

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**IVANE JAVAKHISHVILI TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**and**  
**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY**

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and the Idaho State University hereinafter referred to as the “sides”, in order to develop and expand the relationship taking into consideration mutual interests in scientific collaboration hereby agree on the following:

**Article 1**

The two sides agree to promote collaborative and joint projects in research and education. The main focus will be on the creation and development of joint graduate (M.S. and Ph.D.) academic and research programs. Students involved in the joint academic programs will receive diplomas from both universities.

**Article 2**

The two sides agree to create an institute called the “Georgian-American Institute for Multi-disciplinary Research” that fosters aforementioned collaborative, joint projects. This institute will serve to attract research and education funds, coordinate research and education, and attract students and faculty to the joint programs. Funding of this institute will be via grants and contracts from participating faculty. The distribution of these funds will be determined by the contributing faculty and the terms of their grants and contracts. The cooperation between the sides shall be implemented by seeking parity to the maximum extent practical, funding by each side permitting. In particular they will foster:

- exchange of faculty and researchers;
- student exchange programs;
- organization of joint research projects, including conferences, meetings and seminars;
- exchange of information and publications;
- other joint activities.

**Article 3**

Both parties will designate a representative, who will work for implementing activities and programs envisaged in the memorandum. The sides intend that each representative will assist the other side in resolving any issue connected with any visit from that other side. This memorandum will initially include faculty from the respective departments of physics, but both parties are interested in expanding this collaboration to other fields of the university sciences.

**Article 4**

Any disputes arisen during the implementation of any negotiated activities will be settled with the help of consultation and negotiation between the two sides.

**Article 5**

Amendments to this memorandum can be made upon mutual agreement between the two sides.

**Article 6**

The agreement shall enter into force on day of its signing and shall be valid until the sides wish to terminate it upon mutual agreement.

### Article 7

The sides have right to terminate the memorandum within a written notice sent to the other side within a period of six months prior.

### Article 8

This memorandum shall bind neither Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University nor Idaho State University to any financial commitment unless there is a mutually signed agreement between the sides.

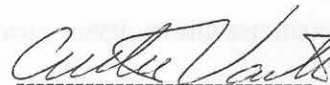
### Article 9

The memorandum of understanding is drawn in two originals in English language. Both originals are identical and have equal legal value.

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