

**Framework Agreement for Research and Academic Cooperation between
National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappally (NIT Trichy) and
French Institute for Advanced Mechanics (IFMA)**

Further to the intent expressed by the Parties (NIT Trichy and IFMA) to foster international research and educational cooperation between their institutions, the following terms have been agreed:

ARTICLE 1 - Both parties agree to encourage the following activities:

- (1) The exchange of students;
- (2) The secondment of professors, researchers and teachers;
- (3) The exchange of information in educational and research fields of interest to both institutions;
- (4) Joint research and meetings on education and research.

Prior to the commencement of each activity, the Parties will mutually agree to the extent of the duties and responsibilities of each Party in the proposed activity.

ARTICLE 2 - Cooperation between the two parties concerns the entire fields of education and research. The two Parties shall initiate and agree program agreements, in the form of addenda to this agreement, to provide for cooperation and exchange projects in fields of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 3 - The extent of participation of the Parties in such activities as outlined in Article 2 will be subject to the availability of funds and academic personnel within each Party's institution.

ARTICLE 4 - The secondment of professors, researchers and teachers may be for a period of time mutually agreed by the Parties prior to the secondment of said personnel. Professors and researchers may be assigned educational and/or research tasks. Teachers may also be assigned educational tasks, as well as Ph.D. and postdoctoral studies.

ARTICLE 5 - By mutual agreement, this agreement is applicable to all research organizations attached to each Party's institution.

ARTICLE 6

Duration - This agreement will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years, from the date of its co-signature by authorised representatives of the Parties. At the time of its expiry, subject to a review to evaluate progress and improve the quality of exchange, and the mutual consent of the Parties, this agreement may be renewed for a further period of five (5) years.

Renegotiation - The terms of this agreement may be subject to renegotiation, on an individual, case-by-case basis, with the consent and approval of both parties. Either Party may, by tendering six (6) months written notice of their intention, request the revision of a part of this agreement. The revision of any part of this agreement may only be made after joint consultation and with the subsequent mutual consent of the authorised representatives of the Parties.


Termination - Either party may, by tendering six (6) months written notice of their intention, request the termination of this agreement in advance of its expiration date. Should such termination be mutually agreed by both Parties, all staff and/or students who have commenced activities under this agreement will be allowed to complete the activities under the conditions applying at the time when the notice was accepted.

ARTICLE 7 - Each Party designates an officer to serve as liaison for this Framework Agreement. For NIT Trichy, this officer is REGISTRAR. For IFMA, this officer is Mr. David Turner, Director of International Relations.

This Framework Agreement is ratified in two original documents, both written in English and both being equally authentic.


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Date 12 September 2012



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