

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

between

Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania
and
Göteborg University, Sweden

Appreciating the historic ties between the nations around the Baltic Sea,

recognizing similarities and differences in our national heritages,

realizing the new possibilities for development of nations and universities in the 21st century,

declaring a conviction that the university plays an important role in these processes and endeavours,

Vytautas Magnus University and Göteborg University hereby agree on the following aims, principles, terms and conditions as set forth in this Agreement of Cooperation

1.

We, the signing parties, agree to strive for the development of mutual friendly relations between faculties (departments, institutes), academic and administrative staff, researchers and students at Vytautas Magnus University and Göteborg University.

2.

The parties agree that the cooperation will initially focus on the following subject areas:

- social sciences, including education science (especially andragogy and comparative education), political science, sociology and journalism, psychology, social work;
- humanities, including languages and computer linguistics, art, history and ethnology;
- information science (e.g. information technologies, and simulation and control systems);
- business and management areas such as business administration, economics and commercial law;
- environmental sciences with a focus on public health

3.

The fields of cooperation within the mentioned subject areas can cover:

- exchange of graduate, postgraduate and doctoral students;
- exchange of professors and lecturers;
- exchange of administrative staff;
- joint research work and joint research projects, including doctoral students;
- formation of joint doctoral studies committees

4.

To promote cooperation the parties agree

- to exchange research and scientific publications in fields relevant to the mentioned subjects;
- to provide information on and promote participation of staff in congresses, conferences, scientific meetings and seminars arranged by either university;
- to support exchange of staff for a mutually agreed period of time for research work according to agreements with departments or faculties at the other university;
- to accept students from the other university on the basis of the home university's recommendation. The host institution reserves the right of final approval on the admission of a student. Both institutions agree to the operation of the European Community credit transfer system (ECTS)

5.

The exchange will be established on a department-to-department basis enabling professors, lecturers and researchers to propose arrangements of exchange of academic staff and students for scientific and educational purposes. Proposals and decisions of exchange should be approved by the heads of the university departments concerned.

Details for the implementation of study and research activities will be developed mutually for each specific project.

6.

Exchanges or visits under this agreement will in principle be organized as reciprocal exchanges on a non-currency basis. Travelling expenses to the host country will be covered by the home university or by funds obtained by the university. All expenses within the host country will be covered by the host university, including accommodation, necessary travel within the host country and a per diem allowance.

The parties understand that the structure of the exchange, including financial agreements, will have to be negotiated for each specific exchange project and will depend on the availability of funds.

7.

This agreement is expected to promote cooperations and to provide new possibilities for effective and mutually beneficial activities within the framework of SOCRATES programmes.

8.

This agreement is valid from the date of signing and is automatically extended for one year at a time, unless cancelled by either party in writing at least six months prior to its expiration.

9.

Any alterations of this agreement, agreed upon jointly by the two parties, will be submitted to the same proceedings as the original agreement and expressed in writing.

10.

This agreement of cooperation is made in four equally authentic copies in English, two of which to be deposited at each university.

In witness of the terms of this agreement, our signatures are affixed:

Göteborg 27 November 1998

On behalf of Vytautas Magnus University

On behalf of Göteborg University



Professor Egidijus Aleksandravičius
Vice Rector



Professor Bo Samuelsson
Vice-Chancellor

