

**JOINT AGREEMENT FOR DOUBLE DEGREE
BETWEEN**

IL POLITECNICO DI MILANO (Italy)
(the Faculties of Engineering)

AND

THE ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (Turkey)
(the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering)

Preamble

The Politecnico di Milano (the Faculties of Engineering) with legal domicile in piazza Leonardo da Vinci 32, 20133 Milano (Italy), represented in this deed by its Rector's Deputy for International Relations, Prof. Giancarlo Spinelli, as identified in the Rector Decree of delegation n. 94/AG of January 14th 2003 and **the Istanbul Technical University** (ITU), with legal domicile at Ayazağa Campus, 80626 Maslak, Istanbul (Turkey), **represented in this deed by its Rector Prof. Dr. Faruk Karadoğan**, have decided to embark on an exchange of students that will culminate in the award of the degrees of both Institutions under the conditions specified hereunder.

Article 1 : For students of the PM

1.1.

PM students who have taken the "Laurea" and can be admitted to the "Laurea Magistrale" are entitled to continue their curriculum in the Master courses at the ITU attending courses and/or recognized activities for 120 ECTS credits.

The latter years shall be fully recognised, and the examinations of the courses taken at ITU, replaced as equivalent to examinations taken at the PM, shall be specified case by case.

After return to the PM, students who have obtained at ITU credits equivalent to 120 ECTS credits shall attend courses and/or recognized activities for 60 ECTS credits, in such a way that the total number of credits awarded by both Institutions will be at least 360 ECTS credits.

They shall produce a final thesis in English with summaries in Italian or Turkish, which shall be presented at both Institutions. Thereafter they shall be awarded the "Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria" at the PM and "Master of Science" at the ITU.

The general programme of studies must be approved in advance by both Institutions for each student enrolled.

1.2.

PM students who have taken the "Laurea", have been admitted to the "Laurea Magistrale" and have passed courses for 60 ECTS credits are entitled to continue their curriculum in the master courses at the ITU attending courses and/or recognized activities for 120 ECTS credits.

The latter years shall be fully recognised, and the examinations of the courses taken at ITU, replaced as equivalent to examinations taken at the PM, shall be specified case by case, in such a way that the total number of credits awarded by both Institutions will be at least 360.

They shall produce a final thesis in English with summaries in Italian or Turkish, which shall be presented at both Institutions. Thereafter they shall be awarded the "Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria" at the PM and "Master of Science" at the ITU.

The general programme of studies must be approved in advance by both Institutions for each student enrolled.

Article 2 : For students of the ITU

2.1.

Students of the ITU who have obtained the "Bachelor of Science" shall be entitled to continue their curriculum at the PM in the first and second year of the "Laurea Magistrale" course attending courses and/or recognized activities for 120 ECTS credits.

After return to the ITU, students who have obtained at PM credits equivalent to 120 ECTS shall attend courses and/or recognized activities for 60 ECTS credits, in such a way that the total number of credits awarded by both Institutions will be at least 360.

They shall produce a final thesis in English with summaries in Italian or Turkish, which shall be presented at both Institutions. Thereafter they shall be awarded the titles of "Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria" at PM and "Master of Science" at ITU.

The general programme of studies must be approved in advance by both Institutions for each student enrolled.

2.2.

ITU students who have obtained the the "Bachelor of Science", have been admitted to "Master of Science" courses and have passed courses for 60 ECTS credits, are entitled to continue their curriculum in the in the first and second year of the "Laurea Magistrale" courses at PM attending courses and/or recognized activities for 120 ECTS credits, in such a way that the total number of credits awarded by both Institutions will be at least 360.

They shall produce a final thesis in English with summaries in Italian or Turkish, which shall be presented at both Institutions. Thereafter they shall be awarded the titles of "Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria" at PM and "Master of Science" at ITU.

The general programme of studies must be approved in advance by both Institutions for each student enrolled.

Article 3

Every year a maximum of 5 exchange students per institution will pay applicable tuition and fees, only to their home University. No fees will be paid to the host institution for the entire period of the exchange.

Students exceeding the above-mentioned number will have the possibility to be enrolled in each institution. Such students will have to follow the selection and admittance procedures determined in this agreement, but they will have to pay tuition fees foreseen for local students at the host institution, unless agreed differently by written communication between the parties.

Article 4

Where possible, the two parties will produce the transcripts of records of the exchange students reporting also the marks according to the ECTS scales.

Where not possible, they will provide information on the distribution curve of marks.

Moreover, where an entrance selection is practiced, the success percentage will be given.

Article 5

The host Institution shall appoint, for each student, a tutor to whom he/she may apply for advice or assistance during his/her stay in the host country.

Article 6

The Authorities responsible at both Institutions shall decide, by 30th April of each year, the number of students to be admitted to the exchange.

The selection shall be based on academic results and knowledge of Italian and **English**.

Article 7

Expenses for travel and accommodation will be to students' account. The host Institution engages to help students in their incoming procedures and in obtaining the same facilities foreseen for their students and/or scholarships.

Before students' departure, the home institution must guarantee that exchange students have purchased the required insurance.

Exchange students will pay applicable tuition and fees only to their respective home Institution. No fees will be paid to the host institution for the entire period of the exchange.

Article 8

The persons responsible for the Programme at both Institutions shall meet at least once a year in order to:

- review the effectiveness of the teaching programmes;
- examine the academic results achieved by the students in the light of Institutions' joint effort;
- propose further actions.

Article 9

The obligations relevant to information, training and setting-up of the needed prevention and protection measures, are defined within a specific document between the parties, annexed to the present agreement.

Article 10

This Agreement shall come into force immediately after the signature of the responsible University Authorities.

It will last five years, and can be renewed after verification of the activities developed during its duration and provided that the two parties agree on renewal.

This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the parties hereto. Any party may withdraw from this agreement at any time, and the agreement will terminate one hundred eighty days after the date of the written communication of the withdrawal to the partner institution. In such an event, all action previously undertaken shall nevertheless be completed.

Article 11

The parties agree to solve in a friendly manner any controversy rising from the interpretation of the present agreement.

In the event that the disagreement cannot be resolved, the issue(s) will be submitted for arbitration; each party will appoint a member of the arbitration panel, and one member will be chosen by mutual consent.

Article 12

In order to promote joint actions in education and research, the PM and ITU shall encourage:

- exchanges of students, university staff and researchers;
- study sessions, workshop, and seminars on previously agreed subjects;
- exchange of information, documents and scientific publications;
- student exchanges involving work experience or visits to companies.

The exchange of persons shall comply with the regulations and procedures in force at the home Institutions.

Article 13

The signing of this agreement does not entail any financial obligation for the parties.

Article 14

This agreement has been written both in Italian and English with the same content.

For the Politecnico di Milano
The Rector's Deputy
for International Relations
Prof. Giancarlo Spinelli



Giancarlo Spinelli

Milano, date

30 NOV. 2006

For the ITU
The Rector

Prof. Dr. Faruk Karadoğan

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and lines.

Istanbul, *date*