COOPERATION MEMORANDUM IN RESEARCH AND HIGHER EDUCATION
BETWEEN

Ural Federal University

AND

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara

In consideration of the need to enlarge and enforce cooperation in higher education and research between Russia and Romania, as well as the need to provide contributions toward the development of future bilateral projects in research and higher education, the parties are proceeding to signing this Memorandum:

Ural Federal University, represented by prof. Victor Koksharov, Rector.

and

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, represented by prof. univ. dr. Marilen PIRTEA, Rector.

Article 1: Object of the Memorandum

The institutions signing this memorandum, which may be referred to in the following as the Parties, agree to cooperate in research and higher education.

The cooperation plan consists in:
1. the development of integrated scientific and teaching activities;
2. the development of professors’, researchers’ and students’ mobility;
3. the development of bilateral master and doctorate curricula with joint thesis preparation activity and of other forms of joint academic programs.
4. the mutual promotion of each Party’s research and higher education programs.

Special attention will be devoted to:
1. joint activities;
2. visits and research stays in the research centres and libraries of the other Party, both of teachers, researchers and students, to deepen the scientific cooperation;
3. organizing conferences and workshops for presentation and discussion of scientific activity;
4. teaching of courses and seminars by professors and researchers of the two Parties in the academic program of the other institution;
5. organizing summer schools;
6. joint publications, promoting the publication of each Party's scientific publications into the language of the other Party, and exchanging of books and journals of each Party.

**Article 2: Exchange of Personnel and/or Students**

In order to fulfil the cooperation projects, the Parties may agree to a temporary exchange of personnel and/or students, who will continue to be considered as employed/enrolled by the institution to which they originally belong also for the duration of the exchange. These exchanges will be organized through proposals which will include the terms and conditions for the mobility of personnel and/or students.

Proposals for collaborative work under this Memorandum of Understanding will be submitted to the representatives designated by each institution to assure conformity with the aims and purposes expressed above.

**Article 3: Duration and Amendments to the Memorandum**

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed to promote cooperation between the two institutions with the objective of pursuing the objectives expressed in the preamble and it reflects the mutual intention of the parties to which they each honourably pledge themselves.

The competent authorities of the Parties shall sign agreements for the implementation of this memorandum, pertaining the cooperation matters covered by this agreement and/or the details of the cooperation for each academic year.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual consent. It shall be in effect for five years and be renewable for a further period of five years unless specifically terminated by either party. This memorandum may be modified only upon previous approval by the competent authorities of the Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective from the date of signature by both parties.
Article 4: Termination of the Memorandum
Each of the parties shall be entitled to terminate the Memorandum with a six months notice prior to the date of termination.

Signed in 4 (four) originals.

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