



Cooperation Agreement

between

Universidad de Cuenca

and

Ghent University

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

Faculty of Sciences

Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

Faculty of Bioscience Engineering

In accordance with a mutual desire to promote international academic, cultural and scientific exchange, Ghent University, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences; Faculty of Sciences; Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences; Faculty of Bioscience Engineering (Belgium) and Universidad de Cuenca (Ecuador) enter into this Cooperation Agreement.

Both institutions, for furthering cooperation through both educational and academic exchanges, hereby affirm their intent to promote such exchanges as will be of mutual benefit for their institutions. Educational and academic exchanges are considered here to include but not be limited to:

- Development of mutually beneficial academic programmes and courses;
- Exchange of academic staff and research assistants for the purpose of teaching and research;
- Exchange of students for study and research;
- Reciprocal assistance for visiting academic staff and students;
- Exchange of documentation, pedagogical information and research materials.

Both parties decide by mutual consent that all the financial agreements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.

A. Student exchange

Both parties hereby agree that:

1. Each university may in principle nominate not more than 6 undergraduate or graduate students for exchange each year.
2. However, this number may vary in any given year provided a balance of exchanges is attained over the term of the agreement.
3. While nominees will normally be accepted for exchange by the host university, the host university reserves the right to review the applications of nominees and make final decisions concerning admission.
4. A selected student may study for a period of 1 to 12 months at the host university.
5. Exchange students will not pay examination, matriculation and tuition fees to the host institution, but shall pay these to the home institution as per the usual regulations of the home institution.
6. Any academic credit received during the course of the program at the host institution may be transferred to the home institution in accordance with the appropriate regulations of the home institution.
7. Each host institution will issue appropriate documents for each accepted nominee for the issuance of a student visa, in accordance with current national laws. It is the responsibility of each individual student to obtain a student visa in their home country in a timely manner.
8. The student will provide his or her own health, accident, repatriation and civil liability insurance.



B. Staff exchange

Both parties hereby agree that:

1. Both parties agree to support the exchange during each academic year of maximum 2 professors or members of scientific staff from each university.
2. However, this number may vary in any given year provided a balance of exchanges is attained over the term of the agreement.
3. Each host institution will issue appropriate documents for each visiting staff member for the issuance of a visa, in accordance with current national laws. It is the responsibility of each individual staff member to obtain a visa in their home country in a timely manner.

C. Scientific research

1. Details of each research program or research project shall be arranged by mutual consent by the relevant departments, centres, etc, of both parties subject to the approval of the higher authorities of each party.
2. Relevant academic materials, technical information including research reports, periodicals, etc. and other information available to each party shall be exchanged between parties.
3. All information and/or data that may be exchanged, acquired and shared in connection with the areas of cooperation between both parties pursuant to this Cooperation Agreement shall be treated strictly confidential and shall not under any circumstances be divulged by the receiving party unless and otherwise such information has already been in public domain.
4. Any cost and expenses that may be incurred by jointly performing research programs and research activities shall be negotiated and agreed upon to the satisfaction of both parties before starting such programs and activities.

For Ghent University, Prof Jan De Maeseneer (Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences); Prof. Martin Valcke (Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences); Prof. Dr. Peter Goethals (Faculty of Bioscience Engineering) and Prof. Dr. Luc Lens (Faculty of Sciences) will be the responsible academic staff member of the Cooperation Agreement. For Universidad de Cuenca, this will be Prof. Pablo Vanegas PhD President.

This Cooperation Agreement as well as succeeding plans concerning the concrete proposals of cooperation shall be effective after approval of the terms of the agreement by the appropriate authorities of the universities. It will remain in effect for a period of 5 years. Thereafter, it will be reviewed and can be amended or renewed as agreed by both parties.

For Ghent University

For Universidad de Cuenca

Prof. Dr. Anne De Paepe
Rector

Date: 29/6/2017



Prof. Dr. *PIET HOEBEN*
Dean Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

Date:

Prof. Eng. Pablo Vanegas Peralta, PhD.
Rector

26 JUL 2016
Date:



Prof. Dr. Herwig Dejonghe
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