

Preamble for the Memorandum of Understanding between Consortium of Finnish Higher Education Institutions, Finland and the Indian Institutes of Technology, India

A Consortium of Finnish Universities

- Aalto University
- Lappeenranta University of Technology
- Tampere University of Technology
- University of Eastern Finland
- University of Helsinki
- University of Jyväskylä
- University of Lapland
- University of Oulu
- University of Tampere
- University of Turku
- University of Vaasa
- Åbo Akademi University

(referred to as Finnish Consortium), and

The Indian Institutes of Technology

- BHU Varanasi
- Bhubaneshwar
- Bombay
- Delhi
- Guwahati
- Gandhi Nagar
- Hyderabad
- Indore
- Jodhpur
- Kanpur
- Kharagpur
- Madras
- Mandi
- Patna
- Roorkee
- Ropar

(referred to as IITs)

collectively referred to as the 'Signatories',

- recognizing their mutual interest in research, development, education, entrepreneurship, innovation and technology transfer on a non-commercial basis, and also
- recognizing the global nature of today's business, industrial and social problems, and the need to address them through international cooperation,

hereby accept to encourage long-term sustainable collaboration and to encourage widening the scope of collaboration to other parties if and when applicable, according to the general terms and conditions set forth in the following Memorandum of Understanding;

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
Consortium of Finnish Higher Education Institutions, Finland
and
The Indian Institutes of Technology, India

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to acknowledge that a Consortium of Finnish Higher Education Institutions (hereafter Finnish Consortium) and the Indian Institutes of Technology (hereafter IITs) have expressed their mutual interest to promote co-operation.

The Signatories agree to encourage direct contact and co-operation between faculty and staff, departments and research institutions.

Within fields that are mutually acceptable, the following general forms of co-operation may be pursued:

- Visits by and interchange of faculty, staff and students for research, teaching, studying and discussions.
- Exchange of materials, publications and information.
- Joint education and research activities.
- Joint research seminars, conferences and other events.

The Signatories further accept to encourage participation of third parties such as companies, other higher education institutions, research institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations – in activities where applicable.

This MoU cannot create binding or legal obligations for either party. As and when any of the above activities develop, such details will be agreed upon in separate documents. Such agreements can either be between the Finnish Consortium and the IITs or bilaterally or multilaterally between one or more participating Finnish higher education institutions and one or more participating IITs. Each case will be agreed on separately.

Parties shall meet their own costs and expenses incurred during the assessment of the collaboration possibilities.

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out or in connection with this MoU relating to breach, termination or validity thereof, shall be settled amicably.

This MoU will be effective from the date of its signature and be valid for the duration of five years and it can be extended by a mutual written consent. This MoU can be amended by mutual consent through exchange of letter between the Signatories. This MoU may be terminated by mutual consent or by minimum of six (6) months' notice in writing before the termination date by either Signatory.

Other higher education institutions, organizations or institutions can apply to join through a written letter. Approval of such parties is done by mutual consent of Signatories. Any changes to the parties will be noted in a separate attachment.

Negotiation and implementation of the MoU at respective institutions is the responsibility of the Director at the respective IIT and the President/Rector at the respective Finnish higher education institutions who may delegate this responsibility to appropriate individuals from their academic/administrative staff. Each Signatory nominates a coordinating institution for the purpose of coordination and disseminating information. For Finnish Consortium the coordinating institution is Aalto University. For the IITs the coordinating institution is IIT Bombay.

Each participating organization/institution nominates a contact person for coordinating purposes.

This MoU is signed by the President/Director of the coordinating institutions from each side and it is subject to approval by the appropriate authorities on both sides.

This MoU is signed in two (2) originals in English, one for each Signatory party.

**For, and on behalf of
Finnish Universities**



Name TUULA TEERI
Title President
Institution Aalto University

Date 15 October 2014

**For, and on behalf of the Indian
Institutes of Technology**



Name INDRANIL MANNA
Title Director
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Date 15 October 2014