

**INTER-INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**COHEMIS**

**(CENTER FOR HEMISPHERICAL COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION  
IN ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE)**

**CONSORTIUM**

**AND**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

**1994**

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**FOR**

### **CoHEMIS (Center for Hemispherical Cooperation in Research and Education in Engineering and Applied Science) CONSORTIUM**

The Mayaguez Campus of the University of Puerto Rico, herein represented by its Chancellor, and the University of Florida, herein represented by its President are interested in a hemispheric science and technology enhancement initiative for the purpose of and in accordance with the following:

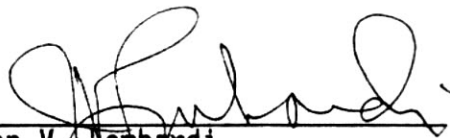
1. The initiative, identified as "CoHemis Consortium", will receive the active cooperation of the University of Puerto Rico's Mayaguez Campus and the University of Florida, referred to hereon as "consortium university", as well as other institutions as may be necessary to successfully implement the program objectives defined in the following section.
2. The major objectives of this program are:
  - 2.1 Increase the global competitiveness of Western Hemisphere industries;
  - 2.2 Increase the number and quality of Hispanic-American Engineering and Applied Science Ph.D.'s;
  - 2.3 Enhance the technological capabilities of Latin America and the Caribbean, and hence their social, economic and commercial development;
  - 2.4 Foster the protection of the hemisphere's environment and resources;
  - 2.5 Increase the awareness of high priority regional problems among researchers;

- 2.6 Support to the extent possible the Mayaguez Campus' Center for Hemispherical Cooperation in Research and Education in Engineering and Applied Science (CoHemis) in its mission of providing funds and facilities and conducting joint applied research, technology assessment, and human resources development programs to serve the needs of the Americas with the participation of engineering and science researchers and graduate students from the different countries of the hemisphere;
  - 2.7 Identify areas in science and technology in which the faculty and facilities of the two institutions complement each other to make it feasible to conduct joint research and technology assessment projects which are expected to produce results with potential benefits for more than one country in the Western Hemisphere in a relatively short term with the participation of CoHemis visiting researchers and students;
  - 2.8 Seek financial support for such projects from diverse national and international sources; and
  - 2.9 Develop programs for faculty and graduate student information exchange, and for training and research to support the type of projects defined in section 2.6 above.
3. The University of Puerto Rico's Mayaguez Campus, through CoHemis, will support the Consortium in the following ways:
    - 3.1 Facilitate visiting professorships and sabbaticals by consortium university faculty in Latin American and Caribbean institutions and industry;

- 3.2 Seek to provide CoHemis assistantships to the consortium university's graduate students doing dissertation work in applied research of hemispherical interest either at CoHemis or at the consortium university;
  - 3.3 Facilitate institutional and professional relations and exchange of faculty and students between the consortium university and universities and research centers in Latin America and the Caribbean;
  - 3.4 Enable the consortium university's faculty to conduct joint research of hemispherical interest at the Mayaguez Campus through CoHemis researchers and graduate students by means of short periodic visits; and
  - 3.5 Provide facilities, communications, infrastructure and support for CoHemis.
4. The consortium university will support the Consortium in the following ways:
- 4.1 Attempt to locate or grant assistantships for CoHemis students qualifying for admission to the University of Florida after completion of their M.S. degree at the Mayaguez Campus;
  - 4.2 Attempt to locate or grant fellowships for minority Mayaguez Campus faculty qualifying for admission to the University of Florida as graduate students;

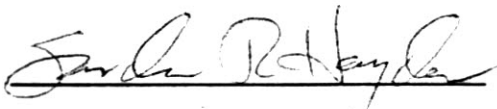

- 4.3 Co-sponsor conferences or other activities as appropriate, either at CoHemis, the consortium university's premises or in Latin American and the Caribbean, through CoHemis' hemispheric network of collaborators;
  - 4.4 When possible, provide access to research facilities to CoHemis researchers and graduate students; and
  - 4.5 Collaborate with CoHemis in reviewing technical information from Latin American and Caribbean countries and in evaluating research proposals.
5. The Mayaguez Campus and the consortium university will sustain a continuous exchange of information on relevant projects and results.
  6. General Dispositions:
    - 6.1 The present agreement will not be interpreted as creating legal or financial obligations between the parties. This agreement constitutes a declaration of intent to promote interactions in matters of collaborative research and graduate education expected to increase the well-being of the countries of the Americas. Nothing agreed upon in here will affect the rights of both parties to enter in similar agreements with other institutions;
    - 6.2 The agreement may be amended at any time after the written consent of both parties; and
    - 6.3 This constitutes the entire agreement between the Mayaguez Campus and the consortium university as sponsors of the CoHemis Consortium. This agreement may be amended or terminated by mutual agreement of the sponsors.

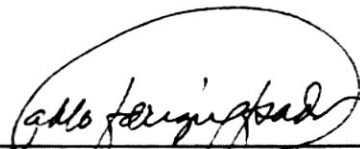
In testimony of which the authorized representatives of the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus and the consortium university sign this Inter-Institutional Agreement accepting all of its elements.

  
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John V. Lombardi  
President  
University of Florida  
Gainesville, Florida

Date: 2/7/94


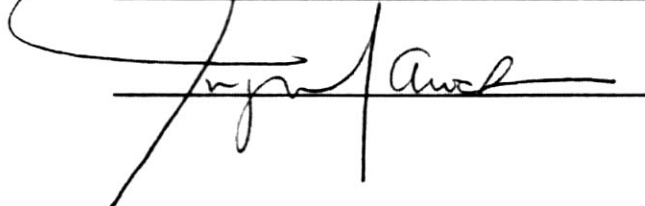
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Pablo Rodriguez Rosado  
Chancellor  
University of Puerto Rico  
Mayaguez Campus

Date: 3/1/94

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