COOPERATION AGREEMENT (RENEWAL)

BETWEEN:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF

THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

BY AND ON BEHALF OF

THE GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (USA)

INSTITUT NATIONAL POLYTECHNIQUE DE TOULOUSE (FRANCE)

GEORGIA TECH LORRAINE (FRANCE)

WHEREAS

The Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse (INPT), the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT), and Georgia Tech Lorraine (GTL) wish to renew the cooperation agreement signed on October 18, 2000.

WHEREAS

Georgia Tech Lorraine (GT-L) has established a European campus on the Metz Technopôle. Georgia Tech Lorraine (GT-L) is a Cooperative Organization of the Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT). Students enrolled at GT-L are students of GIT and earn degrees from GIT.

WHEREAS

GIT and INPT jointly recognize the importance of international cooperation in the areas of education and research.
IT IS AGREED THAT

GIT, GTL and INPT will continue solid collaborations in the areas of education, research, and faculty and student exchange.

Nomenclature

Within the scope of this agreement, **Institution** refers to an entity delivering degrees, namely the Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) or the *Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse* (INPT). **Organization** refers to a legal entity, namely GIT, INPT and Georgia Tech Lorraine (GTL).

1. EDUCATION

The main objective is to enable INPT students to enroll in courses offered by GIT at its Atlanta campus and/or at GTL, and for GIT students to enroll in courses offered by INPT.

1.1. Graduate Level Education: Diplôme d’Ingénieur INPT/ENSEEIHT and Master of Science GIT

This section concerns students enrolled at INPT/ENSEEIHT in the *Diplôme d’ingénieur* also wishing to pursue the Master of Science degree from GIT.

**Admissions:** Based upon standard rules and regulations, GIT shall admit at GTL, as regular graduate students, students who are enrolled at INPT/ENSEEIHT and have completed their 2nd year of the INPT/ENSEEIHT curriculum for the *Diplôme d’Ingénieur* (i.e., 4th year at the college level, “niveau Bac + 4”). The students are recommended by the *Direction des Etudes* of INPT/ENSEEIHT, based on an internal selection process, for admission to the Graduate Program of the appropriate Academic Unit of GIT in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), or Computer Science (CS) or Mechanical Engineering (ME). The students’ admissions are subject to the normal policies and procedures of the Georgia Institute of Technology. Students are eligible to receive the *Diplôme d’Ingénieur* or the Master of Science from INPT/ENSEEIHT and the Master of Science degree from GIT, under the appropriate graduation criteria from both Institutions.

**Program Structure:** A student from INPT/ENSEEIHT pursuing also the Master of Science degree from GIT will follow the schedule below.

- Fall of second year of INPT/ENSEEIHT (Bac+5): Preparation of GRE and either TOEFL or TOEIC for admission to GIT.
- Spring of second year of INPT/ENSEEIHT (Bac+4):
  - March 1: Complete on-line application for admission to GIT (coordinated by GTL).
  - April 1: Complete application sent to GTL.
- Fall of third year of INPT/ENSEEIHT (Bac + 5): Start of the MS program
Regular semester ("semestre d'automne") at INPT/ENSEEIHT, specialization courses.
As students are simultaneously enrolled at GIT, some courses can be transferred to
GIT in the corresponding MS program according to academic units rules.

- Spring of third year of INPT/ENSEEIHT (Bac+5) – (mid January – early May).
  Students are enrolled at GIT on the Metz campus (GTL) on a full-time basis.

- Summer - Fall (mid May – December): internship for Diplôme d'Ingénieur
  INPT/ENSEEIHT

- Spring: (January - mid May).
  Student is enrolled at GIT on the Atlanta campus (full time), with expected GIT
  graduation at the end of the semester (May commencement).

