

# **PROTOCOL ON ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH STAFF EXCHANGE**

**between**

**FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN**

**and**

**SAINT-PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY**

**Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education “Saint-Petersburg State University”**, Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the “SPbU”, represented by its Vice-Rector Prof. Sergey Tunik,  
and

**the FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN**, Germany, hereinafter referred to as the “FUB”, represented by its President Univ.-Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt

hereinafter referred to together as the “Parties” and solely to as the “Party”,

in accordance with the Framework Agreement on Strategic Cooperation concluded by the Parties on May 22 , 2012 (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”),

**hereby agree upon following:**

## **§ 1**

- 1.1. The Parties will continue and develop scientific, academic and other forms of cooperation in the areas of their mutual interest, also involving other interested institutions, organizations and associations.
- 1.2. The Parties will promote conducting joint scientific and academic activities, publication of papers, journals, textbooks and tutorials, organization of seminars, conferences, and other joint projects.
- 1.3. With the objects indicated in cl. 1.1. and 1.2. of the Protocol the Parties will promote the exchange of academic and research staff during the validity of the present Protocol and in accordance with the terms and conditions set by the present Protocol.

## **§ 2**

- 2.1. The Parties agree to the following yearly quotas for the academic and research staff exchange:
  - 2.1.1. Exchange for the purpose of research and academic work and participation of conferences, if home University submits between both Parties is limited to 12 persons per Party, and a total duration of 6 months per Party. In order to cultivate new talent, young researchers should be preferentially nominated for the exchange.
  - 2.1.2. Exchange of young graduates, working as academic and scientific staff, for the purpose of research stays is limited to 3 persons per Party and a total duration of 12 months per Party.
- 2.2. The exchange participants shall be provided by the host university (if the necessary funds are available):

- 2.2.1. in SPbU – free of charge accommodation and a daily allowance in accordance with the norms set in SPbU;
- 2.2.2. in the FUB – free of charge accommodation at the campus of the FUB and a daily allowance in accordance with the norms set in FUB.
- 2.3. All visa related expenses (besides those indicated in cl.3.3.3 of the present Protocol), medical insurance expenses, travel expenses and any additional expenses related to the participation in the exchange shall be covered by the exchange participant, or by the home university, or by a third party.
- 2.4. The Parties undertake not to impose any charges (admissions and taxes) to the exchange participants in connection to their participation to the exchange, with the exception of those relating to optional activities offered as well as charges indicated in cl. 2.3.
- 2.5. All the exchange participants should have a medical insurance valid on the territory of the host country during the whole exchange period.
- 2.6. Possibility and terms of acceptance of academic and research staff over the total annual duration of exchange stated in cl. 2.1 will be agreed separately in each case.

### § 3

- 3.1. In order to administrate the joint activities within the frameworks of the present Protocol each Party (within 1 month after the date of signing of the present Protocol) shall appoint a coordinator responsible for the concurrence of exchange conditions and documental support of the exchange participants.
- 3.2. The Parties shall promptly notify (within 10 working days) each other about the appointment or change of the coordinator, as well as about change his/her contact information.
- 3.3. The Parties agree to set the following procedure for concurrence the applications for exchange under the conditions of the present Protocol:
  - 3.3.1. Each application shall be issued according to the rules of the host university and forwarded by the coordinator of the home university to the coordinator of the host university at least 3 months prior to the visit.
  - 3.3.2. The final decision on the admission possibility and terms of each exchange participant (including the duration, financial and organizational support as well as the final program of visit) shall be made by the host university. The host university shall notify the coordinator of the home university about its decision at least 2 months prior to the visit.
  - 3.3.3. In case of consent of the conditions of the exchange, the host university, on its own account, will send a formal invitation for the exchange participant (containing a full description of the admission terms) to the coordinator of the home university.
- 3.4. The procedure referred in cl. 3.3 can be changed only by mutual written consent of the Parties.



#### § 4

- 4.1. Cooperation of the Parties within the framework of the present Protocol shall be carried out in accordance with the Agreement, as well as procedures, policies and practices of each Party and in accordance with the law of the Russian Federation and the law of Germany.
- 4.2. Shall any dispute or disagreement arise between the Parties connected with or concerning the Protocol, the Parties shall first try to resolve the dispute by negotiations. If the dispute is not resolved by such negotiations within 30 days since the dispute arose, the Parties shall be free to submit the dispute to a court of the respondent's place of business. The applicable law is the law of the country where the questionable commitment arose.
- 4.3. Each Party shall not use names and logos of the other Party without its prior consent, if not related directly to the performance of obligations under the present Protocol, except as provided by law.


#### § 5

- 5.1. The present Protocol shall enter into force upon its signature and shall be valid during the period from 2013 till 2015.
- 5.2. This Protocol may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice at least 6 months prior to termination of the Protocol. The Protocol ceases to be in force after the termination, whereas the Parties agree to complete the initialized activities.
- 5.3. Any changes or amendments to the Protocol shall be done in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of the Parties.

#### § 6

- 6.1. The Protocol is signed in two copies, one for each Party.

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