

COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN

UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

Represented by Rector PROF. IVANO DIONIGI

and

UNIVERSIDAD DISTRITAL FRANCISCO JOSE DE CALDAS, Bogotá, Colombia

Represented by Rector INOCENCIO BAHAMÓN CALDERÓN

UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE COLOMBIA, Bogotá, Colombia

Represented by Rector IGNACIO MANTILLA PRADA

UNIVERSIDAD DE LA SABANA, Chía, Colombia

Represented by Rector OBDULIO VELÁSQUEZ POSADA

UNIVERSIDAD DE CARTAGENA, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

Represented by Rector GERMAN ARTURO SIERRA ANAYA

UNIVERSIDAD DE ANTIOQUIA, Medellín, Colombia

Represented by Rector ALBERTO URIBE CORREA

Agree upon the following:

ARTICLE 1

The Universities listed in this agreement establish this Memorandum of Understanding for mutual cooperation in the field of higher education and research, and to promote initiatives of mutual interest in the scientific, artistic and cultural.

ARTICLE 2

Cooperation between the universities mentioned above may include:

- a) carrying out joint research projects and teaching activities of mutual interest, according to a protocol that will be defined each triennium;
- b) the exchange of researchers and scholars to conduct research and consultations and to promote the training of technical and scientific personnel;
- c) organizing seminars, symposia and interviews on issues of common interest.
- d) the exchange of undergraduate and graduate students.

ARTICLE 3

The University of Bologna and the Colombian universities agree that professors' travel expenses will be covered by the home university, while lodging expenses will be borne by the host university.



Professors and researchers who participate in the exchange program will be considered in the condition of professors and researchers "on mission" abroad with regards the activities of service rendered for the period of stay in the university.

ARTICLE 4

Professors and researchers participating on exchange must have health, third party (civil liability) and accident insurance during permanence at the host university.

ARTICLE 5

The Universities mutually undertake to:

- facilitate the recognition of qualifications issued by the partner university in order to promote registration and enrolment procedures for students from partner universities wishing to continue studies at another university, avoiding the need to produce superfluous administrative documents. This will in any case be done in compliance with the statutory requirements of both countries;
- take any other measures to facilitate student registration/enrolment procedures and the recognition of prior university studies.
- facilitate the dissemination of information and guidance on the opportunities for continuing studies in the partner institutions and the availability of scholarships and national and international funding available to students, assistant professors, professors, technical and administrative staff for mobility between the two institutions for the development of projects and joint initiatives.

ARTICLE 6

Each university will appoint an internal coordinator responsible for the agreement within the University. Likewise, the Colombian universities will appoint a University to Coordinate the agreement, responsible for maintaining dialogue with the University of Bologna and make the official presentation of the Colombian candidates and accept the nominations of the University of Bologna candidates (both professors-researchers and students) in mobility programs.

The appointment of the Coordinating University will be done every two years and will be done directly by the Colombian universities. Once the Coordinating University has been chosen, the Colombian universities will send an official notification to the University of Bologna, presenting it as the central contact for two (2) years.

The University of Bologna will consider only the applications (in mobility programs) presented by the Coordinating University. Under no circumstance will the University of Bologna accept applications submitted by each university individually. The Coordinating University will maintain contact with the internal coordinators of each Colombian university and the University of Bologna.

ARTICLE 7

The resolution of any dispute that may rise in relation to the present agreement will be amicably settled by the parties.

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ARTICLE 8

The present agreement is valid for a period of six years. Either party will be able to express its intentions to withdraw by giving a 6 month written notice to that effect.

ARTICLE 9

The terms and conditions of this Agreement may be revised or modified at any time under common supervision and recommendation of both parties. There may be no changes or revisions until both parties have signed the approval letter.

ARTICLE 10

This agreement is written in six (6) originals in English, and one (1) in Spanish for Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Each document is signed at the same time by each of the five Universities in Colombia and by the University of Bologna as well. Each partner University will retain one (1) of the six (6) signed copies in English of the agreement.


In order to speed up the signature process, it will be possible to sign in advance and before the signature of the five (5) above-mentioned texts of the agreement, six separate (6) documents on a bilateral basis between the University of Bologna and each Colombian University.

ARTICLE 11

Future new membership to this Agreement by other Colombian universities may also take place after the date of signing by the mentioned universities, through the signing of an *Addendum*.


Rector of the University of Bologna
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Bologna, 31/05/2012




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