



## **Cooperation Agreement**

between

**Prince of Songkla University**

and

**Ghent University**

In accordance with a mutual desire to promote international academic, cultural and scientific exchange, Ghent University (UGent), Belgium and Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Thailand enter into this Cooperation Agreement.

The Rectors of both institutions, for the purpose of furthering cooperation through both educational and academic exchanges, hereby affirm their intent to promote such exchanges as will be of mutual benefit for their respective institutions. Educational and academic exchanges are considered here to include but not be limited to:

- Development of mutually beneficial academic programmes and courses
- Exchange of academic staff and PhD for the main purpose of teaching
- Reciprocal assistance for visiting academic staff and students
- Exchange of students for study and research
- Exchange of documentation, pedagogical information and research materials

Both parties decide by mutual consent that all the financial agreements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.

Details of the exchange are as follows:

### **A. Student exchange**

Both parties hereby agree that:

1. The exchange of students shall be administered through the International Relations Office of UGent and the International Affairs Office of PSU at Hat Yai, Thailand.
2. Each university may in principle nominate not more than two undergraduate or graduate students for exchange each year. However, this number may vary in any given year provided a balance of exchanges is attained over the term of the agreement.
3. While nominees will normally be accepted for exchange by the host university, the host university reserves the right to review the applications of nominees and make final decisions concerning admission.
4. A selected student may study for one semester or academic year at the host university.
5. The travelling expenses of students should be supported by the delegating university; lodging and living expenses should be supported by the host university.
6. Exchange students will not pay examination, matriculation and tuition fees to the host institution, but shall pay these to the home institution as per the usual regulations of the home institution.

7. Any academic credit received during the course of the program at the host institution may be transferred to the home institution in accordance with the appropriate regulations of the home institution.
8. Each host institution will issue appropriate documents for each accepted nominee for the issuance of a student visa, in accordance with current national laws. It is the responsibility of each individual student to obtain a student visa in their home country in a timely manner.
9. The student will provide his or her own health, accident, repatriation and civil liability insurance.

**B. Staff exchange**

Both parties hereby agree that:

1. The exchange of staff shall be administered through the International Relations Office of UGent and the International Affairs Office of PSU at Hat Yai, Thailand.
2. Both parties agree to support the exchange during each academic year of maximum 2 professors or members of scientific staff from each university, for maximum 3 months exchange. However, this number may vary in any given year provided a balance of exchanges is attained over the term of the agreement.
3. The travel expenses of staff members of the partner universities should be supported by the home university whereas the expenses for accommodation and subsistence should be supported by the host university.
4. Each host institution will issue appropriate documents for each visiting staff member for the issuance of a visa, in accordance with current national laws. It is the responsibility of each individual staff member to obtain a visa in their home country in a timely manner.

For Ghent University, Prof. Dr. Eric Coppejans will be the responsible academic staff member of the Cooperation Agreement. For PSU, this will be Prof. Dr. Chutamas Satasook.

This Cooperation Agreement as well as succeeding plans concerning the concrete proposals of cooperation, shall be effective after approval of the terms of the agreement by the appropriate authorities of the universities. It will remain in effect for a period of 5 years. Thereafter, it will be reviewed and can be amended or renewed as agreed by both parties.

**For Ghent University**




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Rector  
Date:




Prof. Dr. Herwig Dejonghe  
Dean of Faculty of Sciences  
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**For Prince of Songkla University**



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Boonsom Siribumrongsukha  
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