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Universal Scientific Education and
Research Network (USERN)

Memorandum of Understanding
between

Universal Scientific Education and Research
Network (USERN)

&

University of Maribor, Faculty of Natural Sciences
and Mathematics, Slovenia

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) intends to expand collaboration on scientific programs, exchange and training of scientists and researchers, sharing of information and technology in support of educational and research activities, sharing of best practices, meetings, workshops and scientific conferences, according to the mutual interests and benefits.

The Universal Scientific Education and Research Network (USERN) and University of Maribor, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Slovenia (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), realizing the great potential brought forth by the development of science and technology; considering the strong traditions of scientific programs in both parties; with the aim of enhancing and promoting research and education; have agreed upon the following:

ARTICLE I

1. The Parties intend to enhance and expand cooperative efforts in science development according to the following general principles:

- ✓ The Parties intend to conduct all activities in the spirit of partnership, mutual cooperation, and scientific excellence.
- ✓ The cooperation provided for in this MOU does not affect relations currently established between institutions or individuals of both Parties; rather the Parties intend to identify new areas for joint activities.

ARTICLE II

The Parties plan to provide for an expansion of cooperation across a broad range of mutual interests. Specific areas may be identified from time to time by mutual consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE III

The methods of cooperation provided for in this MOU include, but are not limited to:

- Coordinating scientific programs
- Exchanging and training of scientists and researchers
- Sharing of information and technology in support of educational and research activities
- Holding meetings, workshops, and scientific conferences

ARTICLE IV

For each area of cooperation, the Parties intend to identify a contact person, and in the case of USERN an appropriate entity to take the lead in overseeing the practical implementation of activities. The appropriate entities of the two Parties shall be responsible for coordinating communications and activities with their counterparts and should be responsible for fulfilling mutually decided responsibilities.

The Parties, and in the case of USERN the appropriate entities, intend to consult with each other on a regular basis, reach consensus on proposals of joint research and develop projects under this MOU and evaluate completed projects. The Parties and appropriate entities may hold meetings to discuss issues arising from the implementation of this MOU, if necessary.

ARTICLE V

The Parties agree that this MOU is not intended to create a legally binding relationship between the Parties. All activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU are to be conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations of both Parties and are subject to the availability of personnel, resources, and appropriate funds. The expenses arising from cooperative activities under this MOU will be covered by both Parties. Projects under this

MOU are to be implemented based on consultations between the Parties and project arrangements signed by the authorized representatives.

ARTICLE VI

Allocation of all benefits and outcomes directly and indirectly arising from cooperative activities under this MOU will be subject to separate agreements, taking into consideration the individual contributions to the projects.

ARTICLE VII

This MOU will come into force upon signature by the designated representatives of both Parties. This MOU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.

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