## An Agreement Between Umeå University, Sweden and the University of Rijeka, Croatia

## Preamble

Umeå University and the University of Rijeka enter into this agreement in order to promote collegial relations and academic cooperation between the two institutions. Each university will make every effort to foster cooperation in the following areas, based upon the principles of equality and reciprocity:

- 1. The exchange of faculty
- 2. The exchange of students
- 3. The conduct of joint research
- 4. Other mutually agreeable undertakings

## Faculty exchanges

Each university agrees to welcome visiting faculty members from the other institution. While neither institution is obliged to provide financial support for such visitors, each agrees to make every effort to furnish visiting faculty with access to university facilities (office space, and library privileges) provided that such facilities are available. If such facilities are not available, the host institution must inform the partner institution prior to agreeing to receive any visiting faculty.

Both universities agree to assist with visa formalities for visiting faculty, researchers and staff and to assist with appropriate housing. The host university will not be responsible for the cost of meals, accommodation, medical insurance and the like unless specified in an addendum to this agreement. Participants in the exchange will be required to carry adequate heath insurance coverage.

## Student exchanges

Each university may nominate a small number of its students, at either the undergraduate or graduate level, to spend an academic year or part of an academic year at the other university. The selection of student participants is the responsibility of the home institution. The host institution may reject any student not considered appropriate.

Students participating in this exchange shall be liable for such tuition, fees and charges as required by their home institution or country. No additional fees will be required of exchange students at the host university except incidental payments associated with some services, student union/society fees, medical insurance, books, materials, recreation, and the like. Travel arrangements, expenses and the acquisition of all necessary student visas, residence permits, health insurance and the like are the responsibility of each exchange student. All participating students are required to have adequate health insurance coverage and provide proof of this to the host institution.

Each institution will assist the students in finding appropriate housing. All accommodation expenses shall be paid by the students at their host institution. The period for which

accommodation is to be provided should be based upon the academic calendar in effect at the host university during the exchange period.

Administration and Duration of the Agreement

Each university will appoint an administrator or coordinator for this exchange program and will keep the other university informed as to his/her name and address. It will be the responsibility of these two individuals to develop an annual protocol to this agreement spelling out what academic exchanges and cooperative research will take place between the institutions for the ensuing year. An effort will be made to secure an overall balance in faculty and students exchanges over the duration of the agreement.

The terms and conditions of this agreement shall remain in effect for five years, subject to annual review and modification by agreement of both universities. Either university may terminate the agreement by providing the other university with written notice at least six months prior to the suggested date of termination.

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