AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

between

Universidad de La Habana Vedado, Havana, Cuba

ana

Brock University
St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

As there was interest to bring an international dimension to curricula and research in 2003, and committed to the principles of equality and mutual benefits, Universidad de La Habana(UH) and Brock University (BU) agree to formalize an Agreement of Cooperation this year, in 2008, to further facilitate mutual academic exchange and collaboration, as well as to continue promoting reciprocal understanding and expand and develop the international initiatives, activities and projects between our institutions.

ARTICLE I

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide a basis for promoting international and intercultural understanding and exchange between our two institutions. The goals aimed by this Agreement include, but are not limited to, the following:

- To improve international understanding
- To increase international contacts
- To increase educational opportunities for students, faculty and staff
- To enrich the educational environment of both universities
- To exchange information and cultural awareness about both countries

ARTICLE II

The two institutions recognize the following principles:

- Both institutions have a strong commitment to international education and recognize that a close relationship is of mutual benefit
- Educational opportunities offered to our students, faculty and administration significantly enhance mutual understanding between our two societies
- Both institutions recognize the importance of on-going dialogues, consultation, and cooperative efforts in devising programs for the benefit of our students, faculty and staff

ARTICLE III

UH and BU agree to pursue and collaboratively develop opportunities for the following initiatives:

- Exchange of faculty and staff for teaching, research, and professional development
- Student exchange for undergraduate and graduate academic programs, research internships, language and cultural experiences
- Exchange visits of administrators
- Exchange of teaching and research resources
- Joint-effort undergraduate and graduate programs, including study-abroad programs, and other related initiatives and avenues of cooperation, as agreed upon by both parties

ARTICLE IV

- Collaborative activities will be further discussed and jointly developed for each specific project initiative. The number and length of exchanges, cooperation, and financial arrangements will be negotiated on a project-by-project basis
- Neither institution (UH or BU) accepts any liability for accidents, injury or death occurring to student or faculty participants during the term of this agreement, nor any liability for debts or damages, including against loss or damage to any personal property, incurred by participants during the period of the agreement
- This Agreement is effective for a period of FIVE YEARS upon signing by representatives
 of both parties, and may be amended at any time by mutual consent of both institutions

For Universidad de La Habana, Vedado, Havana, Cuba For Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

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