Agreement of Intent
between
Yildiz Technical University
Istanbul, Turkey
and
Dublin City University
Dublin, Ireland

1. The Parties
The parties to this Agreement of Intent (AOI) are:

(a) Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey
Yildiz Technical University (herein after 'YTU') was established in 1911 and is one of the top technical universities in Turkey. Celebrating its 100th year in 2011, it has, in its 10 Colleges (Faculties) about 23,000 undergraduate students and 3,000 Postgraduate students of which about 1,000 are PhD students. The university has 1,600 Academic and 800 Admin staff. YTU is a most progressive and internationally collaborative university and prides on its focus on universal accessibility, academic freedom & innovation.
For the purposes of this AOI, the contact for YTU shall be the Director of the Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences. At the date of signing that position is held by Prof. Dr. Faruk Yigit

and

(b) Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland
Dublin City University (herein after 'DCU') was established in 1989, having previously been the National Institute for Higher Education (Dublin) from the
time of its foundation in 1980. The strategic intent of DCU is to be a distinctive agent of radical innovation, within a culture of world class excellence in higher education and scholarship. Its values are to be innovative, collaborative and networked, accessible and open, and committed to intellectual integrity, objectivity and academic freedom.

For the purposes of this AOI, DCU shall be represented by the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering from within the Faculty of Engineering at DCU.

For the purposes of this AOI, the contact for DCU shall be the Head of the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering. At the date of signing that position is held by Professor Saleem Hashmi.

2. Terms of Agreement

Both parties agree to the terms of this AOI in accordance with the national regulations and policies and the existing laws applying in both countries.

YTU and DCU, wishing to establish and develop cooperative relations in areas of mutual interest, where thought to be feasible and mutually beneficial, in taught or research programmes offered at either university, agree as follows:

(i) Both participants shall endeavour to realise cooperation in activities that include, but are not limited to, the following:

a) Appropriately structured cooperative educational programmes, leading to Bachelors, Masters, or PhD degree awards, that involve mutual recognition of each others awards. Split mode taught Masters and split or remote based PhD degrees to be offered as early as practicable.

b) Joint research activities and publications

c) Participation in seminars and academic meetings

d) Exchange of faculty and/or staff

e) Exchange of academic materials and other information

f) Specialised short-term academic and professional programmes

g) Collaboration on development and implementation of quality assurance measures in academic areas, if desired.

(ii) This AOI may be amended or extended by mutual written consent of the two parties.
(iii) The terms of cooperation for each and any specific activity to be implemented under this AOI shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prior to the initiation of that activity.

3. Period of Agreement

This AOI shall remain in force for a period of three years from the date of the second signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by the appropriate authorities of either party upon giving six months notice to the other party in writing, unless an earlier termination date is mutually agreed upon. This AOI may be amended or extended by mutual written consent of the two parties.

4. Approval

Prof. Dr. Ismail Yuksel
Rector
Yildiz Technical University

Date: 25.10.11

Prof. Dr. Brian McCraith
President
Dublin City University

Date: 25.10.11