

ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

AND

BRNO UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION

IN IMPLEMENTATION

OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

2018

Brno University of Technology

with its registered office at Antonínská 548/1, 601 90 Brno

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represented by Prof. RNDr. Ing. Petr Štěpánek, CSc., dr. h. c., Rector
(hereinafter “**BUT**”)

and

Czech Republic – Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

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represented by Prof. RNDr. Eva Zažímalová, CSc., Chairwoman
(hereinafter “**AS CR**”)

BUT and AS CR (hereinafter jointly as the “**Parties**”)

hereby enter, in accordance with Section 1746 (2) of Act No. 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code, as amended, Section 78 *et seq.* of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions and amending and supplementing other laws (Higher Education Institutions Act), as amended (hereinafter the “**Higher Education Institutions Act**”), Government Regulation No. 274/2016 Coll., on standards for accreditation in higher education (hereinafter “**Government Regulation No. 274/2016 Coll.**”), and Government Regulation No. 275/2016 Coll., on education areas in higher education (hereinafter “**Government Regulation No. 275/2016 Coll.**”).

into this

**Agreement on Co-operation
in Implementation of Doctoral Programmes
(hereinafter the “Agreement”)**

I. Introductory Provisions

1. The Parties hereby declare their interest in jointly contributing to the improvement of the quality and effectiveness of research and development in the Czech Republic and co-operating in scientific education of young scientists in implementation of doctoral programmes in mutual co-operation of BUT faculties and institutes of the AS CR having the status of a public research institutions (hereinafter the “**Co-operating Parties**”).
2. Pursuant to the Higher Education Institutions Act and Government Regulation No. 274/2016 Coll., if a doctoral programme is or should be implemented by a higher education institution in co-operation with the institutes of the AS CR, the implementation of the programme must be documented by an agreement entered into with the AS CR and an agreement entered into with institutes of the AS CR having the status of public research institutions.
3. The objective of this Agreement is to create a legal basis for the Co-operating Parties to co-operate in the implementation of doctoral programmes within the granted institutional accreditation and/or based on the granted programme accreditation (unless the authorisation to implement the programme of the given type in the given education area follows from the granted institutional accreditation).
4. This Agreement stipulates the basic principles of organisation of the co-operation

hereunder, the principles of co-operation between the Parties and the Co-operating Parties in accreditation and implementation of doctoral programmes and the status of the students within the doctoral programmes.

5. The specific forms and terms of the co-operation between the Co-operating Parties shall be agreed in an individual agreement on mutual co-operation in implementation of specific doctoral programmes to be entered into by the relevant co-operating BUT faculty and institute of the AS CR (hereinafter the “**Individual Agreement**”) on the basis of and in accordance with this Agreement.
6. In the performance of this Agreement, the Parties and the Co-operating Parties are obliged to comply with the applicable legal regulations, in particular the Higher Education Institutions Act, Government Regulation No. 274/2016 Coll., Government Regulation No. 275/2016 Coll., Act No. 283/1992 Coll., on the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, as amended, Act No. 341/2005 Coll., on public research institutions, as amended, as well as the applicable internal regulations of the Parties and Co-operating Parties.

II. Organisation of Co-operation

1. The mutual co-operation between the Parties and the Co-operating Parties hereunder shall be co-ordinated by the following persons who shall also be authorised to act on behalf of the Parties in matters regulated by this Agreement: Prof. RNDr. Miroslav Doupovec, CSc., dr. h. c., Vice-rector for Studies and Student Affairs, e-mail: doupovec@ro.vutbr.cz, tel.: 541 145 207 and RNDr. Pavel Krejčí, CSc., member of the Academic Board of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic responsible for co-operation between the AS CR and universities, e-mail: kreici@kav.cas.cz, tel. 221 403 419 (hereinafter the “**Authorised Persons**”). The Parties agree to notify each other without delay of any changes concerning the Authorised Persons.
2. Authorised Persons
 - a) contribute to and assist in fulfilling the purpose of this Agreement and removal of any obstacles in the co-operation between the Parties and the Co-operating Parties hereunder;
 - b) at request of one of the Parties, the Authorised Persons shall submit to the bodies of the Parties a joint report on co-operation between the Parties and the Co-operating Parties in implementation of the doctoral programmes hereunder.

III. Co-operation in Execution of Individual Agreements and Accreditation

1. After execution of this Agreement, the statutory representatives of the Parties (the Rector of BUT and the Chairwoman of the AS CR) shall invite the deans of the BUT faculties and the heads of the institutes of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic to execute Individual Agreements.
2. Individual Agreements must contain the consent of the authorised representatives of the Co-operating Parties to co-operate in the implementation of doctoral programmes and the agreement of the Co-operating Parties on personnel, material, technical and financial support of doctoral programmes in the implementation of which the institutes of the AS CR intend to co-operate.

3. Doctoral programmes involving an institute of the AS CR may be implemented on the basis of
 - a) accreditation of the respective programme pursuant to Section 81 of the Higher Education Institutions Act outside the education area for which BUT has been granted institutional accreditation; or
 - b) authorisation to implement the respective programme pursuant to Section 81d of the Higher Education Institutions Act within the education area for which BUT has been granted institutional accreditation.
4. The Parties and the Co-operating Parties are obliged to actively co-operate in the preparation of underlying documents for granting of the relevant accreditation of the doctoral programmes within the scope and specification required by the applicable legal regulations.

