

AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION

between

Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Professional Learning
KAZAN (VOLGA REGION) FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, Russian Federation

and

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI, Finland

This **Agreement on Scientific, Educational and Cultural Cooperation** (hereinafter "the Agreement") is between: Prof. Ilshat Gafurov, Rector, on behalf of **Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University** and Prof. Thomas Wilhelmsson, Rector, on behalf of **University of Helsinki** (hereinafter "Universities"). In recognition of successful bilateral co-operation since 2007, in further consideration of the development of relationships between Russian Federation and Finland, and in additional acknowledgment of the importance of exchanges in the academic domain including teaching and research, as well as in cultural sphere, both Universities enter into this Agreement.

Article 1: Objective

The objective of this Agreement is to encourage cooperation and exchanges between both Universities in all academic fields and activities, as well as among their related faculties and/or schools.

Article 2: Areas of Co-operation

The cooperation between both Universities should specifically develop and promote the following activities:

- Exchange and collaboration of professors, researchers and teachers.
- Exchange of students
- Organization of joint academic programs/courses, seminars, scientific conferences, and other forms of knowledge exchange;
- Exchange of literature, textbooks and university publications and periodicals;
- Conducting mutual research projects, either funded by one of the named institutions or by both Universities, as well as those funded by national and international government grants and/or private funds;
- Exchange of expertise and efforts to the benefit of both Universities in other fields of mutual interest.

Article 3: Reciprocity

Cooperation between the Universities shall be based on reciprocity and equality of numbers in exchange programs and other activities and be of benefit to both Universities. External funding may be applied for, in which case the respective

cooperation program can provide for different proportions of exchange flows and activities for each University.

Article 4: Review of Collaboration

Both Universities will agree to review the collaboration based on this agreement on an annual basis. They also commit to exchanging any relevant information facilitating exchanges and other forms of collaboration. Should the review of collaboration result in proposals for new areas of co-operation, such as special visits, exchange programs or summer language schools, these will be incorporated in this agreement as specified in Article 8.

Article 5: Goodwill, Flexibility and Intellectual Property Protection

Activities which are not included in this Agreement shall be agreed upon by both Universities. Both Universities shall maintain continuous communication, goodwill, flexibility, and adaptability in fulfillment of this Agreement. Both Universities will protect the intellectual property rights in relation to the output of joint research programs. These outputs will not be used for obtaining patents or for commercial benefits by one party without prior approval of representatives of each party.

Article 6: Funding of Exchanges, Insurance and Co-ordination

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.

All exchange participants are responsible of acquiring adequate medical insurance.

International offices of the Universities are responsible for the coordination of activities related to this Agreement. They will act in close cooperation with each other and assist exchange participants in visa application preparation, accommodation arrangements, registration etc.

Article 7: Signatures, Effective Date, Duration

This Agreement shall come into effect on the date of signature by both Universities. The present Agreement will have duration of five years, subject to an extension upon mutual agreement and review by both Universities.

- admitting exchange students to the faculty(ies) in the field of their specialization, according to exchange rules;
- providing conditions for attending classes of the approved individual curriculum;
- assisting in extra accommodation arrangements if necessary and solving administrative and everyday problems
- issuing transcripts to students.

10. Validity.

This Additional Protocol is an integral part of the AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION between Kazan (Volga region) Federal University and the University of Helsinki dated _____, 2012. The term of the Protocol's validity corresponds to that of the Agreement.

On behalf of Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Professional Learning Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University

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