



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ROORKEE (IITR), UTTARAKHAND, INDIA**



AND

**UNIVERSITY OF LAUSANNE (UNIL),
LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, THROUGH ITS
FACULTY OF GEOSCIENCES AND
ENVIRONMENT**

In order to promote and foster closer cooperation between Switzerland and India, IITR and UNIL agree to enter a MOU on academic cooperation to develop academic exchanges and cooperation in teaching and research for better understanding between its academic communities. The two institutions agree on the following activities on a mutually acceptable basis.

AREAS OF COOPERATION

IITR and UNIL agree to the following goals and objectives in order to initiate the international partnership programme on:

- (a) Exchange of scientific, academic, and technical information and appropriate academic materials and other information of mutual interest;
- (b) Academic exchanges, including mutual visits of faculty to pursue research and to lecture, and student exchanges on a reciprocal basis;
- (c) Identifying opportunities for exchanges and cooperation and joint research and development in disciplines of mutual interest;
- (d) Organisation and participation of joint academic and scientific activities such as seminars and conferences;
- (e) Initial focus in Himalayan Studies with special attention in area of Himalayan tectonics, Water Technology, Energy and Environment, Biology and biotechnology, Management;

Specific details of the activities mentioned above, including financial arrangements, shall be set forth in separate appendices, which will become an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding once signed by both parties.

COORDINATION

Prof. Sandeep Singh, Dean Alumni Affairs and International Relations shall be the Coordinator from IITR and Mr Denis Dafflon, Head of International Relations, shall be the Coordinator from UNIL. The participants and Coordinators may change from time to time as decided by the appropriate authority of the respective institutions.

Sandeep Singh
12th May 2017

ARRANGEMENTS AND FUNDING

1. Both parties decide the funding mechanism of their joint activities through mutual consultations and discussions set forth in a written agreement.
2. Both parties may, jointly or independently, explore funding from third parties through Governmental or non-Governmental agencies.
3. As far as finances permit and within the framework of each institution's policy the home institution will contribute to the expenses of travel, and the host institution will contribute to the expenses of accomodation. All exchanges shall be agreed upon in writing by both institutions before the start of the exchange. In the absence of such agreement, all expenses of salary, travel, accommodation, health and accident insurances, living and other related costs will be the responsibility of the visitor himself or herself.

ADHERENCE TO LAWS

Staff and students of either institution involved in any activities under this MOU shall adhere to the laws of the host country and the applicable rules, regulations and procedures of the host institution.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Unless the parties agree otherwise and enter into a separate Appendix determining the ownership of any intellectual property arising out of the pursuit of any academic activities conducted under the auspices of the host institution, then the ownership of the intellectual property will be determined by the rules of the host institution governing ownership of intellectual property at the time such intellectual property was created, discovered or invented.

AMENDMENTS

The MOU may only be amended by mutual agreement evidenced in a written addendum signed by a duly authorised representative from each of IITR and UNIL. This addendum immediately becomes an integral part of the present memorandum once signed by both parties.

DISPUTE

Any dispute between the institutions, which cannot be resolved amicably in the first instance between the coordinators of the institutions must be referred to the heads of the institutions for mediation.

TERM OF AGREEMENT

The MOU shall commence on the date of its execution by the last to sign of IITR and UNIL and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and may be renewed before its expiry and with the written agreement of both parties. It may also be terminated by either party giving six months' prior notice to the other party in writing. In the event of such termination, all activities and exchanges approved earlier shall be allowed to proceed to

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15th Mar 2013

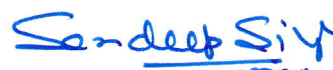
their natural conclusion. The termination of the MoU entails the termination of the Appendix(ces)

LEGAL STATUS

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating any legal relationship between the parties. The MOU is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation.

Recognizing the importance of academic collaborations, the following signatures are affixed as acknowledgement and ratification of the terms of Memorandum of Understanding as stipulated above.

For INDIAN INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY ROORKEE


1st May 2017

Sandeep Singh
Dean Alumni Affairs and International Relations

Date: 1st May 2017

For UNIVERSITY OF LAUSANNE



Prof. René Véron
Dean, Faculty of Geosciences and
Environment

Date: 19 April 2017



Prof. A K Chaturvedi
Director

Date: 1st May 2017



Prof. Nouria Hernandez
Rector

Date: 19 April 2017