Memorandum of Understanding
between
Institute of Laser Physics SB RAS, Novosibirsk, Russia
and
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel

Preamble

Institute of Laser Physics SB RAS and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel, join in the following agreement for academic cooperation in order to promote the advancement of learning through research, exchange, and cooperation in teaching.

Article I – Modes of Cooperation

The objective of this agreement is to enhance, encourage, and formalize scholarly and scientific interaction between the institutions through the promotion of exchange opportunities for academic staff, professional staff and students and through the encouragement of cooperative activities in the following main directions:
- Atom interferometers,
- Optically pumped magnetometers,
- Optical frequency standards based on ultracold atoms and ions,
- Atom chip technologies,
- Other topics that may be of joint interest

The envisaged modes of cooperation will include some or all of the following:
- Exchanging students, faculty and staff,
- Organizing joint lectures and seminars,
- Organizing joint research projects,
- Facilitating assisting and developing other academic activities that may be of joint interest

A detailed description of the scope of cooperation shall be defined in a Cooperation Agreement and Specific Agreements that will have to be negotiated and approved by both Parties.

Specific Agreements will include such terms as:
1. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each institution for the agreed upon activity
2. Schedules for the specific activity
3. Budgets and sources of financing for each activity
4. Any other items deemed necessary for the efficient management of the activity

Realization of the above objectives will be based on individual initiatives from academic departments, staff members and students, or may be initiated by Institution authorities.
Article II – Conditions

Implementation of all aspects of this agreement will be dependent upon availability of funding. Wherever possible, funding will be sought from third-party sources.

Costs of transportation and subsistence for visiting faculty, students and staff will normally be the responsibility of the Party sending the visitors or of the visitors themselves.

Article III – Authorizes Representatives and Project Coordinators

Each Party has designated an authorized representative of the Rector/Provost:
- On behalf of Institute of Laser Physics SB RAS, Aleksei Taichenachev, Director
- On behalf of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Prof. Raz Jelinek, Vice President and Dean for R&D
- Some cooperative activities as described in Article 1 shall be realized within joint projects. The faculties or departments responsible for these projects shall each designate a project coordinator for this purpose.

In particular, the project coordinators are responsible for:
- Preparation and realization of detailed itineraries,
- Coordination with other faculties,
- Arrangement for access to university/institute facilities necessary for the performance of the project, including special archives, libraries, work-space and computer facilities.
- Cooperation with the Study Abroad Office, concerning terms of exchange programs

Article IV – Non-binding nature of the MOU

This MOU is a non-binding expression of the intentions of the Parties to foster and develop collaborations between the two institutions. Neither Party will incur nor be bound to any legal obligations under the terms of this MOU. A cooperation agreement and specific agreements will have to be negotiated and approved by both Parties.

Article V – Duration, Termination, Modification

This agreement shall be valid from the date that is signed by both parties and be valid for the duration of three (3) years from that date, and is renewable thereafter for three-year terms subject to mutual consent. The activities of the program will be reviewed periodically to determine the need for modifications. Modification to this agreement may be made only by written agreement between the parties.
This MOU may be terminated by either party by written notice at least 6 (six) months in advance. In case the MOU ceases to be in effect, this shall not affect the completion of existing activities as agreed upon in any Activity Agreements.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

Signed on behalf of
Institute of Laser Physics SB RAS
Novosibirsk
Russia

Aleksei Taichenachev,
Director

[Signature]

Date: [Stamp]

Signed on behalf of
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Beer-Sheva
Israel

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