

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, ANKARA, TURKEY

AND

GÖTEBORG UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

The purpose of this Agreement of Cooperation is to promote cooperation between Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey (METU) and Göteborg University, Sweden (GU).

Agreements of cooperation between individual schools, faculties and departments may be attached to it. The agreements will be signed by appropriate officers of the units and will specify details of the cooperation.

AREAS OF COOPERATION

By signing this Agreement the two universities indicate their willingness to encourage cooperation and direct contact between schools/faculties and departments through

- exchange of students,
- exchange of staff and faculty,
- joint research activities
- exchange of publications, reports and other academic information and
- other activities as mutually agreed

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and agreed upon with due regard to the availability of funds and other resources. Specific details for the implementation of activities will be developed mutually for each particular project.

STUDENT EXCHANGES

- Student exchanges will take place on a reciprocal basis where tuition fees are waived by the host university.
- A maximum of two students from METU and two students from GU may participate in the exchange each year. The liaison officers of the two universities will review the agreement annually to determine any imbalance in the number of exchange students and, if necessary, adjust the number of students in the following year to maintain a reasonable balance in the exchange.
- The period of study will be for one or two semesters. Official transcripts of grades will be given to students who are enrolled in the host institution for a full semester.
- The selection of students and the courses they will enrol in will be made by the home institution in agreement with the host institution.
- Students will be responsible for all costs associated with their exchange studies; international and local transportation, accommodation, living expenses, medical insurance, literature, etc.
- The host institution agrees to provide appropriate counselling and other assistance to the exchange students, including assistance in finding adequate accommodation.
- Exchange students must satisfy language proficiency requirements: TOEFL score of 213 is generally required for undergraduate students and 220 for graduate students.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Both universities subscribe to the policy of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin or physical disability.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This agreement is valid from the date of its signing by both parties and is automatically extended for one year at a time, unless cancelled by either party in writing at least six months prior to its expiration. It may be revised or modified at any time by mutual consent.



Any students who have commenced their stay at either university at the date of termination may complete their courses of study.

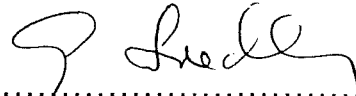
This Agreement of Cooperation is made in two equally authentic copies in English, one for each of the signing parties.

For Middle East Technical University



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Prof. Dr. Ural Akbulut
President

For Göteborg University



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Professor Gunnar Svedberg
Vice-Chancellor

Date:

Date: February 24, 2004

MEMORANDUM OF INTENT
between

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
Ankara, Turkey

and

GÖTEBORG UNIVERSITY
Göteborg, Sweden

This agreement is a general enabling document for inter-institutional cooperation between the Middle East Technical University (hereafter referred to as METU) and Göteborg University (hereafter referred to as GU). Memoranda of cooperation between individual divisions, schools, colleges and faculties may be attached to it. Those memoranda will be signed by appropriate officers of the units and will specify details of the cooperation between units.

PART I

SCOPE OF THE COOPERATION

The purpose of this agreement is to promote international understanding, scholarly collaboration, cultural interaction and friendship by supporting educational, professional and cultural activities among faculty and students of the two institutions. Accordingly, the areas of cooperation will include, subject to mutual consent, any program offered at either university as felt desirable and feasible on either side and that both sides feel contribute to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between the two universities.

PART II

AREAS OF COOPERATION

Specific areas of cooperation between the two institutions, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Senate of METU and the Board of Trustees of GU, include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Exchange of faculty members;
2. Exchange of students;
3. Joint research activities;
4. Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
5. Exchange of academic materials and other information;
6. Special short-term academic programs.

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each specific program and activity that is implemented under the terms of this agreement shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular program or activity and the terms of such program and activity shall be negotiated on an annual basis. Each university will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programs.



