



# ACADEMIC FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

between

# **UNIVERSITE SAVOIE MONT BLANC**

located 27 rue Marcoz, B.P. 1104, 73011 CHAMBERY CEDEX (France), represented by Denis Varaschin, President

and

# NORTH ISLAND COLEGE located 2300 Ryan Road, Courtenay, BC V9N 8N6 represented by John Bowman, President

By this agreement, Universite Savoie Mont Blanc ("USMB") and North Island College, CANADA ("NIC"), recognizing the respective advantages to establish collaboration, intend to encourage better mutual understanding of their training and research systems and promote projects in areas of common interest.

# **Article 1 - ACTIVITIES**

Both Institutions undertake to promote the following activities on the basis of equality and reciprocity:

- 1) The exchange of professors, researchers and administrative staff,
- (2) The exchange of full-time students or training courses,
- (3) The conduct of collaborative research projects,
- (4) The organization of conferences, symposia and seminars,
- (5) The exchange of information and publications in academic nature,
- (6) The promotion of other university cooperation agreed to by them.

The detail of the operations of the exchanges will be developed by mutual agreement taking into account the needs and circumstances of partners.

# Article 2 - SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

The development and implementation of specific activities based on this agreement will be negotiated separately and agreed between faculties, schools and institutes internal to the two institutions that carry out specific projects. Both institutions undertake to carry out these activities in accordance with their respective country laws and regulations after consultation and approval of their bodies.

# Article 3 - MEANS

It is understood that the implementation of one of the types of cooperation set out in Article 1 should depend on the availability of resources of each of the institutions.

#### **Article 4 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

If collaborative research activities arising from this agreement may fall under intellectual property, the two institutions will seek a fair and equitable agreement relating to property rights and other rights that might result.

# Article 5 - DURATION, AMENDMENT, RENEWAL

This Agreement is valid for a period of five years from the date of signature by the authorized representatives of both institutions. It may be renewed, amended or modified by amendment signed by representatives of both institutions explicitly specifying the respective approval of the changes.

Article 6 - TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated by either party with 90 days notice prior to the date of termination, notified in writing by registered mail to the other party. However, any current action will be brought to completion.

# **Article 7 - FORCE MAJEURE**

Parties hereto will be released from their obligations under this agreement in the event of national emergency, war, prohibitive government regulation or any other clause beyond the control of the parties hereto that renders the performance of this agreement impossible provided that any money that is due under this agreement shall become forthwith due and payable.

# Article 8 - DISPUTES

Any questions concerning the interpretation, application and implementation of this agreement will be debated by the signatory parties, without any court intervention.

# **Article 9 - LANGUAGES**

This agreement is drawn up and signed in two copies in French and two copies in English. In case of differences in its interpretation, the English version shall prevail.

UNIVERSITE SAVOIE MONT BLANC	NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE
President (Signature and seal)	President (Signature and seal)
Pour le Président et par délégation, Le Vice-président du Conseil d'Administration  Thierry VILLEMIN	Jens
Professor Denis VARASCHIN	Bowman, John
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