Transfer of Credits: Students are allowed to transfer credits taken at INPT/ENSEEIHT
 toward the degree requirements of the Master of Science in accordance with the
 corresponding GIT Academic Unit rules, which are subject to rules of the Board of
 Regents of the University System of the State of Georgia. Students will be allowed to
 transfer credits taken at GIT toward the requirement of the Diplôme d'Ingénieur
 INPT/ENSEEIHT.

Tuition and Fees: Each student participating in this program will pay the following
 tuition and fees:

- Non-resident rate\(^1\) while studying on the Atlanta campus (GIT)
- Reduced Non-Resident rate\(^2\) while studying on the Metz campus (GTL)
- INPT/ENSEEIHT rate while studying on the INPT/ENSEEIHT campus. GIT
  will not charge tuition and fees when the student is at INPT/ENSEEIHT.

Both Institutions will try to secure funds (corporate sponsors, assistantships,
 fellowships) for students participating in the program, but such funding cannot be
 guaranteed.

1.2. Graduate Level Education: Master INPT/ENSEEIHT and Master of
 Science GIT

This section concerns students enrolled at GTL in the Master of Science (typically US
 students) also wishing to pursue the Master degree from INPT/ENSEEIHT.

Admissions: Based upon standard rules and regulations, INPT/ENSEEIHT shall
 admit as regular graduate students, students who are enrolled at GTL and have
 completed two semesters of graduate program at GTL. The student admissions are
 subject to the normal policies and procedures of INPT/ENSEEIHT. Students are
 eligible to receive the Master of Science from INPT/ENSEEIHT and the Master of
 Science degree from GIT, under the appropriate graduation criteria from both
 Institutions.

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\(^1\) As an example, in 2008-09, non-resident tuition per semester at GIT (Atlanta) is $11,999 + $592 fees.
\(^2\) As an example, in 2008-09, reduced non-resident tuition per semester at GTL is $2,835 + $195 fees.
Program Structure: A student from GTL pursuing also the Master of Science degree from INPT will follow the schedule below.

- Fall and Spring semesters: MS program at GTL
- Summer (mid May – August): free
- Fall semester: (September - January).
  Student is enrolled at INPT/ENSEEEIHT as a regular Master student
- Spring semester: (February – June).
  Student is enrolled at INPT/ENSEEEIHT as a regular Master student

Transfer of Credits: Students are allowed to transfer credits taken at INPT/ENSEEEIHT toward the degree requirements of the Master of Science in accordance with the corresponding GIT Academic Unit rules, which are subject to rules of the Board of Regents of the University System of the State of Georgia.

Tuition and Fees: Each student participating in this program will pay the following tuition and fees:

- Reduced Non-Resident rate while studying on the Metz campus (GTL).
- INPT/ENSEEEIHT tuition and fees while studying on the INPT/ENSEEEIHT campus.

Both Institutions will try to secure funds (corporate sponsors, assistantships, fellowships) for students participating in the program, but such funding cannot be guaranteed.

1.3. Miscellaneous

Students will be provided assistance and guidance through the appropriate Administrative Offices of INPT/ENSEEEIHT and GTL/GiT regarding their application. They will also be provided necessary information and documents regarding immigration, insurance, and housing. Students are responsible for providing all information requested for immigration purposes and for completing and submitting required forms by the appropriate deadlines.

Students are also responsible for providing for their own transportation, housing, meals, and other expenses associated with participation in this program.

Each Institution will notify all students who are regularly enrolled in its Institution of the requirements to purchase personal insurance (health, evacuation, repatriation) during their travel and their stay at the hosting Institution. The hosting Institution is not responsible for any insurance coverage of hosted students.

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3 As an example, in 2008-09, reduced non-resident tuition per semester at GTL is $2,835 + $195 fees.
2. RESEARCH

INPT, GIT, and GTL recognize the importance of research interactions and wish to promote meaningful, long lasting collaborations in strategic areas of research that benefit all parties. It is in that spirit that students who have completed the dual degree Diplôme d'Ingénieur INPT/ENSEEIHT and Master of Science of GIT will be encouraged to continue their studies in the Doctoral Program at GIT or at INPT. The administrative and financial framework for the commencement of such research projects and the admission of students pursuing doctoral studies will be addressed and agreed to on a case-by-case basis under a separate written agreement, upon conditions that are mutually agreeable to each organization.

