

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

between

the

WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY

and the

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA

1. PARTIES. The parties to this Agreement are the World Maritime University (WMU), Malmö, Sweden and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), Copenhagen, Denmark

a) WMU. The World Maritime University was founded in 1983 by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. The University focuses on excellence in its maritime post-graduate education and research offerings including M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs, postgraduate diplomas, and Professional Development Courses with the highest standards in maritime affairs. Headquartered in Malmö, Sweden with additional M.Sc. programs in Shanghai and Dalian, China, WMU promotes the international exchange and transfer of maritime ideas and knowledge.

b) ICES. The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea is a global intergovernmental organization that develops and provides unbiased, non-political science and advice for decision-makers to support the sustainable use of the marine environment and its living resources. ICES is a network of more than 4000 scientists from over 350 marine institutes in more than 20 member countries. ICES is committed to building a foundation of science around one key challenge: integrated ecosystem understanding of marine ecosystems.

2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth terms by which WMU and ICES will enable linkages in the field of marine and maritime affairs, broadly defined to include maritime safety and security, and marine environmental management, with a focus on ecosystem pressures and

impacts, particularly from the maritime sector. Subject to the availability of resources, every effort will be made to encourage productive relationships and academic cooperation as well as exchanges between interested faculties and research groups of both institutions.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES. Each party to this Agreement agrees to cooperate in marine and maritime education, training, capacity building and research with the objective of scholarly cooperation, mutual agreement, and the creation of mutually beneficial relationships in the following areas:

a) Academic Exchange and Academic Information Exchange. Both parties will explore the development of academic exchange programs. This will include exchange of publications, dissertations, and research materials and collaboration in conferences and seminars.

b) Field Training. ICES will host field studies in Copenhagen for WMU students in any of the following specializations under a mutually agreed, separate agreement:

- i. Marine Environmental & Ocean Management (MEOM)
- ii. Maritime Education & Training (MET)
- iii. Port Management (PM)
- iv. Maritime Safety & Administration (MSEA)
- v. Maritime Law & Policy (MLP)
- vi. Shipping Management & Logistics (SM)

c) E-learning/long distance courses. WMU will share their experience in the field of e-learning and long-distance courses, and allow for ICES to make use of their facilities, as outlined under a mutually agreed separate agreement.

d) Faculty/Staff Exchanges. Both parties will explore exchanges of faculty members on a short-term basis for the purposes of cooperation in research, teaching, and other scholarly activities and to make best efforts to secure the funding necessary to carry these out where needed, and otherwise assist with achieving each party's educational and research goals.

e) Development of Joint Scientific and/or Technological Research Projects. Both parties will explore opportunities for collaborating in joint research projects where practical and feasible, and where extramural funding is available, particularly in the areas of:

- i. Arctic research
- ii. Integrated ecosystem assessments
- iii. Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- iv. Maritime safety issues, particularly handling of oil and oil tankers
- v. Maritime casualty investigations
- vi. Environment protection against oil spills and oil pollution
- vii. Implementation of IMO regulations Any other topic of mutual interest

4. FOCAL POINTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT. The focal points for the implementation of this Agreement at WMU and ICES shall be:

- a. President
World Maritime University
- b. General Secretary
International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

5. OTHER PROVISIONS. Any expenses incurred by either institution under this Agreement will be the sole responsibility of the party, unless specified in a Supplement to this Agreement.

6. DURATION OF AGREEMENT. The Agreement shall come into effect when signed by both parties and shall have duration of five (5) years, after which any extension or amendments may be made as agreed by both parties. The parties will meet annually to review progress and explore additional areas of cooperation.

7. TERMINATION: Either party, upon 90 days written notice to the other party, may terminate this Agreement.

SIGNED in Malmö, Sweden

24-2-2015

Date:

Copenhagen 23.2.2015

Date:



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