

GENERAL AGREEMENT

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, and Urals State Technical University - UPI, Russia, represented by the proper authorities and in recognition of their common interest in many scientific, and technological field

FIRST To enhance, encourage, and formalize scholarly and scientific interaction between the institutions through the promotion of developing and continuing exchange opportunities for academic staff, professional staff, and students desiring to participate in academic programs, research and other appropriate activities.

Realization of the above-stated objectives will be based on individual initiatives from academic staff members and students, or be initiated by Institute authorities, whichever the case may be.

SECOND Forms of cooperation will include among others:

- a) Collaborative and cooperative programs of study in fields of mutual interest.
- b) Development of joint and/or collaborative programs of research between academic staff and research scholars of the two Institutes and with other institutions of similar interests, or with individual scientists.
- c) Discussions on academic and administrative developments in education, including co-sponsorship of International Seminars and Colloquia.
- d) The mutual exchange of scholarly publications.
- e) Facilitate, assist and develop such other academic activities as may be of joint interest to the two Institutes in general or to members of the two Institutes in particular.

THIRD EXCHANGE VISITOR CATEGORIES

The following types of exchange visitorships are envisioned:

a) Visiting Professors

As resources may permit, members of the academic staff at either Institute will be invited to serve as visiting members of the colleagues of the other. Visiting Professors will engage in teaching and/or research related to the needs of the instructional and research programs of the host Institute.

Payment to the Visiting Professor by the host institution will be related to the services performed by the visitor and will be consistent with the policies of both institutions. Payment of the overseas transportation costs of the Visiting Professor will normally be the responsibility of the home Institute. Travel costs within the host country during the visit will be met by the host institution to the extent that its policies and resources permit.

b) Visiting Scholars

Individuals nominated by one institute to receive special training in research or to pursue a specific area of scholarship at the other shall, subject to the approvals required by the host institution, be invited to join the appropriate academic unit there as a Visiting Scholar. Payment of the costs of subsistence and overseas transportation of a Visiting Scholar will be the responsibility of the home institution. Travel costs within the host country during the visit will be met by the host institution to the extent that its policies and resources permit. If anticipated travel expenses within the host country exceed the individual Scholar's resources and are unavailable under the host institution's policies, the source of their payment will be negotiated at the time of approval of the visit.

c) Visiting Students

Qualified students from each institution will be accepted at the other as Visiting Students for the purpose of pursuing an approved course of instruction. A Visiting Student may, upon recommendation of the home

institution and with the approval of the host institution (and subject to the regulations and decisions of the appropriate committees of instruction and admission), be a candidate for a degree at the host institution.

The number of Visiting Students to be admitted for the following year will be determined by mutual agreement between the two institutions prior to April 1 of each year. The number will be determined by the availability of openings in the programs sought, the financial resources available to each of the institutions, and the number of qualified applicants.

Overseas transportation costs of Visiting Students will normally be the responsibility of the home institution.

It is recognized that while parity in the number of exchanges is a desirable goal, this will not necessarily be achieved in the early years of the relationship.

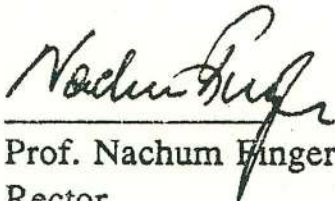
Appointment to any of the above categories of visitorship will make available to the visitor the same academic resources and supporting services at the host institution which are normally provided to other visitors of the same academic level in the department visited. If it is anticipated that the costs of the proposed activity of an Exchange Visitor will exceed the normally available departmental resources, the sources of the payment of these costs will be negotiated prior to approval of the visit. It is understood that each visitor, wherever possible, will be supported at levels customary for the host institution.

Each institution agrees to assist visitors in gaining access to off-campus facilities which may be needed in the planned study of research.

The obligations of the parties under this agreement are to the participants only and are not inclusive of spouses and dependents. Additional expenses incurred by accompanying spouses and dependents are the responsibility of the individual.

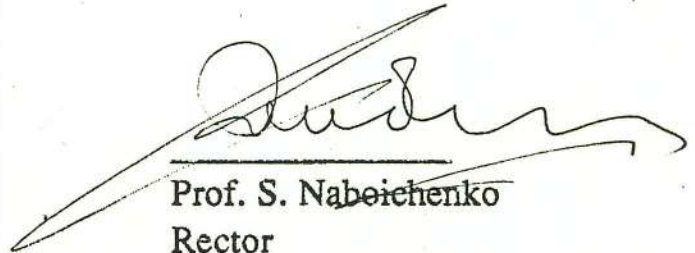
The activities of the program will be reviewed once every three years to determine the need for modifications.

Within the framework of this general agreement, sub-units of the two Institutes may reach specific agreements which will be incorporated as addendum.



Prof. Nachum Finger
Rector

BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY
OF THE NEGEV
ISRAEL



Prof. S. Nabeichenko
Rector

URALS STATE TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY - UPI
RUSSIA

Date 26/10/94