

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION  
between  
University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria  
(BOKU)

and  
University of Rijeka, Croatia

Whereas the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria (BOKU), and the University of Rijeka, Croatia, recognizing the value of educational, cultural and scientific exchange between international research universities and having ascertained that substantial interest exists to establish a formal relationship, agree, after approval by their responsible authorities, to conclude this agreement on academic cooperation.

I.

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate and to enhance the academic cooperation in the fields of training, research, curriculum development, postgraduate education, quality assurance, institutional development, information dissemination, and exchange of students, faculty and staff.

II.

The partner institutions shall endeavor to promote collaboration through a broad range of strategies, which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the following activities:

- exchange of doctoral and diploma (master) students
- exchange of faculty members and research/technical experts for short-term visits
- design of collaborative research projects
- development and implementation of joint seminars, training-courses or conferences involving faculty and/or students from both universities as well as other parties
- exchange of scholarly publications and information in areas of mutual interest to faculty in the two institutions

III.

The contracting universities will exchange working schedules covering the cooperation for a period of 1-2 years. These schedules will contain specific terms of participation for each major activity implemented under this agreement. They will become valid when signed by the designed representatives of the two partner universities. They are to be attached to the agreement as annexes and form an integral part of the cooperation agreement.

IV.

For preparation and coordination of all the clauses covered by this contract, the two universities will nominate authorized representatives. These representatives will also prepare the working schedules for cooperation as provided for by article III.

V.

The financing of the planned cooperation activities shall be conducted under the following guidelines:

Exchanges of faculty members and technical specialists:

- If and insofar as there are sufficient funds for the specific purposes at the disposal of the partner institutions, the travel expenses shall be borne by the sending partner, the living costs by the receiving partner. Otherwise exchange faculty shall be compensated entirely by their respective home institution. Every exchange activity that involves university funds has to be agreed upon by the responsible bodies of the institutions.
- The partner institutions shall undertake efforts to raise funds from outside sources, for the exchange of lecturers and/or researchers.

Exchanges of doctoral or diploma (master) students:

- the financing shall be covered by scholarships
- students exchanged within the framework of this agreement are (at both universities) exempted from paying tuition fees

VI.

The partner institutions shall inform one another regularly about the curricular programs and postgraduate courses offered by each, and especially about research seminars, colloquia, conferences, and symposia organized by each. They shall exchange without cost to the receiving institution documentation and publications issued from these proceedings.

VII.

This agreement becomes valid when signed by the Rectorate of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) and the Rector of the University of Rijeka. The agreement is entered for a period of 2 years. After this period, an evaluation of the achieved results has to take place. A renewal / extension of the agreement depends on the outcome of this evaluation and has to be agreed upon by both sides.

The contracting parties agree that proposed changes to the agreement's contents or validity are to be communicated in writing to the partner university.

Any earlier termination of the agreement requires notification in writing and will only become effective with the termination of the working schedule then in existence.

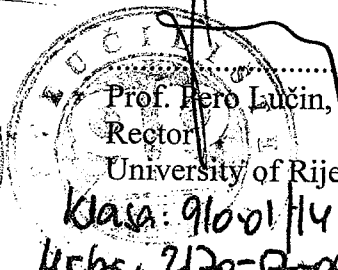
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