AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
06531 ANKARA, TURKEY

AND

THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
ON BEHALF OF THE DAVIS CAMPUS
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Davis Campus, and the Middle East Technical University have entered into an Agreement of Cooperation in order to further the development of basic scientific and technological research, and graduate and undergraduate education at the two (2) Institutions. This general agreement between the two (2) institutions should be implemented by one or more Working Agreement(s) between subunits of the Institutions adopted as amendments to the Agreement of Cooperation.

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION NUMBER (assigned by OVP)
ENTERED INTO BY MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS METU REPRESENTED BY PROF.
DR. URAL AKBULUT, PRESIDENT OF METU AND BY THE REGENTS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, ON BEHALF OF THE DAVIS
CAMPUS, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS UC DAVIS,
REPRESENTED BY DR. LARRY N. VANDERHOEF, CHANCELLOR
OF THE DAVIS CAMPUS.
DECLARATIONS

I. METU DECLARES:

A. The Middle East Technical University is devoted to the pursuit and application of knowledge for the social, cultural, economic, scientific and technological development of our society and mankind through achievements in teaching, research and community service that are of highest international standards. Middle East Technical University is founded under the name of "Orta Doğu Yüksek Teknoloji Enstitüsü" (Middle East High Technology Institute) on November 15th, 1956 to contribute to the development of Turkey and Middle East countries and especially to train people as to create a skilled workforce in the fields of natural and social sciences. "Arrangements and Procedures as for the Foundation of METU, Law No 6887" was enacted on January 29th, 1957. Finally, "Foundation Act No 7307", which sets forth the particular standing of METU and describes the conditions rendering METU as a juridical entity, was enacted on May 27th, 1959.

Middle East Technical University's presence brought about new methods and introduced innovations to Turkish higher education system manifesting METU as a pioneer of modern education nationwide. In its earliest years, part of METU was located in a small building that belonged Social Security Office of Retirees at Kızılay's Müdafaa Street and the other section was located in the barracks behind the TBMM (Turkey's National Grand Assembly). In 1963, the University moved to its current campus location which is the first university campus of Turkey.

The language of instruction at METU is English. METU School of Foreign Languages takes the initiative to teach English to students at Preparatory School.

Owing to the quality academic education that emphasizes merit and excellence in scientific, cultural and intellectual studies as well as owing to the accomplished and qualified METU graduates, the University has become one of the distinguished and respectable institutions of Turkey. Today, the University is proud to employ 700 faculty (professors, associates professors etc.), 300 academic instructors and over 1100 research assistants. It is a great pleasure to offer education to over 20,000 students. The total number of the alumni now is 71,086 (58,907 of which have completed undergraduate programs.)

B. In 1956, the first academic program to start education was the Department of Architecture. Then in spring semester of 1957, Department of Mechanical Engineering launched its academic program. At the onset of 1957-1958 academic year, the Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Administrative Sciences were established. In 1959, the tasks undertaken to establish Faculty of Arts and Sciences were completed. Faculty of Education launched its academic program in 1982. Today, there are a total of 37 undergraduate programs in five faculties of METU. There are 67
graduate programs available in Graduate Schools of Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Informatics, Applied Mathematics and Marine Sciences Graduate Schools. Marine Sciences conducts the academic program studies at Icel-Erdemli.

II. UC DAVIS DECLARES:

A. That it is one of the nine campuses of the University of California, an institution created by the State of California in 1868 to impart higher education and to plan and carry out research programs for the purpose of the preservation and extension of knowledge, including the awarding of advanced degrees at the M.A., M.S., Ph.D., and professional level. It was created by the Organic Act of 1868, which established it with appropriate judicial and financial support at the State level, and as a Land Grant Institution of the United States under the Morrill Act of 1862. Its chief campus officer is the Chancellor.

