



**Memorandum of understanding  
between  
Kazan (Volga region) Federal University, Kazan, Russian Federation  
and  
University of Passau, Passau, Germany**

The present Memorandum of understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MOU”) is made and entered into effective as of July 2012 by and between:

Prof. Dr. Ilshat Gafurov, Rector, on behalf of **Kazan (Volga region) Federal University** (hereinafter referred to as “KFU”) and Prof. Dr. Burkhard Freitag, President, on behalf of **University of Passau** (hereinafter referred to as “UP”), together hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”.

In consideration of the cultural relationships between both countries, and in recognition of the importance of exchanges in the academic domain which include teaching and research, as well as the special opportunities provided by the act of strengthening professional academic contacts between both universities, the Parties have mutually agreed to enter into this Agreement to establish, develop, and enhance their academic cooperation.

**Article 1: Objective**

The objective of this MOU is to encourage exchanges between the Parties in all academic fields and activities, as well as among their related faculties and/or schools, all of which may establish a direct relationship under the umbrella of this MOU.

**Article 2: Benefits**

The cooperation between the two respective institutions should specifically develop and promote the following activities:

- Mutual exchange and collaboration of professors, researchers, students and other staff in the academic domain;
  - Conducting joint research projects, either funded by one of the Parties or funded by both universities, as well as funded by government grants and/or private funds;
  - Organization of academic programs/courses, seminars, scientific conferences, and other forms of exchange of knowledge;
  - Implementation of joint academic projects;
  - Exchange of expertise and programs in fields of mutual interest;
- Other efforts for the mutual benefit of the Parties are welcome.

**Article 3: Reciprocity**

All activities mentioned in Article 2 shall be based on reciprocity and shall be of mutual benefit to the Parties and in accordance with the rules and regulations of each university.

**Article 4: Duration**

The present MOU will have duration of five years, subject to an extension upon mutual agreement and review by the Parties.

**Article 5: Signatures and Effective Date**

This MOU shall come into effect on the date of signature by both universities.

**Article 6: Annexes and Changes**

Each university has the right to propose annexes and changes to this MOU in written form, to take effect as both universities adopt them.

**Article 7: Termination and Advance Notice**

Each university has the right to terminate the present MOU with six months advance written notice to the other university. Such termination shall not affect the validity of any agreements already made under the terms of this MOU.

**Article 8: Goodwill and Flexibility**

Activities which are not included in this MOU shall be agreed upon by the Parties. Both universities shall maintain continuous communication, goodwill, flexibility, and adaptability in fulfillment of this MOU.

**Article 9: Funding of Exchanges**

No financial obligations will be incurred upon either University. Each University, in accordance with its rules and regulations, shall fund the exchange of its professors and/or students and other activities conducted by either University, unless otherwise agreed upon.

**Article 10: Copies and Languages of this MOU to Each Party**

This MOU will be presented in two written originals in English, one for each Party, each having the same force.

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