## PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY

## Memorandum of Understanding

## Between

# Faculty of Dentistry, Prince of Songkla University

## And

# Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Dentistry,

## **University of Copenhagen**

## 1. Introduction

In an effort to strengthen and promote academic research cooperation as well as to provide opportunities for exchange of students between the Dental Faculty at Prince of Songkla University (PSU) and the Faculty of Health Sciences School of Dentistry, University of Copenhagen (UOC), both institutions have expressed a mutual desire to enter into a formal agreement following the end of the Danida input to the establishment of the Rural Oral Health Centre at Prince of Songkla University. The collaboration should be seen as an integral part of the general network, which already exists.

## 2. Objective/scope of Collaboration

The general activities of cooperation to be pursued under this agreement could include aspects of the following:

## 2.1 Academic development and research

- a. the development of joint research projects on topics of mutual interest and relevance to both institutions.
- b. The sponsorship of cooperative seminars, workshops and other scientific meetings of mutual interest.
- c. The provision of opportunities for short-term visits of faculty members to the institutions for the purpose of research, lectures, discussions and where appropriate to undertake aspects of staff training.
- d. The provision of opportunities for long-term studies i.e. sandwich programmes for master degree or Ph.D.
- e. The facilitation of exchange of information, including library materials and research publications, in areas which are relevant and of interest to the institutions.

### 2.2 Teaching

- a. Establishment of short training courses e.g. dental education and quality assurance, community oral health and oral health care.
- b. Provide opportunities for exchange of lecturers in selected topics

#### 2.3 Student Activities

- a. The encouragement of visits by students from PSU and UOC and vice versa in order to undertake study tours including the promotion of sports and other cultural activities with the view towards fostering closer understanding between the student communities of the two institutions and, in the process, contribute towards better relations between Thailand and Denmark.
- b. The provision of opportunities for postgraduate students from one university who, in the course of working towards their degree requirements, may need to undertake a part of their studies/research work in the other university because of specialised facilities being available in the latter institution. Such students would be subject to the admission criteria laid down by the receiving institution.

## 2.4 Administration

a. Provision on know-how on establishment of income generated activities and project protocol preparations.

## 3. Financial Agreements

Both universities recognise that their current levels of fundings will restrict the extent to which financial support can be given to the above proposals for cooperation. Consequently in the implementation of the proposals, both universities understand that.

- a. Financial arrangements for collaborative research projects and other related activities e.g. organisation of seminars etc. will have to be negotiated separately and are subject to availability of funds.
- b. Cost of travel between PSU and UOC accommodation expenses in respect of visiting staff will remain the responsibility of the staff concerned except where the sending institution determine otherwise.
- c. Visiting students, will be responsible for meeting the cost of accommodation, travel and all other incidental/local expenses (including payment of fees) unless otherwise mutually agreed upon separately.
- d. This agreement does not preclude either one or both institutions from obtaining travel grants from organisations and foundations or to seek an external source of funding in support of any aspect of this programme of cooperation.

#### 4. General

This agreement will become effective upon the approval of the appropriate authorities of both institutions and shall continue to remain in force unless terminated by either party giving written notice of such intention to the executive head of the other institution. The agreement should be signed at the official handover ceremony of the Rural Oral Health Centre the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2000.

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