

THE BALTIC SEA REGION UNIVERSITY NETWORK

We, the undersigned universities,

Estonian Agricultural University,
Kaliningrad State University,
Kaunas University of Technology,
Klaipeda University,
Medical University of Gdansk,
Riga Technical University,
St. Petersburg State University,
Tallinn Pedagogical University,
Tallinn Technical University,
Technical University of Gdansk,
University of Gdansk,
University of Latvia,
University of Tartu,
University of Turku,
Warsaw School of Economics and
Vilnius University

have hereby decided to establish the Baltic Sea Region University Network as an umbrella organisation to facilitate and enhance co-operation between the signing parties.

I

We, the signing parties, intend to develop bonds of mutual partnership between students, teachers, researchers and administrators of the partner universities.

Co-operation links will be developed through mobility and exchange of students, academic staff, administrators, joint projects, and information networks.

II

The parties agree that co-operation should focus especially on the following areas:

- Baltic Studies and Baltic Sea Region studies;
- Distance Education and Open and Distance Learning;
- European Integration and European Studies;
- Institutional Management and Administration;
- Internationalisation;
- Management Information Systems and Information Technology; and
- Regional Development.

III

To promote co-operation the parties agree:

Student mobility

to exchange students, provided that they are eligible for studies at the host university; no tuition fees will be charged.

Academic staff mobility

to support exchange of staff for education or research for a limited period of time according to agreements between the departments or faculties.

Information exchange

to provide information on and promote participation of the staff in congresses, conferences, scientific meetings and seminars arranged by partner universities; to exchange scientific and teaching facilities in the fields relevant to the co-operation.

Joint research projects

to promote the setting up of bilateral and multilateral research projects within areas of co-operation.

IV

The exchange programmes will be established on departmental basis enabling professors, lecturers and researchers in the same field to propose arrangements of exchange of academic staff and students for scientific and educational purposes. The university departments concerned should approve proposals of exchange.

V

The parties agree that all financial arrangements will have to be considered on the basis of each individual case, and will depend on the availability of funds. However, in accordance with the principle of mutual and equal benefit and in the spirit of academic co-operation, the institutions agree, with due consideration to the available funds, to provide mutual support for daily subsistence (room and board) in the host city for short-term visiting scholars. Irrespective of the source of funding, the parties further agree to provide assistance and courtesy to the visiting scholars in every possible way at the host university.

VI

This agreement will become effective upon the date of signature and it is valid for three years. The agreement is automatically extended for three years at a time except for the parties which have cancelled their participation in writing at least six months prior to the expiration of the agreement.

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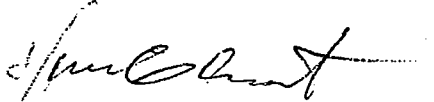
Any alterations of this agreement, agreed upon by the signing parties, and the accession of additional parties will be submitted to the same proceedings as the original agreement and expressed in writing.

VIII

This agreement is made in sixteen (16) equally authentic copies in English, one of which is to be deposited with each university.

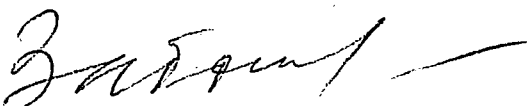
Signed in Turku on 28 February, 2000

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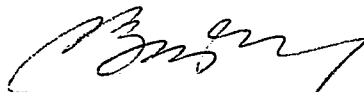


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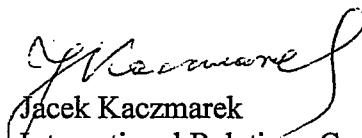


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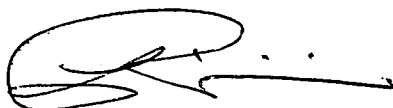


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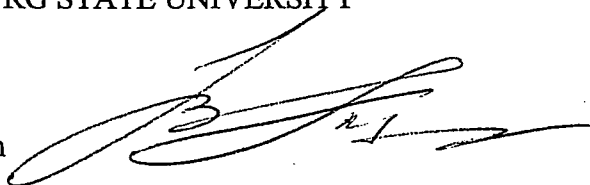
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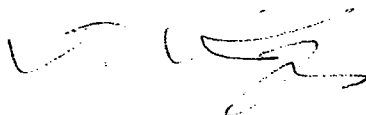
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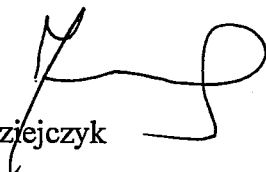
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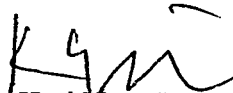


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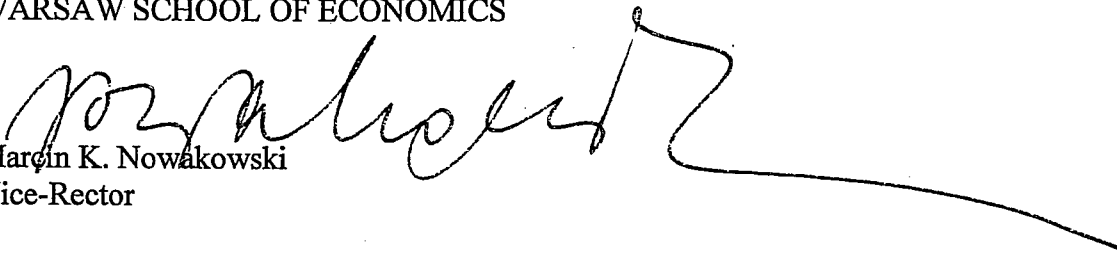


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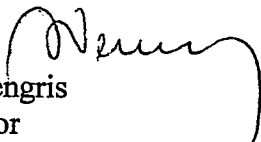
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