible for screening and selecting students, subject to acceptance by the host institution.
3.1.6. The host institution will assist the students to obtain housing and with other matters of hospitality, but is not obliged to provide financial assistance of any kind.

3.1.7. Participating students shall be responsible for obtaining their own visas and completing the required immigration formalities.

3.1.8. Students participating to the programme will pay appropriate tuition fees at their home institution during the period at the host institution. They will also pay for all personal expenses at the host institution, including visa, housing, travel, meals and health insurance. Students will not be required to pay any tuition fees at the host Institution, unless agreed upon in advance or otherwise noted in specific student exchange agreements.

3.2. Faculty exchange programme
The agreement also envisions co-operation for faculty exchange through deputation for short term assignments spread over not more than a year in areas mutually identified.

3.3. Other activities
The above-mentioned activities are not exclusive; other may be considered, such as:
- Joint projects,
- Collaborative research activities, including joint supervision of doctoral students,
- Joint academics programs,
- Other areas of mutual interest.
When relevant, the above-mentioned activities will be described in a specific document.

ARTICLE 4: Administrative provisions

1. Terms and termination
This agreement will become effective upon signing and shall be effective for five (5) years and may be renewed by mutual consent, after approval by the relevant authorities.

Either institution could terminate the agreement at any time through written notice sent to the other institution expressing their desire to terminate the agreement with six (6) months prior notice without prejudice over activities previously agreed that in that time are being developed.

2. Modification
This agreement may be modified and signed by the two parties.
ARTICLE 5: Legal Effect

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is not intended to impose any legal obligation whatsoever on either parties, but not limited to an obligation to bargain in good faith. The parties do not intend to be bound by any agreement until both agree to and sign a definitive written contract. Neither party can rely on any promises inconsistent to this paragraph. This paragraph supersedes all other conflicting terms.

For and on behalf of
Anna University
CHENNAI, INDIA

Mr. Sunil Paliwal, I.A.S.
Chairperson
Convener Committee

Prof. S. Ganesan
Registrar

Prof. N. Rajendran
Director
Centre for International Affairs

For and on behalf of
Université François-Rabelais de Tours
FRANCE

Prof. Philippe Vendrix
The President

Date: 15 JAN. 2018