A possible and logical path for such doctoral research is as follows: students who have completed the dual degree Diplôme d'Ingénieur of INPT/ENSEEIHT and Master of Science of GIT may elect to continue their studies in a Ph.D. program at GIT or INPT. To foster interactions between GIT and INPT, these Ph.D. students will be jointly supervised by a GIT and a INPT faculty members. During the course of their studies, these students may spend time either at GIT (Atlanta), GTL (Metz), or INPT (Toulouse), based on factors such as residency requirements for the Ph.D., preliminary examinations, qualifying examinations, courses' requirement, laboratory facilities and faculty expertise.

Each organization is also committed to favor the participation of the other organizations, when practical, for all externally funded research contracts for which complementary technical expertise is available, unless otherwise prohibited by law or by the terms of the solicitation or contract.

Each of these common externally funded actions will be subject to a pre-approved agreement between all parties involved that will determine the conditions on a case-by-case basis.

3. FACULTY AND RESEARCHERS' EXCHANGES

GIT and INPT confirm that the regular exchange of faculty members and researchers is an important element to strengthen their relationship. Toward this goal, INPT faculty members may be invited to teach and/or participate in specific research programs at GIT or GTL when practical and in the interest of all parties. Likewise, GIT faculty members may be invited on a regular basis to teach and/or participate in specific research programs at INPT when practical and in the interest of all parties.

These exchanges shall be subject to policies and regulations regarding leave, short-time missions, assignment, and sabbatical, of each Institution and applicable immigration laws. The administrative and financial framework of such faculty and researcher exchanges shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in a separate written agreement.
4. EXPORT CONTROL

The Parties agree that the performance of this agreement, including any research projects by graduate students either at INPT, ENSEEIHT, GIT, or at GTL and including any teaching by faculty and/or graduate students is subject to Georgia Tech's compliance with the U.S. Export laws, including but not limited to the Export Administration Regulations and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations. As such, Georgia Tech’s performance of research pursuant to any educational program or specific research agreement must comply with such regulations and may require an export license prior to the initiation of such project and/or transfer of data. Further, the Parties agree that students and faculty participating in this program, and any activity related thereto, may not include persons listed as denied or otherwise restricted under laws and regulations of the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of Commerce, Department of State, or other U.S. government agency or persons who are nationals of countries with such designations.

5. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this agreement may be proposed in the future to address any matter, including but not limited to increasing the number of joint efforts and to enhancing the common means implemented together in a spirit of reciprocity and efficiency.

These amendments must be accepted and signed by the three Organizations before they become effective.

6. STARTING DATE, STATUS, AND CANCELLATION

This agreement will be effective as of the date of its signing by the authorized representatives of INPT, ENSEEIHT, GIT and GTL.

INPT, ENSEEIHT, GIT and GTL also agree to hold periodic meetings alternatively in France or in the United States of America, in order to assess the status of the current programs and to organize, if necessary, new activities.

Each signer may cancel this agreement upon ninety days written notice. In such an event, the obligations of INPT, ENSEEIHT, GIT and GTL towards students who are already in the programs will be carried out under the conditions of the present agreement.

7. CONDITIONS

This agreement is subject to the policies and procedures of the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, as well as the regulations and policies of the authorities governing INPT, as well as the rules and regulations of the General Assembly of Georgia Tech Lorraine.

This agreement is valid for a period of three years from the signature date. It is automatically renewed for an additional duration of two years.
The English version of the agreement is binding in case of disagreement. There is no other signed original version of this agreement.

On this date: April 3, 2009

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