

ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

between

University of L'Aquila (Italy)

Represented by its Rector, *Prof. Paola Inverardi*

and

Brno University of Technology (Czech Republic)

Represented by *Prof. Petr Štěpánek*

To achieve Master Degree in

APPLIED AND INTERDISCIPLINARY MATHEMATICS

The **University of L'Aquila (Italy)**, represented by its Rector, Prof. Paola Inverardi, and the **Brno University of Technology (Czech Republic)**, represented by its Rector, Prof. Petr Štěpánek, in order to strengthen the relationship between both academic Institutions for the implementation of a high-level international degree course, hereby agree and stipulate as follows.

Article 1 – Aim of the agreement

The University of L'Aquila (hereafter reported as UAQ) and the Brno University of Technology (hereafter reported as BUT) by means of an exchange of students, professors and administrative technical staff from involved laboratories, will co-operate to realize a joint programme in order to issue a double diploma in ***Applied and Interdisciplinary Mathematics***.

UAQ and BUT will simultaneously and respectively issue a Master Degree in ***Mathematics*** or ***Mathematical Engineering*** (in Italy) and in ***Mathematical Engineering*** (in the Czech Republic) to the students who will attend the programme, according to the agreement rules.

Article 2 – Programme management

Prof. Josef ŠLAPAL for the Czech Republic part and Prof. Bruno RUBINO for the Italian part will be responsible for this agreement.

Article 3 – Selection of the students

Each University will designate the students admitted to the programme. The maximum is 20 students per academic year. This provision could be modified, subject to agreement between parties, in observance of terms of reciprocity.

Article 4 – Student subscription rules

The students who will attend this joint Master programme will be enrolled at both Academic Institutions from the academic year when the exchange starts.

Entrance fees and any other taxes will only be paid at the Sending Institution.

Article 5 – Programme articulation

The involved Institutions will organize courses, seminars, and examinations by fixing the total number of credits (ECTS) assigned into the exchange programme for the following academic year; they will also evaluate any other aspect able to reinforce the collaboration, by also implementing a technical annex (**Annex I**), which can be modified each year starting from May. The acceptance of the technical annex is essential at the start of the student exchange programme.

Article 6 – Development of the programme

The students will carry out part of the programme at UAQ and part at BUT, according to the technical Annex and to the rules and regulations of each Academic Institution. To gain the Master Degree, courses attended and examinations passed at the partner Institution must be recognized by the University of origin.

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Article 7 – Validation of the career of the students

At the end of the bi-national Master programme, each student will prepare a graduation thesis, possibly co-tutored by a professor or researcher from UAQ, and by a professor or researcher from BUT. The thesis will be written in English.

The thesis defence will take place in English language and according to the teaching regulation of both the Academic Institutions. The thesis discussion will take place only once if at least one professor or researcher of the other foreign Institution will be part of the local board of examiners. On the contrary, the thesis will be discussed in both Academic Institutions.

Article 8 – Coordination of the programme

The parties agree to the regular exchange of information and teaching materials concerning this agreement, as well as consulting each other with regards to both the organization and teaching matters concerning the co-operation in progress.

Article 9 – Programme funding and suspension

According to the rules of their respective countries, the parties are committed to finding the necessary European, national and regional tools to achieve the goals of this agreement. If a provided fund is not available, the involved Institutions will make any effort to find any economic support for the programme, before the suspension of the programme of exchange of students. Students' travel and accommodation, as well as those of the professors and researchers involved in the project, will be promoted by international, national and regional grants aimed at promoting exchanges of students in the European Community.

Moreover, the parties agree to support students and professors/researchers who will take part in the programme, as well as for planning and organizing accommodation.

Article 10 – Validity of the agreement

This agreement will last 5 years. The agreement comes into effect from the last date given in this document. Any amendment to this agreement will require a written approval by both Institutions. Both universities may renew this agreement at least three months before its expiry date.

Article 11 – Dispute between parties

Any dispute between the parties will seek an amicable and concerted solution. If an agreement is not reached, the dispute will be remedied by relatively competent bodies for each part.

Signed at L'Aquila, 30/04/2014


Università degli Studi dell'Aquila
Legal Representative
Prof. Paola Inverardi



Signed at Brno, 01-02-2014


Brno University of Technology
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