IV. Co-operation in Implementation of Doctoral Programmes

1. In implementation of the doctoral programmes, the Co-operating Parties are obliged to comply, in particular, with the following main principles of co-operation:
 - a) Joint Representation in Doctoral Boards
 - the Co-operating Parties shall agree on the composition of the Doctoral Board for the doctoral programmes, which shall organise, monitor and evaluate the scope and organisation of the doctoral programme;
 - the Co-operating Parties will be appropriately represented in the Doctoral Board for doctoral programmes implemented in co-operation with the institutes of the AS CR;
 - details will be provided for in an Individual Agreement;
 - b) Co-operation in the Admission Procedure
 - the Co-operating Parties shall jointly participate in the preparation of the conditions of the admission procedure for students of the doctoral programmes (hereinafter "**Doctoral Students**" or "**Students**");
 - the Co-operating Parties shall jointly prepare topics/thematic areas of the doctoral studies; topics proposed by both Co-operating Parties shall be appropriately included in the announced topics;
 - the conditions of the admission procedure shall indicate that the programme is implemented in co-operation with an institute of the AS CR and the name of the co-operating institute of the AS CR;
 - the institutes of the AS CR shall inform the co-operating faculties of the possibilities of co-operation within the programme;
 - representatives of the BUT faculty and the co-operating institute of the AS CR shall be an appropriately represented in the admission committees;
 - details of the co-operation in the admission procedure shall be provided for in an Individual Agreement;
 - c) Co-operation in Selection and Appointment of Supervisors
 - Doctoral Students may be supervised by employees of the co-operating BUT

faculty, the co-operating institute of the AS CR or some other suitable person; when selecting a supervisor, the Co-operating Parties shall take into account especially the interests and needs of the Doctoral Students;

- a proposal for appointment of a supervisor shall be submitted by the relevant Doctoral Board of the doctoral programme;
- the approval procedure and appointment of a supervisor must comply with the regulations of BUT, the co-operating faculty and the institute of the AS CR;
- if an employee of the co-operating institute of the AS CR is appointed as the supervisor of a Doctoral Student, BUT shall appoint a contact person for the Doctoral Student;
- details of the co-operation in selection of supervisors are provided for in an Individual Agreement;

d) Status of Doctoral Students within Doctoral Study Programmes

- The Doctoral Students are BUT students; they have all the rights and obligations of students in the given form of studies and are subject to the applicable BUT regulations;
- a Doctoral Student's supervision facility is usually the facility where his/her supervisor works; the supervision facility is specified in the individual study plan drawn up by the supervisor based on agreement with the Doctoral Student and is subject to approval by the Doctoral Board;
- doctoral students are obliged to be acquainted and comply with the applicable regulations of BUT, BUT Faculties and training unit, including safety and labour-law regulations;
- Doctoral Students studying in full-time studies are entitled to a scholarship pursuant to the BUT Scholarship Rules;
- Doctoral Students may be members of research teams of the BUT faculties and the institutes of the AS CR and apply for contributions for scientific activities and internal grants provided by the Parties;
- after proper completion of studies in the relevant programme, BUT shall grant the graduates an academic degree and issue them a certificate of completion of studies and obtaining the relevant academic degree pursuant to the Higher Education Institutions Act;
- the graduate's diploma shall specify the given programme and the co-operating institute of the AS CR participating in implementation of the programme;
- further details and specific features of the status of Doctoral Students in specific doctoral programmes shall be provided for in an Individual Agreement;

e) Exams and Doctoral Thesis Defence

- all exams and defences of doctoral theses shall be performed by the Doctoral Students at BUT;
- the representatives of the co-operating institutes of the AS CR shall be appropriately represented in the Doctoral State Examination Committee and the Doctoral Thesis Defence Committee;
- details will be provided for in an Individual Agreement;

f) Implementation and Arrangement of Studies

- both Co-operating Parties shall participate in personnel, material and technical support of studies in the agreed doctoral study programmes and in preparation of an offer of the relevant professional courses in the study block,

- implementation of lectures, special seminars and excursions, etc.;
- the professional part of the studies in terms of material, technical and experimental aspects shall be arranged for especially by the doctoral students' training units;
- detailed conditions of implementation and arrangement of the programmes shall be provided for in an Individual Agreement.

V. Final Provisions

1. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite term.
2. Any of the Parties may terminate this Agreement, even without giving a reason. The notice of termination must be made in writing. The notice period shall be 1 year unless the notice of termination stipulates a longer period; the notice period shall commence on the first day of the calendar month following the delivery of the notice to the other Party. The notice of termination must include a provision stipulating the conditions for successful completion of studies by Doctoral Students who have already been admitted.
3. This Agreement may only be modified by written numbered amendments made in four counterparts, executed by the governing bodies of the Parties.
4. Unless a legal regulation stipulates otherwise or unless the Parties explicitly agree otherwise, the Individual Agreements on mutual co-operation entered into between the co-operating BUT faculties and the institutes of the AS CR hereunder shall not terminate upon termination of this Agreement.
5. The Parties agree that this Agreement replaces and supersedes the Agreement on Mutual Co-operation in Implementation of Doctoral Programmes concluded by and between the Parties on 10 June 1999.
6. This Agreement has been executed in four counterparts, two for each Party.
7. This Agreement enters into force on the date of its execution by both Parties and into effect on the date of publication of the Agreement in the Agreements Register pursuant to Act No. 340/2015 Coll., on special conditions for the effect of certain agreements, publication of such agreements and the Agreements Register (the "Agreements Register Act"), as amended. Any and all acts related to the publication of this Agreement in the Agreements Register shall be ensured by the AS CR.

In Brno, on: 4 July 2018

In Prague, on: 25 June 2018

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