



**Memorandum of Understanding  
ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**

**between**

**THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING (STI)  
OF THE  
ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FÉDÉRALE DE LAUSANNE**

**and**

**THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING  
OF THE  
ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI**

The School of Engineering of the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (hereinafter referred to as STI-EPFL) and the Faculty of Engineering of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (hereinafter referred to as FE-AUTH) desiring to establish an academic and scientific cooperation, have agreed the following:

**Article I.**

STI-EPFL and FE-AUTH, recognizing the value of educational and scientific collaboration between the two institutions, have ascertained that substantial interest exists at both sides to establish a formal relationship.

**Article II.**

For the purpose of this cooperation, the parties agree to promote the exchange of students during their Diploma Thesis Project (DTP), in fields of mutual interest.

### **Article III.**

To achieve the above-mentioned goals, STI-EPFL and FE-AUTH will in particular undertake the following actions:

- Promote joint supervision of Diploma Thesis Projects among faculty members and students;
- Allocate scholarships to fund the mobility of students and their supervisors;
- Encourage the organization of joint scientific seminars between students, researchers and faculty members of both institutions;
- Provide free access to available language courses to the students of the partner institution.

### **Article IV.**

STI-EPFL and FE-AUTH agree to designate the following individuals to supervise and facilitate implementation of this agreement, in cooperation with other appropriate personnel at the respective institutions:

*Coordinator STI-EPFL*

Nikos Stergiopoulos  
Demetri Psaltis

*Coordinator FE-AUTH*

Nikolaos Moussiopoulos  
Aris Avdelas

### **Article V.**

The organization of the student exchange program at the DTP level would follow the procedures described hereunder:

- Up to 5 (five) candidates per year from each institution would be eligible to join this program;
- Candidates will be supervised by one supervisor from each institution. Candidates will only receive one degree from the home institution;
- The duration of a DTP may vary between 4 and 6 months, depending on the regulations of each institution and the needs of each particular project. The exact duration of the stay of the exchange student at the host institution will be agreed upon on a case-by-case basis by the Program Coordinators.
- FE-AUTH students at STI-EPFL will receive a scholarship of up to EUR 1'000 per month plus a unique allowance of EUR 500 to cover part of the travel expenses;
- STI-EPFL students at FE-AUTH will receive equal treatment of ERASMUS students at AUTH (help in finding a low-price accommodation, free pass for the students restaurant, e.t.c).
- STI-EPFL and FE-AUTH agree to waive the tuition fees to the students participating in this exchange program.

**Article VI.**

Students on this exchange program will be selected as follows:

- The host institution will send a list of potential projects from Laboratories participating in this program, to the sending institution;
- The host institution will review the submitted applications and do the final selection of candidates.

**Article VII.**

The scope of the activities under this agreement shall be balanced and determined by the funds available at both institutions or obtained by external sources.

**Article VIII.**

Notwithstanding the stipend offered and the one-time contribution to the travel expenses, as state in *Article IV* of this agreement, participating students shall be responsible for housing, travel, medical insurance, and subsistence costs, and neither university shall be held liable for such charges. Exchange students will be required to purchase health insurance at the host institution unless they can present evidence of comparable or better coverage

**Article IX.**

This agreement becomes effective at the moment of the signature.

**Article X.**

The term of this agreement shall extend for 5 (five) years from the date of execution. It shall be reviewed after 4 (four) years and shall be renewed by mutual agreement.

**Article XI.**

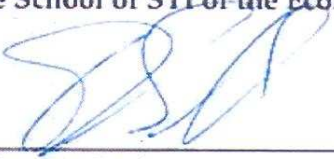
This agreement may be terminated at any time by either party by giving the other institution at least six (6) months advance written notice of its intention to terminate. Termination shall be without penalty. If this agreement is terminated, neither STI-EPFL nor FE-AUTH shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses that may result. Any students who have commenced at either university at the date of termination may complete their courses of study.

For the ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FÉDÉRALE DE LAUSANNE

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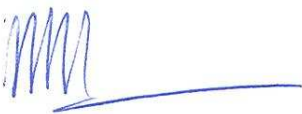
  
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Prof. Demetri Psaltis  
Dean, School of Engineering

Lausanne, 10/10/08

For the ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY of THESSALONIKI

  
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Vice-Rector

For the Faculty of Engineering of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

  
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Thessaloniki, 3/12/2008