

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO DE COSTA RICA,  
CARTAGO, COSTA RICA AND  
The TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Between the “**Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica**”, indicated hereinafter as, “**ITCR**” Cartago, Costa Rica, with legal certificate number 4-000-042145, represented by the Rector, Ing. María Estrada Sánchez, MSc., identification number 1-0974-0643, and The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania indicated hereinafter as, “Penn ”.

**IN CONSIDERATION OF:**

1. Both Parties are joined by similar interests and objectives both, academically and culturally.
2. That joint efforts in the areas of instruction, investigation and extension of technology and related sciences are necessary in order to contribute with the economical and social improvement of their nations as well as to bring them together.
3. That due to their mission and objectives, universities shall look forward to establish appropriate communication channels that will allow scientific, technological and cultural exchanges.
4. That both Parties are committed to similar objectives in areas that promote research, instruction and cultural diffusion.
5. That both Parties are legally empowered to established cooperative agreements.

We accede to establish a collaborative Agreement subject to the following stipulations:

**FIRST:** The objective of this Agreement is to install the basis for a reciprocal cooperation that will allow the promotion and development of activities of mutual interest, such as faculty and student exchanges, research projects, as well as the exchange of academic and/or other information of mutual interest.

**SECOND:** ITCR and Penn accede to promote the development of research, educational and cultural activities developed under the scope of this Agreement.

**THIRD:** Both Parties will promote the development of joint research, technological, and cultural projects between the universities, as well as mutual cooperation in those areas.

**FOURTH:** Both Parties will facilitate faculty and students exchanges, subjected to the stipulations of their respective countries and the internal procedures of each Institution.

Faculty exchange shall be entitled to join work groups of specific projects developed by the host University, under previously established programs.

Both Parties will provide faculty and students with the necessary facilities.

**FIFTH:** Both Parties will promote mutual exchange of research information, post-graduate courses, books, publications, and any other information that supports research and education.

**SIXTH:** For each one of the academic, research, or technology transfer activities to be developed under the scope of this Agreement, a letter of intentions shall be signed, specifying in detail the activities to be developed; such as place, responsible entities, participants, term, program, resources, as well as the financing procedure.

**SEVENTH:** The coordination of this Agreement and its annual activities will be supervised by named representatives from each Institution. The representative for ITCR will be the Director of Cooperation of the Vice Presidency for Research and Extension; Dra.-Ing. Arys Carrasquilla Batista from the Department of Mechatronics Engineering will be responsible for the annual program activities and the representative for Penn will be Dr. Michelle J. Johnson, Director of the Rehabilitation Robotics Lab at the University of Pennsylvania

**EIGHTH:** Notifications with respect to this Agreement shall be provided as follows: ITCR main campus located 600 meters south and 600 meters east of the Courthouse of Cartago, fax (506) 2551-7424, and The University of Pennsylvania Office of Research Services, 3451 Walnut Street, Fifth Floor, Franklin Building, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, USA 19104-6205, email to [orscontracts@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:orscontracts@pobox.upenn.edu)

**NINETH:** This Agreement is done in duplicate in English and Spanish languages, each of which shall be of equal authenticity.

**TENTH:** This Agreement of International Cooperation will begin on the date of signature by both parties hereto, and has limit of five years, unless one of the Parties agree to terminate the Agreement, through the a written notification, and the corresponding reply from the other Party. The disposal will not affect the projects executed at the time. Active projects, under this Agreement, will continue until their normal conclusion and will not be affected by the expiration of this general Agreement.

**ELEVENTH:** This Agreement does not create a legal or financial bond among the Parties. This Agreement is a declaration of purposes, which seeks to promote the development of a joint relationship and academic cooperation for the mutual benefit of the Parties. Both legal representatives may continue to establish similar agreements with other institutions, and may generate rules and regulations about the issues discussed.

**TWELVETH:** This Agreement has no fiscal value.

In witness where of we here by sign this Agreement, this \_\_\_\_\_.

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Ing. María Estrada Sánchez, MSc  
Rector  
Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica  
Place: Cartago, Costa Rica

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The Trustees of the University of  
Pennsylvania  
Quinn Casey, Associate Director,  
Office of Research Services  
Place: Philadelphia PA USA