



**KU LEUVEN**

## COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

**Science, Engineering and Technology Group - Katholieke Universiteit te Leuven,**

**represented by Prof. dr. Rik Torfs, Rector,**

and

**Universidad de Cuenca,**

**represented by Prof. dr. Pablo Fernando Vanegas Peralta, Rector,**

hereafter jointly called "Universities"

The following international cooperation agreement is signed between UNIVERSIDAD DE CUENCA, Ecuador, represented by its rector, Prof. Dr. Pablo Fernando Vanegas Peralta, domiciled at Av. 12 de Abril s/n y Agustín Cueva, Ciudadela Universitaria, Cuenca, Ecuador on the one hand, and the SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP, KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT TE LEUVEN (KU LEUVEN), Belgium, represented herein by its rector, Prof. Dr. Rik Torfs, domiciled at Oude Markt 13, Leuven, Belgium on the other.

The Universities have agreed as follows:

### **Article 1 Purpose of the Agreement**

The mutual purpose of this Agreement is to stimulate cooperation between KU Leuven and the Universidad de Cuenca.

### **Article 2 Fields of Cooperation**

- 2.1. Both parties agree to continue, renew and intensify an educational and scholarly cooperation between the faculties, departments and institutes of the Universities through common projects in teaching and research in all areas of mutual interest within the field of Science, Engineering and Technology.
- 2.2. The Universities will define and promote projects specified in article 2.3 of this cooperation agreement (hereafter called "Projects") which fulfill several conditions: (1) they must be in accordance with their mutual or complementary strengths, (2) they meet

the strategic options each of the Universities has taken with regard to research, education or other forms of institutional cooperation, and (3) proper funding, internally or externally, is obtained to finance their execution.

- 2.3. Both Universities agree to, and shall endeavor the general cooperation through stimulating the following activities:
  - a) the exchange of academic staff, for a short period of time (to be specified in the appendix).
  - b) the organization of joint research activities/projects, which may be supported by the exchange of scientists and scholars.
  - c) the exchange of students preparing for their doctoral degree and postdoctoral researchers, for a short period of time (to be specified in the appendix), provided they collaborate in joint projects and live up to the international standards of this agreement.
  - d) the organization of joint courses and/or curricula.
  - e) the organization of joint conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia etc.
  - f) support the Vanguardia Program and identify appropriate postgraduate studies for Vanguardistas.
- 2.4. Whenever possible, the exchange of doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers and academic staff will be arranged through participation in European, Ecuadorian (e.g. Senescyt) or international programmes, as well as in innovative projects that may promote also other manners of cooperation than those mentioned in 2.3.
- 2.5. The actual arrangements regarding the mutually designated fields of cooperation will be specified in an appendix to this agreement which are an integral part of this cooperation agreement.

### **Article 3 Financial Arrangements**

- 3.1. . The actual financial arrangements will be specified in an appendix to this agreement.
- 3.2. Both parties agree that all specific and financial arrangements are to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of obtaining the proper funds, without prejudice to article 3.1 of this cooperation agreement.
- 3.3. The Universities agree to aim seeking financial support from national and international organizations for the activities and exchanges to be undertaken in the terms of this agreement.

- 3.4. The Universities will be in charge for the travel expenses of their own participants. The services of both universities will facilitate the logistics and give advice to visiting staff as appropriate.
- 3.5. Both Universities will provide for useful information and render adequate assistance to the exchange participants in order to find suitable accommodation.
- 3.6. Both Universities engage to aim at reciprocity in the exchanges on a quantitative and qualitative level.

#### **Article 4 Mutual Agreement on the Selection of Candidates**

Both the sending and the host university have to agree in advance on the exchange candidates selected in the framework of this cooperation Agreement. The sending university obliges to make a proposal for an exchange candidate at least two months before the beginning of the contemplated exchange activity.

#### **Article 5 Duration of the Agreement**

This cooperation agreement will be valid and binding between the Universities for a period of 5 years, and will be effective as from 1 October, 2016. Either University may terminate the cooperation agreement by giving written notice of its intention before 1 January of any year of its currency to terminate with effect from the beginning of the next academic year. The actions that have already been planned at the moment of notification of the termination will, in spite of the termination, be organised.

During the one but last year, renewal for an additional 5-year period will be considered.

#### **Article 6 Coordination and Administration**

The activities mentioned in article 2.4 will be administratively coordinated for Katholieke Universiteit te Leuven by the International Relations Office, with registered office at Naamsestraat 63 in 3000 Leuven, Belgium, and for the Universidad de Cuenca by the International Relations Office, Av. 12 de Abril s/n y Augustín Cueva, Ciudadela Universitaria, Cuenca, Ecuador, Código Postal: 010201.

Done on ..... in two (2) original initialed and executed originals, each Party acknowledging having received one original.

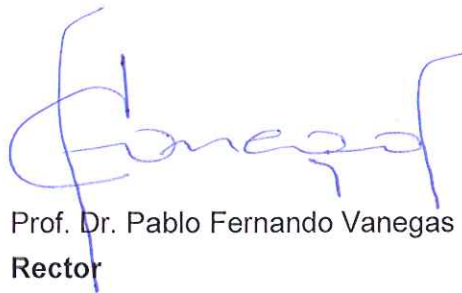
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For Universidad de Cuenca



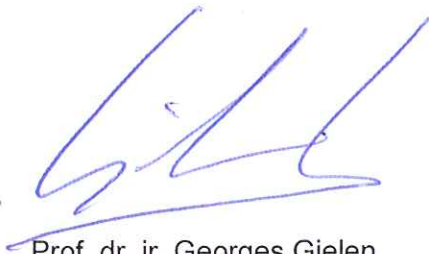
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