

**Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for  
Academic Exchange and Cooperation**  
between  
**Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany**  
**Faculty of Natural Sciences – Institute for Science Education**  
and  
**Sergo Ordzhonikidze Russian State University for**  
**Geological Prospecting, Moscow, Russia**  
**School of Geo-ecology and Geography – Ecology and Nature Management Department**

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Leibniz Universität Hannover, Faculty of Natural Sciences – Institute for Science Education and Sergo Ordzhonikidze Russian State University for Geological Prospecting, Moscow, Russia – Ecology and Nature Management Department, to develop an academic exchange and cooperation program in education and research, have agreed to the following:

1. Based on the principles of mutual benefit and respect for each other's independence, the two institutions will foster:
  - a) Students, academic and administrative staff exchanges;
  - b) Joint research activities;
  - c) Exchanges of academic materials.
2. Visiting scientists will be given a workplace and the necessary equipment, the classes of guest lectures will be included in the curriculum of the receiving institution.
3. Students will be enrolled according to their academic record. For the subjects involved, all parties intend to reach compatibility of their curricula, exams and the mutual recognition of students' credits and degrees.
4. The receiving institution will help staff and students to find suitable accommodation and support their academic, social and cultural integration.
5. All parties will develop joint teaching or research projects and apply for appropriate funds of national or international institutions. If all parties agree, additional partners could also participate in the projects.
6. It is implicit that every activity undertaken under this agreement is approved by the appropriate officials at each institution and must fall within each institution's academic and fiscal constraints.
7. This memorandum comes into force on the date of signature for an initial period of three years and can be renewed for another three-year period after the expiration of previous memorandum. Extension of contract is an active step six month before expiry of the previous



memorandum and subject to prior existence of actual cooperation activities in the previous three-year period of contract. If the contract is not actively renewed, it expires automatically. It may be amended by agreement of the parties.

In order to terminate the memorandum, a written notice must be issued one year before the expiry date.

8. This agreement may be modified at any time after due consultation between the two institutions.

9. Both parties agree that this memorandum does not contain any financial obligations for either side, and that measures will be pursued on the condition that national or international funds are available for the specific purpose.

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