



**AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN B.K. BIRLA INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, PILANI, INDIA
AND THE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF BRAGANÇA**

The **B.K. BIRLA INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, PILANI, INDIA**, hereinafter referred to as **BKBIET, Pilani**, a public higher education institution, located in Pilani, Rajasthan, and represented by the Director, **Prof. Dr. P. S. Bhatnagar**, and the **POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF BRAGANÇA**, hereinafter referred to as **IPB**, a public higher education institution, located in Campus de Santa Apolónia, Bragança, Portugal, and represented by the President, **Prof. Dr. João Alberto Sobrinho Teixeira**, celebrate this **Agreement for Cooperation**.

CLAUSE 1 – Object of the Agreement

The **BKBIET, Pilani** and the **IPB** agree to promote cooperation between the two institutions and, according to their available means, to stimulate research activities of mutual interest and, according to predefined priorities, to cooperate mutually on the development of teaching activity in common interest areas, to promote and facilitate the international exchange of teachers and researchers, to reinforce the interchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students, and, in general, to pursue any other common objectives considered appropriate by the parties.

In order to materialise the previous objectives, the representatives of the **BKBIET, Pilani** and the **IPB** will prepare an annual program to define the common research, teaching and mobility areas, in which both institutions decide to cooperate.

The Agreement for Cooperation between the **BKBIET, Pilani** and the **IPB** involves the international mobility of students and teachers, according to the following terms.

CLAUSE 2 – Student Exchange

The **BKBIET, Pilani** and the **IPB** agree to promote the international mobility of undergraduate and postgraduate students, for a semester or part of it or a full academic year.

The international student mobility includes the following types of activities: course units' attendance; curricular, extracurricular and professional internships; research projects, such as master and PhD thesis. The credits obtained during the mobility period held in the receiving institution shall be transferred to the student study plan in the sending institution, as established in the individual learning agreement, previously signed by both institutions.

The students involved in the mobility program shall have equal rights and obligations, namely in relation to the rules and regulations of the receiving institution. The students involved in the mobility program shall not pay any tuition fee in the receiving institution.

Students in mobility program shall be responsible for travel, accommodation and other expenses. Each student shall obtain a valid individual health insurance in the destination country.

Both institutions can collect financial resources from other sources in order to accomplish the student mobility program.

CLAUSE 3 – Teachers Exchange

The **BKBIET, Pilani** and the **IPB** agree to promote the international mobility of teachers to training and research activities in common interest areas.

The mobility can be of variable type and length, according to the hosting institution needs and teaching staff availability. Visits are possible after personal written invitation of the hosting institution, after which an activity report shall be presented in both institutions. In all cases, the responsible for each institution have to formally authorize the teacher's mobility.

Each teacher in the mobility program shall be responsible for all expenses of transportation. In this case, teachers can ask for financial support arguing the existence of the present agreement. The host institution shall provide living arrangements, according to the available resources. Each teacher in the mobility program shall obtain a valid individual health insurance in the destination country.

Both institutions can collect financial resources from other sources in order to accomplish the teachers mobility program.

CALUSE 4 – FINAL DISPOSITIONS

The present Agreement will come into effect on the day of its signing, and shall continue in force for a period of five years.

The present Agreement can be terminated by any of the parts involved, if formally communicated, subject to giving ninety days prior written notice, or in case of legal impediment. In any case, the continuation of the projects and mobility programs in course shall be guaranteed.

BKBIET, Pilani and Bragança, 29 March de 2010,

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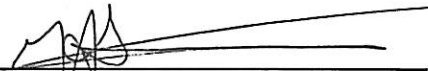


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