

# CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

## BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS (UP)

And

THE UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE (UT)

### Article 1

The University of Patras represented by the Rector, Prof. George Panayiotakis, and the University of Twente, represented by the President of the Executive Board, Dr. Anne H. Flierman, have decided to promote cooperation in the field of education and research and to strengthen their cultural bonds.

### Article 2

Both Universities intend to elaborate plans of exchange of teaching and research staff, students and administrative staff, as well as knowledge and experience acquired in research with the view to develop a common understanding between the parties involved. Both parties intent to achieve balanced exchange; unbalance in year one may be balanced in year two.

### Article 3

The two Universities, intend to organize short visits of teaching staff and other scientific and research staff, for studies, lectures and research.

### Article 4

The two Universities intend to promote the exchange of under-graduate and post-graduate students, on special agreements, to attend courses, do research or practical training in laboratories of the respective Universities.

### Article 5

In addition to exchanges described in the previous articles, administrative officials can visit the respective Universities, for short periods, in order to evaluate and improve the programme/s of this agreement.

### Article 6

Proposals for exchanging members of the teaching, students, research or administrative staff between the two Universities, should be approved on special agreements by the Heads of the respective Departments or Schools and confirmed by the Heads of the Institutions. The Heads of the two Universities themselves may initiate exchange of teaching and the rest of staff and students.

### Article 7

The two Universities will attempt to initiate and carry joint research programmes in areas of mutual interest. The cooperative research effort will be based on Departments and Schools currently functioning in the above two Universities.

#### **Article 8**

The two Universities intend to work out plans for co-operation in the cultural and athletic areas which will be an integral part of this agreement.

#### **Article 9**

The two Universities will specify the financial terms, according to the availability of funds and the regulations applied to each of them for the implementation of this agreement.

#### **Article 10**

The agreement shall remain valid for a period of 5 years. Each year there will be an evaluation about the Activities of the passed year. The contract can be stopped with due advance notice (written) of 6 months.

#### **Article 11**

Each University shall nominate one of its members as its representative in charge of the cooperation programme. It is the task of such members to act as principal contact for individual and group activities, and to plan and coordinate all activities within his/her University, as well as the partner University. The representatives of the two Universities should maintain contact to evaluate past activities and to work out ideas for future cooperation projects.

#### **Article 12**

Either of the two Universities will have the right to put forward proposals concerning the amendments or modifications of the present agreement, with the aim of consolidating the mutual beneficial co-operation.

#### **Article 13**

All students will have to abide by standing university criteria for admission. Regarding the English proficiency for the UT this means IELTS 6.0 (or TOEFL-iBT 80) for exchange and BSc students, and IELTS 6.5 (or TOEFL-iBT 90) for all other categories or any other certificate at an equivalent or higher level.

#### **Article 14**

The present agreement is drawn in two copies in English. The correspondence regarding the application of the agreement will be in English.

**Patras, August 2011**

**For the**

**UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS**

**THE RECTOR**

**PROF. GEORGE PANAYIOTAKIS**

**Enschede, August--2011**

**For the**

**UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE**

**PRESIDENT  
of the Executive Board**

**Dr. ANNE H. FLIERMAN**