B. That, in order to accomplish its mission, it is organized into the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the College of Engineering, the College of Letters and Science, Division of Biological Sciences, the Graduate School of Management, the School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Veterinary Medicine, Graduate Studies, the Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Agricultural Cooperative Extension.

III. BOTH PARTIES DECLARE:

A. That the institutions are united by common interests and objectives in academic, scientific and cultural affairs;

B. That these institutions are the ones which, by reason of their essence, ends and objectives are called upon to establish channels of communication that will facilitate intellectual interaction;

C. That for the reasons above, the institutions believe it advantageous to promote their academic ties by entering into an academic, scientific and cultural Agreement of Cooperation;

D. That, because of mutual benefits to the institutions in the advancement of research and education through the scholarly educational, scientific, technological and cultural contributions of each, it is appropriate and advantageous to the institutions to enter into this Agreement of Cooperation.

CLAUSES

I. The objective of this Agreement of Cooperation is to increase the academic, scientific and cultural relations between METU and UC Davis in identified areas where there is mutual interest in establishing Working Agreements.

II. Under this Agreement of Cooperation, cooperative work may be undertaken by subunits of the institutions. A Working Agreement between the respective
subunits may be executed as an amendment to this Agreement of Cooperation, and will include:

A. Designation of the participating institutional subunits (e.g. Colleges, Schools, Divisions, Departments and Programs);

B. Designation of one or more persons in each institution who will serve as program leader(s) for the Working Agreement; and

C. General description of the kinds of cooperative work and activities to be undertaken.

III. For each Working Agreement, the program leaders will be responsible for developing an annual program plan, including a description of the work and activities to be undertaken and the financial arrangements to support them. The annual program plan will require approval by the chief administrative officer of each institution or the officer's designated representative.

IV. The financial stipulations that will apply to the exchange of academic personnel are as follows:

When the researcher or teacher goes to the other institution at the host institution's request, the host institution will be responsible for the international travel costs and living expenses in accordance with its internal regulations. In all other circumstances, the institution of origin will be responsible for the international travel costs and living expenses incurred. Other financial arrangements relating to such matters as health insurance and tuition will be addressed in Working Agreements.

V. Access to emergency medical care for researchers, teachers and students will be based on the health care programs available at the host institution. The cost of medical/health services will be the responsibility of the visiting researchers, teachers, graduate and undergraduate students through the home institution (see IX below).

VI. Each institution will take steps to:

A. Publicize the opportunities available under this Agreement of Cooperation and promote the development of cooperation;

B. Assist its subunits, faculty, staff and students with the administrative details of interchange; and,

C. Establish a review process for approval and evaluation of programs.

VII. The institutions, under the auspices of this Agreement of Cooperation, may jointly sponsor conferences, short courses, regular courses, seminars and symposia, as well as exchange publications and other didactic and research materials.
VIII. The present Agreement of Cooperation is for three (3) years, and it or any of its parts may be modified or terminated by written consent of both parties who will comply with the obligations that might be in effect on the date of termination.

IX. Regularly employed personnel, while involved in this Agreement of Cooperation, remain subject to the rules and regulations of their own institution in all matters of employment, benefits, medical and life insurance, employee rights, etc.

X. The Agreement of Cooperation does not, in and of itself, obligate either METU or UC Davis to any financial expenditures not explicit in the above. Such obligations, if any, will be made as part of the Working Agreements and annual program plans that may be developed under this Agreement of Cooperation. Both parties hereby agree to comply with each and every obligation contained in this document and all those that might be in effect on the date of termination of the Agreement of Cooperation.

Having read the present Agreement of Cooperation, and being fully aware of the content and scope of each and every one of its clauses, the parties hereby affix their signatures to the present document.

XI. This agreement will be valid after the approval of the Council of Higher Education of Turkey (YÖK).

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
METU

By _________________________
Prof. Dr. Ural Akbulut
President

Date 17 May 05

THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

By _________________________
Larry N. Vanderhoef
Chancellor

Date 17 June 05