



Agreement

Between

**International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC)
Enschede, The Netherlands**

And

**Centro de Levantamientos Aeroespaciales y Aplicaciones SIG para el
Desarrollo Sostenible de los Recursos Naturales (CLAS)**

At

**Universidad Mayor de San Simón (UMSS)
Cochabamba, Bolivia**

Concerning

**ITC Support for the CLAS Joint Programme Master Degree Course in Bolivia
and
Admission of CLAS Master graduates to an abridged ITC MSc Degree**

April 2007

The undersigned:

Universidad Mayor de San Simón (UMSS)
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represented by Ing. Franz Vargas Loayza MSc
Rector

and

- International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC)
Enschede, The Netherlands
hereafter referred to as "ITC"
represented by Drs. Sjaak Beerens
Director External Affairs,

considering that:

- ITC and UMSS have together developed a Joint Master Degree Programme on Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation that has for several years been run successfully at CLAS.

now agree on the following:

1. ITC will support the 11-months joint ITC-CLAS Master Degree programme on Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation, with two courses (Land Resource Information for Regional Planning & Water Resources Assessment) according to the model agreed upon and set out in the Business Plan.
2. Students who have successfully completed the Master Degree at CLAS-UMSS will be awarded the "Master Degree in Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation" with a double logo and a course record with a double logo. This is a Bolivian Master degree which is supported by ITC. Students do not receive the ITC Master degree as recognised by the Netherlands Government.
3. The implementation of the Joint ITC-CLAS Master Degree programme will be largely performed by CLAS-UMSS although ITC will offer the following support:
 - periodic missions of ITC staff to CLAS-UMSS in support of the teaching programme.
 - enabling professional development of CLAS-UMSS staff through upgrade training
 - participation of CLAS-UMSS staff in ITC distance education courses
4. The content and structure of the courses, the management process as well as the quality assurance process of the courses are described in the approved business plan, dated April 2007. This business plan is the guiding document for

the implementation of the courses. It may be reviewed annually by the parties when necessary.

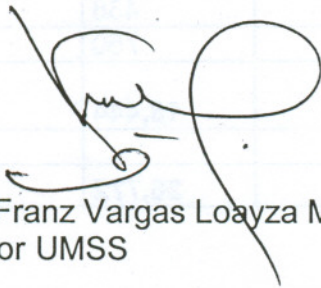
5. Additionally, it is agreed that students that successfully complete the joint ITC-CLAS Master Degree may be allowed to participate in an abridged Master of Science degree programme at ITC, and accordingly the participants may receive exemption for the first 10 modules of this programme.
6. The students who successfully complete the abridged ITC MSc Programme will be awarded the ITC Master of Science Degree with course record with the single ITC logo. The ITC MSc degree is accredited in The Netherlands. Only those students that fulfil both the academic and English language proficiency requirements (computer based TOEFL score of minimum 79 or agreed equivalent) will be admitted.
7. The combined M.Sc. course comprising the full ITC-CLAS Master programme and modules 11-23 of the ITC MSc Programme will be offered for an all-inclusive "current" course fee of €26.772 per student where the student is receiving a full scholarship or of €19,960 where the student is paying the fees themselves. These fees are exclusive of flight tickets. The breakdown of these fees and the division of the funds between partners is shown in Appendix 1. These fees will be reviewed after two years.
8. The cost of international air tickets to the Netherlands have been budgeted at an average price of €1.100 per ticket. ITC and/or CLAS-UMSS may facilitate the booking process. The actual cost of the ticket will be applied to the final course fee to be paid by the student.
9. ITC and CLAS-UMSS will jointly arrange the logistics of the travel of the students to and from the Netherlands.
10. When the students are in Enschede, ITC is responsible for dispensing the student related cost items (subsistence allowance and a number of additional costs). Similarly, when the MSc students are in Bolivia, CLAS-UMSS, is responsible for these matters. In the case of Master students, CLAS-UMSS is responsible.
11. During the MSc component at ITC, the students will generally perform fieldwork in Bolivia. Where a student receives a scholarship for the MSc programme at ITC, the tuition fee for this component will be shared 9½ months for ITC, 2 months for CLAS. Where no external fellowship is obtained, the costs of the fieldwork in Bolivia will only be covered by the student budget for the fieldwork and no fees will be shared.
12. ITC and CLAS-UMSS have a shared responsibility to market the course and seek sources for financial support. The marketing plan and activities are described in the business plan. The marketing budget, which will be agreed upon each year. The annual marketing costs are presently estimated at approximately €5,000. ITC and CLAS will share these costs and each will administer their own budgets. The

ITC's contribution of €2,500 will facilitate programme marketing activities at international conferences and seminars.

