



Consortium Agreement between
The University of South Carolina Upstate, USA
and
Zhejiang Forestry University, China

In the recognition of the proven value, both personal and educational, of the exchange experience for students, staff and faculty, it is our intention to establish, at the institutional level, the principles, policy, guidelines and procedures required to facilitate such exchanges between our institutions.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Agreement is to encourage educational cooperation and exchange between the two institutions in the following areas:

- Exchange of faculty members and research staff
- Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students
- Joint research projects
- Promotion of lectures, research workshops and symposia
- Exchange of information and academic publications

The agreement between **Zhejiang Forestry University, China, and the University of South Carolina Upstate** may be in any appropriate field available at either institution, subject to the prior approval of the host institution.

EXCHANGE OF PROFESSORS

A. Teaching Exchange

- Each institution may nominate one of its professors to participate in an exchange for the purpose of teaching and research in the other institution.

- The period of exchange will be agreed in writing by both parties.
- Travel and living expenses for professors on teaching exchanges are not compensated by the host institution, unless specific arrangements are made and agreed to in advance.
- In general, professors on teaching exchanges will remain on full salary benefits with their respective institutions.
- Teaching course loads, working hours and conditions will normally be in accordance with established rules and practices of the host institution, subject to prior negotiation and agreement.
- Remuneration for special projects is subject to special negotiation.
- The host institution will give access to libraries and other needed facilities for professors on teaching exchanges.
- Professors on teaching exchanges must carry health insurance that meets the requirements of the host institution.

B. Visiting Scholars

- Visiting scholars may have the approval of the host institution to visit it during a short period for the purpose of research, consulting and short-term teaching, subject to prior negotiation.
- Travel and living expenses for visiting scholars are not normally paid by the host institution, unless specific arrangements are made and agreed to in advance.
- The host institution will provide an institutional appointment and library access.
- Visiting scholars must carry medical health insurance that meets the requirements of the host institution.

EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS

- All student exchanges must operate within the existing guidelines and regulations of the host institution.
- The number of students exchanged under this Agreement will be agreed on in advance.
- Exchange students must be selected by a special commission at their home institution, and accepted by the other institution.

- Language proficiency of exchange students will be gauged and verified for the host institution in advance by appropriate personnel of the sending institution. TOEFL or IELTS scores might be required.
- Exchange students will be admitted by the host institution for a period of one or two semesters. Longer period of studies will have to be approved by both institutions.
- Exchange students may take courses for credit, and the host institution will issue a transcript and grades for exchange students under the same rules and regulations as for its students.
- Students are expected to pay tuition at their home institution when required.
- Exchange students must carry medical health insurance that meets the requirements of the host institution.
- Exchange students are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations of the host institution and respect the cultural mores, national traditions and customs of the host country.
- Each student participating in the exchange program will be responsible for the following costs:
 - Travel costs to and from each institution
 - Room and feeding expenses
 - Medical health insurance and health service fee
 - Passport and visa costs
 - Course material required by the particular program the student is following
 - Any other debts the student may incur during the period spent at the host institution

CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

The Agreement shall become effective upon the signature of the designated officials of both institutions, and its actual implementation will begin as soon as both institutions have identified qualified individuals ready to participate in the exchange.

This Agreement will be valid indefinitely from the date of the signature.

The absence of exchanges during any one academic year is possible and does not nullify this Agreement.

Either institution may terminate this Agreement with a written notice of six months. This period is necessary to ensure that exchanges planned or in progress are completed satisfactorily.

Modifications may be proposed at any time, and they will be effective from the date of written notification signed by both institutions.

Concluded and signed on this 7th day of May 2008

President

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Concluded and signed on this 18th day of June 2008

Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen
President
University of South Carolina

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