

AGREEMENT OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION

Between

**Siberian State University of Geosystems and Technologies,
Novosibirsk, Russia,**

and

**University of Benin,
Benin city, Nigeria**

The Siberian State University of Geosystems and Technologies, Novosibirsk, Russia, represented by Professor **Alexander P. Karpik**, who is fully authorized to execute this Agreement in his position as Rector,

and

University of Benin, Benin city, Nigeria, represented by Prof. **Faraday F. Osasere Orumwense**, who is fully authorized to execute this Agreement in his respective positions as Vice Chancellor

(together or individually hereinafter referred to as “the party” or “the parties” as appropriate),

whereas

the two parties have decided to expand existing contacts and ongoing academic collaboration between them in their common fields of study,

Decide as follows:

Article 1. Subject

The parties agree to establish between them an academic relationship for the purpose of carrying out a bilateral cooperation program in all fields of mutual interest.

Article 2. Modes of Cooperation

The implementation of research and study programs – determined in conformity with Article 1 and designed depending on the specific competency of the parties and within the limits of the available funds and resources – may be carried out through the joint realization of research projects at the location of both parties, according to the modalities specified in Article 4 of this Agreement.

The parties agree to encourage the following:

- facilitating joint research projects in the field of Applied Geomatics, Remote Sensing, GIS, Hydroinformatics etc.
- creating joint research networks
- co-sponsoring of/participation in workshops and/or conference days
- facilitating joint preparation and publication of articles on topics of mutual interest
- exchange of students

- exchange of scholars
- exchange program for staff and students

Article 3. Liaison

The parties will appoint a faculty member as coordinator of the activities entailed in the general agreement who will also be responsible for facilitating and maintaining communication with the other party.

Article 4. Project Protocols

Cooperation projects between the parties shall be described in specific protocols. At each occasion, such documents shall be submitted to the parties for approval and formal definition of organizational and funding aspects and, in the case of acceptance, shall be considered an integral part of this Agreement.

Besides implementation modalities specifying academic, organizational, technical and financial aspects, protocols shall contain intellectual property right (IPR) specifications and procedures for publication.

Article 5. Funding

Implementation of the collaborative research and study activities the parties decide to embark upon shall depend upon the availability of funding. The parties may select to assist one another with applications to outside funding agencies for financial support. In such event, the research or study activity shall be subject to a specific agreement.

Article 6. Duration

This Agreement shall commence on the later of the two dates of signature of the parties, this being the date when both parties have duly accepted the conditions laid down in this Agreement. The Agreement shall be in force for five (5) years with automatic prolongation for the following five years provided neither of the parties has given notice of discontinuance the other six (6) months prior to the expiry of the Agreement.

Article 7. General

In the event of any conflict between this Agreement and any other contractual terms between the parties, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail. No change in the terms hereof shall be valid unless done in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of each party. Such changes shall come into force only after the aforesaid signatures have been appended.

The invalidity of any part of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of the rest of the Agreement.

In the event that any part of the Agreement is declared invalid or void, the parties shall in good faith negotiate substitute wording to reflect as far as possible the parties' original intention.

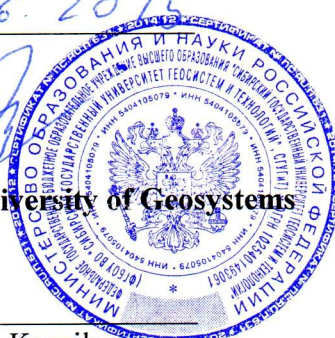
Each party shall have the unquestionable right to withdraw from this Agreement by giving the other party notice at least six months prior thereof in writing, by registered letter with advice of receipt. In such event, the specific agreements, as aforesaid in Article 2, and the project protocols, as aforesaid in Article 4, shall be completed according to the stated conditions while the related financial obligations shall likewise be respected.

The Agreement is done in two copies, written in English. Each party has a copy of the Agreement.

Date: 25.06.2015

Signed:

Siberian State University of Geosystems
and Technologies

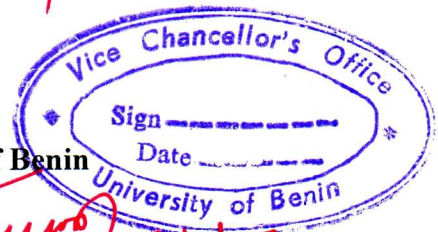


Prof. Aleksandr P. Karpik

Date: 7/9/15

Signed:

University of Benin



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Prof. Faraday F. Osasere Orumwense

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