13. For the last three years, ITC has registered the ITC-CLAS Master courses at NUFFIC for inclusion in the Netherlands Fellowship programme, and will use its best endeavours to continue this support from NUFFIC. However, the continuation of the NUFFIC support is solely at the discretion of NUFFIC and can not be guaranteed.
14. Similarly, ITC undertakes to register the ITC 'top-up' component (Modules 11-23) of the abridged MSc course for inclusion in the Netherlands Fellowship programme. However, approval of this application is solely at the discretion of NUFFIC and can not be guaranteed.
15. As the first two intakes (May 2007 and May 2008) of the abridged MSc course do not yet qualify for support from the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP) ITC will make funding available to finance the costs of the study period in the Netherlands (including the air tickets and the costs of the field work period) up to 5 MSc students. Furthermore ITC agrees to support following 3 intakes of the abridged MSc in the Netherlands (intakes of May 2009 to 2011) by the provision of at least 3 study fellowships each year for the Netherlands component of the programmes
16. In case of disputes, parties agree to settle through mutual deliberations and consultations to find an acceptable solution, but where there is a deadlock in the settlement, a neutral and sole arbitrator will be agreed upon to determine and arrive at an amicable and final decision.
17. This agreement is for a period of five years and may be revised and/or extended by the parties upon written mutual agreement and for such periods and on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon.

Signed for agreement,

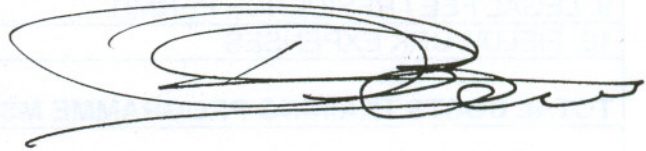
For CLAS-UMSS



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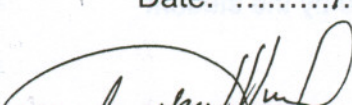
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For ITC



Drs. Sjaak Beerens
Director External Affairs

Date: 17-04-2007



Appendix1: Calculation of the Course Fee (Sponsored and Own Account Students)

Part 1: 11 Months Master Course at CLAS	Sponsored	Own Account
A: INSTITUTION RELATED COSTS	Euro	Euro
1. TUITION FEE	3,600	2,100
2. HANDLING FEE (paid to ITC)	455	
3. AUDIT REPORT (paid to ITC)	500	
B: PARTICIPANTS RELATED COSTS		
1. ALLOWANCE (INCLUDING ACCOMMODATION COSTS)	1,980	1,980
2. SETTLING-IN ALLOWANCE	0	0
3. BOOK ALLOWANCE	150	150
4. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES	At cost	At cost
5. TRAVEL EXPENSES SCHIPHOL Int. Airport	0	0
6. OTHER TRAVEL EXPENSES	50	50
7. LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE	0	0
8. INSURANCE	451	451
9. LEGAL FEE / RESIDENCE PERMIT	0	0
10. FIELDWORK EXPENSES p.p.	650	650
11. DEGREE DIPLOMA FEE (UMSS)	492	492
TOTAL COSTS MASTER PROGRAMME	8,328	5,873
Part 2: 11½ Months at ITC (two months back at CLAS)		
A: INSTITUTION RELATED COSTS	Sponsored	Own Account
1. TUITION FEE	6,069	3,035
B: PARTICIPANTS RELATED COSTS		
1. ALLOWANCE (INCLUDING ACCOMMODATION COSTS)	10,005	8,683
2. SETTLING-IN ALLOWANCE	170	170
3. BOOK ALLOWANCE	280	280
4. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES	At cost	At cost
5. TRAVEL EXPENSES SCHIPHOL Int. Airport	136	136
7. LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE	105	105
8. INSURANCE	491	490,5
9. LEGAL FEE / RESIDENCE PERMIT	438	438
10. FIELDWORK EXPENSES	750	750
TOTAL COSTS TRAINING PROGRAMME MSc top-up	18,444	14,087
TOTAL COST COMPLETE PROGRAMME	26,772	19,960

Note 1

Where a student receives a scholarship for the MSc programme at ITC, the tuition fee for this component will be shared 9½ months for ITC, 2 months for CLAS. Where no external fellowship is obtained, the costs of the fieldwork in Bolivia will only be covered by the student budget for the fieldwork and no fees will be shared.