PART III
FACULTY EXCHANGE

1. Faculty members from the two universities may apply to spend an academic year, a semester or a shorter period at the other university serving as visiting member of the teaching faculty or research staff to undertake assigned duties as a visiting faculty member. Remuneration will be negotiated by the two universities.
2. The exchange of faculty members shall be subject to the instructional and staffing requirements of each university. The approval of exchange faculty, the assignment of teaching responsibilities and all other features of an academic appointment shall require the approval of the appropriate academic and administrative officers in each university.
3. The arrangement and expense of accommodation will be the responsibility of the faculty member exchanged, but each university agrees to use its best efforts to find suitable housing for the exchange visitor.
4. This exchange shall continue until such time as either university gives notice to terminate the agreement. In such an event, the faculty members shall continue their duties until the end of the then-current term in which notice of termination is given.

PART IV
STUDENT EXCHANGE

Qualified upper division and graduate students from each university may apply to the other institution for the purpose of pursuing an approved course of instruction extending over one semester or one academic year. It is understood that each university will nominate for the exchange, students of high scholarship, maturity and promise. The Host Institution will reserve the right of making final judgments on the admissibility of each student nominated for exchange. Each Institution shall appoint an academic staff member to be the liaison officer for the exchange program who will have the responsibilities described below.

1. METU will send up to 10 exchange students to GU each year and GU will send to 10 exchange students each year to METU beginning with the 1994/1995 academic year unless this number is changed by mutual consent of the two parties. The liaison officers of the two institutions will review the program annually to determine any imbalance in the number of exchange students and adjust the number of students the following years if necessary, to maintain a reasonable balance in the exchange.
2. Exchange students may apply to any academic program offered at the Host Institution at level determined by the Host Institution. The Host Institute reserves the right to exclude students from restricted enrollment courses.
3. Exchange students must satisfy language proficiency and all other requirements for admission to the Host Institute as determined by the regulations of the Host Institution unless exceptions are noted and added to this agreement in an Appendix. As the language of instruction at METU is English, some formal evidence of English proficiency is generally required of applicants who are not native speakers. A Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 500 is generally required for undergraduate students and 520 for graduate students.



4. At METU, the first semester of the academic year begins in late September, the second semester the middle of February. At GU the first semester begins around August 10 and the second semester around the end of January. Specific deadlines for applications will be announced by the separate Institutions/Departments. The liaison officer of the Home Institution will forward the applications and all other required documents to the liaison officer of the Host Institute. Students accepted to the program should be notified one month to six weeks after the deadline for application.
5. Exchange students will pay full tuition at their Home Institution as if they were in full time attendance at the Home Institution. No tuition payment will be required of exchange students at the Host Institution.
6. Exchange students will be responsible for all other expenses including:
 - a. Transportation to and from the Host Institution
 - b. Room and board expenses
 - c. Medical insurance; Health service fees, if any
 - d. Textbooks, clothing and personal expenses
 - e. Passport and visa costs; in Turkey, cost of residence permit
7. The exchange student must agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Host Institution.
8. Any academic credit earned at the Host Institution may be transferred to the Home Institution in accordance with the procedures determined by the latter. Each institution agrees to provide the Home Institution an official academic records for all exchange students at the end of their exchange program. The Host Institution also agrees to furnish exchange student with official transcript of credit at the student's request.
9. The Host Institution agrees to provide appropriate counseling and other assistance to the exchange students, including assistance in finding adequate on-campus or off-campus housing.



PART IV

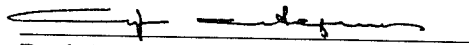
RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving notice to the other party in writing no later than the end of March in any year. The agreement may be extended by mutual consent of the two parties.

This agreement may be amended by the exchange of letters between the two institutions. Such amendments, once formally approved by both institutions, will become part of this Memorandum of Agreement.

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

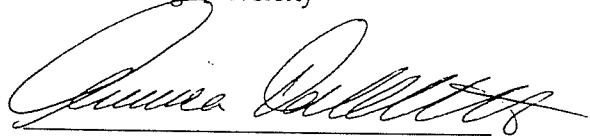
for: Middle East Technical University



Prof. Aybar Ertepinar
Vice President

Date: 2/11/94

for: Göteborg University



Prof. Annica Dahlström
Vice President

Date: 2/11 1994