COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF OSLO, NORWAY
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE, U.S.A.

PURPOSE

In order to increase international understanding and awareness on our respective campuses, the Department of Physics of the University of Oslo, Norway and the Department of Physics of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in the United States of America agree to collaborate with each other in a variety of areas, including the exchange of students, the exchange of faculty members and collaboration on research.

EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS

Oslo and Tennessee will facilitate the exchange of students, singly or in groups, between the two institutions as agreed by the coordinator of each. The home institution will screen its applicants for exchanges and the host institution reserves the right to accept or reject nominated students. Host institutions may set requirements with regard to student competency in language or other areas. Exchanged students must, throughout the exchange period, maintain levels of insurance coverage as mandated by the regulations of the host university or the laws and regulations of the host government.

Enrolling students will be exchanged on a strict one-for-one basis so as to maintain a balance of student-semesters between the two institutions. They will be enrolled in the regular courses of the host institution on a full-time basis and be classified as non-degree students. Academic credit earned at the host institution will be transferred back to the home institution in accordance with procedures determined by the latter. Students will pay tuition and other regularly required fees at the home institution. All other costs, including housing, food, books, materials, insurance, transportation passports, visas, etc., are the responsibility of individual students.

EXCHANGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS

Oslo and Tennessee will facilitate the short-term exchange of faculty members, singly or in groups, between the two institutions as agreed by the coordinators. The host institution will facilitate arrangements for appropriate activities and accommodations. Each institution will maintain the salaries and benefits of its own teaching staff during such exchanges. Exchanged faculty members must, throughout the exchange period, maintain levels of insurance coverage as mandated by the regulations of the host university or the laws and regulations of the host government.

RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Oslo and Tennessee will encourage collaboration on research between the two institutions as agreed by the coordinators.
SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Each institution's agreement coordinator will screen its nominees for participation in the exchange and will forward those nominations to the other institution's coordinator. The host institution reserves the right to make final judgment.

COORDINATORS

Coordinators will be named by each institution to ensure that the terms of this agreement are carried out. Further, all activities conducted under the auspices of this exchange program must have the endorsement of the coordinators. At Tennessee the coordinator will be James N. Gehlhar in the Center for International Education. At Oslo the coordinator will be Hanne-Gerd Nielsen at the International Relations Office. Coordinators will notify their counterparts should a new person be named to the position.

EVALUATION

Each institution shall annually evaluate the linkage agreement and its activities, and write a report.

RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving notice to the other party in writing no later than the end of March in any year with a mutually agreed program end date. The agreement may be extended by mutual consent of the two parties.

Any amendment to the agreement may be made by the exchange of letters between the two parties.

In witness thereof, the parties have offered their signatures hereto:

Arild Underdal  4-30-04
Rector
University of Oslo

Loren W. Crabtree  4-24-04
Chancellor
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE (UT),
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF OSLO (UiO)

Numbers: The exchange of students between UT and UiO is on a one-to-one basis. UT will every year no later than November 1st specify the number of students it may receive from UiO for the following academic year, based on the number of UT students on exchange at UiO.

Subject areas: The agreement is originally based in the Physics departments of the partner institutions, however students from other disciplines are welcome to apply to participate in the exchange. The selection of appropriate participants in the exchange is the responsibility of the home institution. The host institution reserves the right of final approval of the admission of each exchange student.

Fee waivers: Exchange students are exempt from paying tuition fees at the host institution. At UiO, there are no tuition fees, but UT students are exempt from paying the semester and copy fees.

Language requirements: There are no language requirements for UiO students applying for an exchange place at UT as long as they have a letter from UiO confirming that the students’ skills in English are sufficient to allow them to succeed in their studies at UT. This letter will be issued only if the students have the grade four (4) or better from their Norwegian high school. Others must document their proficiency of English with a TOEFL score of 193 for undergraduate students and 213 for graduate students.

Housing: Both institutions guarantee housing for exchange students.

Insurance: Each of the parties undertakes to ensure that any student sent under the Agreement is adequately insured, in order to minimise any possible damage that might be incurred by the student him/herself and the receiving institution as a consequence of the student’s stay.

Deadlines: Applications from UiO students must be received by UT by April 15th for admission the following academic year. Applications from UT students must be received by the UiO by May 1st (admission in the Fall semester) or November 1st (admission in the Spring semester).

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