

# AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND  
UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA ANDRÉS BELLO  
CARACAS, VENEZUELA

In accordance with a desire to promote cooperation in areas of mutual interest for the benefit of both institutions, the University of Maryland at College Park and Universidad Católica Andrés Bello hereby enter into the following agreement:

**Article 1.** The University of Maryland at College Park and Universidad Católica Andrés Bello shall engage in cooperation in fields of common interest and shall develop joint projects in these fields.

**Article 2.** Joint activities will be established by mutual agreement of both parties. These projects are undertaken to enhance the exchange of scientific knowledge and cultural traditions at the global level, in keeping with the commitment of both parties to international scientific and cultural exchanges.

**Article 3.** Within agreed fields, both parties shall seek to engage in the future in the following types of cooperation:

- a) Exchange of faculty and students for research, teaching and study; students are expected to pay their tuition fee at their home institution. Student exchanges are based on the understanding that exchanges are matched one-for-one by each university;
- b) Exchange of scholarly publications and other information in areas of interest to both parties, including library collections and services; ,subject´ to future agreements;
- c) Joint research activities;
- d) Exchange of scholars for seminars, conferences and other academic meetings.

**Article 4.** The duration of exchange visits will be determined by mutual consent. Such visits may be for one year, one semester or shorter.

**Article 5.** The two parties will designate individuals with responsibility for the coordination and implementation of this agreement.

**Article 6.** Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated separately and will depend on the availability of funds.

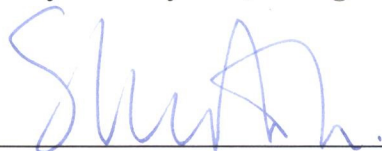
**Article 7.** Both parties agree to exercise their best efforts in securing outside funding for joint projects.

**Article 8.** It is understood that both the University of Maryland, College Park, and Universidad Católica Andrés Bello subscribe to the principle of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, ethnicity, religion, or national origin. Both the University of Maryland and Universidad Católica Andrés Bello shall abide by these principles in the administration of this agreement and neither party shall impose criteria for exchange of scholars or students, which violate principles of nondiscrimination.

**Article 9.** Both parties shall review the status of the agreement at the end of each five-year period to determine any modifications that might be necessary. The period of validity of this agreement may be extended by mutual consent.

**Article 10.** Either party may terminate this agreement with written notification, signed by a designated official of the party initiating termination. Such notification must be given at least six months in advance of the effective date of termination.

**University of Maryland, College Park**



C. D. Mote, Jr.  
President

8-24-04

Date

**Universidad Católica Andrés Bello**



Luis Ugalde, S.J.  
Rector

20-07-04

Date