MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH, USA
AND
UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS, CYPRUS

In accordance with a desire to promote cooperation in areas of mutual interest for the benefit of both institutions, the UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH, and the UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS hereby enter into the following agreement:

Article 1.
The UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH and the UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS shall engage in cooperation in fields of common interest and shall develop joint projects in these fields.

Article 2.
Joint activities will be established by mutual agreement of both parties. These projects are undertaken to enhance the exchange of scientific knowledge and cultural traditions at the global level, in keeping with the commitment of both parties to international scientific and cultural exchanges.

Article 3.
Within agreed fields, both parties shall seek to engage in the following types of cooperation, subject to future agreements:

a) Exchange of faculty and students for research, teaching and study; students are expected to pay their tuition fee at their home institution. Student exchanges are based on the understanding that exchanges are matched one-for-one by each university and that all courses passed at the host university will be recognized at the home university;

b) Subject to later agreements, exchange of scholarly publications and other information in areas of interest to both parties, including library collections and services;

c) Joint research activities;

d) Exchange of scholars for seminars, conferences and other academic meetings.

Article 4.
The duration of exchange visits will be determined by mutual consent. Such visits may be for one year, one semester or shorter.

Article 5.
The two parties will designate individuals with responsibility for the coordination and implementation of this agreement.

Article 6.
Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated separately and will depend on the availability of funds.
Article 7.
Both parties agree to exercise their best efforts in securing outside funding for joint projects.

Article 8.
Both parties acknowledge that visits by faculty and students from one party to the other shall be subject to the entry and visa regulations of the UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH and the UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS, and shall comply with the regulations and policies of the UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH and the UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS.

Article 9.
It is understood that both the UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH and the UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS subscribe to the principle of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, ethnicity, religion, or national origin. Both the UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH and the UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS shall abide by these principles in the administration of this agreement and neither party shall impose criteria for exchange of scholars or students, which violate principles of nondiscrimination.

Article 10.
Both parties shall review the status of the agreement at the end of each five-year period to determine any modifications that might be necessary. The period of validity of this agreement may be extended by mutual consent.

Article 11.
Either party may terminate this agreement with written notification, signed by a designated official of the party initiating termination. Such notification must be given at least six months in advance of the effective date of termination.
APPENDIX A: EXPECTED SHORT-TERM SET OF DELIVERABLES

In general our work will be focused around three main endeavors:

1. Collaboration on Research & Development (R&D)
2. Exchange of PhD students for authentic research internships
3. Exchange of Faculty/Research Scientists to assist in R&D or to sustain faculty professional development (e.g. sabbatical)

Short-term goals are focused on establishing a pilot program to extend systematic development of the SimCalc Research program in Cyprus schools. To meet these goals we aim to accomplish various things mutually.

1. Complete an introduction of “SimCalc” to teachers in local Cyprus schools/Professional Development institutes
2. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth representatives to participate in a preservice program of secondary school teachers. University of Cyprus will purchase a SimCalc License to support such pilot work in schools and workshops.
3. Mutually extend our Research foci to include implementation at scale in Cyprus and possibly Athens, Greece. Primarily this will be in the form of a pilot study in 2009-10 using existing pilot activities on-line and in-house.
4. Support the implementation of such through regionalizing the curriculum and video support guides into Greek. Translation of materials into a suitable format will be a focus of work for the University of Cyprus. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth will supply the University of Cyprus with raw materials to assist in all necessary translation subject to University of Massachusetts IP policy.
5. Work with teachers and faculty to develop new activities or variation on our present curriculum (note we have curriculum that covers grades 6-11+) utilizing the new authoring mode functionality.
6. Explore the possibility of establishing a “Country-wide license” to support such a project in the form of a discounted volume license.

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