

## **AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION**

between

Geo-Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers (hereinafter called G-I)

and

Kazakhstan Geotechnical Society (hereinafter called KGS)

### **1.0 Purpose**

G-I and KGS have entered into this agreement of cooperation to promote and enlarge the exchange of technical, scientific, professional and organizational knowledge to better serve the interests and welfare of their members, the engineering profession in general, and the public in both countries.

### **2.0 Scope**

- 2.1 This agreement covers the activities of G-I and the activities of KGS. Both organizations are especially interested and willing to work together on international issues wherever deemed appropriate.
- 2.2 The spirit of this agreement is to encourage and support members of the partner organizations to uphold and advance the integrity, honor and dignity of the geotechnical profession by using their knowledge and skill for the enhancement of human welfare; by being honest and impartial and serving with fidelity the public, their employers and clients; by striving to increase the competence and prestige of the profession; and by supporting the professional and technical societies of their disciplines.

### **3.0 Aims**

The primary aims of this agreement are the expansion and improvement of cooperation between the two organizations, as summarized below:

- 3.1 Collaboration on the international scene, especially with respect to the ISSMGE.
- 3.2 Exchange of information on the geotechnical profession in general.
- 3.3 Encouraging the exchange of publication lists and publicizing these lists in a timely fashion so that members of both organizations are aware of technical publications of each society.
- 3.4 Encouraging joint events of all kinds, exchange of lectures and guests, and exchange of information regarding scientific and technical events that are of mutual interest.

- 3.5 Each organization shall provide information to its members and encourage them to become a member of the partner organization, including student members.
- 3.6 Offering mutual professional advice, especially in all areas of international technical and scientific matters to the extent provided by each organization to its own members.

#### **4.0 Services to Student Members and Guest Members**

- 4.1 G-I and KGS shall extend student membership privileges to student members of the partner organization at the existing dues rates for their own student members.
- 4.2 Each organization will provide advice to student and full members of the partner organization on questions of education and training as well as professional questions to the same degree as provided to its own members.

#### **5.0 Implementation**

- 5.1 Each partner will make strong efforts to establish contacts for the other partner with other engineering/scientific organizations and bodies in its home country.
- 5.2 G-I and KGS will each designate one person of their respective Boards to act as Liaison with the other organization.
- 5.3 G-I and KGS will encourage participation of members of their Boards in each other's annual conference, and will strive to participate in each other's Annual meeting.
- 5.4 It is anticipated that by correspondence and personal visits of representatives of the two organizations, additional methods and ways of cooperation to achieve mutually beneficial cooperation will be pursued.
- 5.5 Both partners will actively support cooperation of their technical divisions.
- 5.6 Joint membership in both societies is encouraged. Each Society will endeavor to facilitate this. Members of one Society who meet the membership requirements of the other Society may apply for membership in that other Society. Both Societies will promote the professional development of their members through participation in the technical education programs and the technical committees offered by both Societies.
- 5.7 The two partners agree that visits of persons invited by the host country will work as described hereunder:
  - the travel expenses (e.g. airfare, lodging, meals, local transportation, communication costs) will be borne by the partner sending the person(s) to the other country;
  - the medical fees in case of emergency will be borne by the visiting person and/or his/her insurance;

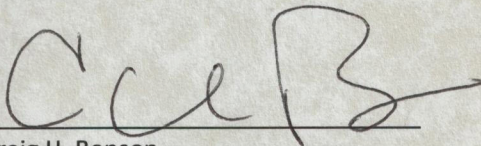
**6.0 General Terms**

- 6.1 This agreement will become valid after it has been approved by the governing bodies of both organizations and signed by authorized officers thereof.
- 6.2 The agreement has a fixed duration of three years, whereupon it will automatically be renewed for additional terms of three years, unless terminated by either party as provided herein. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.
- 6.3 In the implementation of this agreement any supplemental agreement proposed in accordance with the articles of this agreement shall be agreed and entered into by the Director of G-I and the President of KGS.
- 6.4 All activities of the parties hereunder shall be consistent with all applicable national, state, and local laws.
- 6.5 Neither party is authorized by the other party under this agreement to act on behalf of or in the name of the other party. Neither party shall have the authority to bind the other in contract, debt or otherwise. The parties are and shall remain separate entities, and no partnership, joint venture or agency relationship shall be created under this agreement.
- 6.6 Any and all uses of a party's confidential or proprietary information, materials, or property, including specifically intellectual property, shall be subject to advance review and approval by the party.
- 6.7 Amendments to the agreement may be made at any time, but shall be mutually confirmed in writing by both organizations.

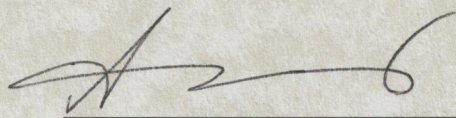
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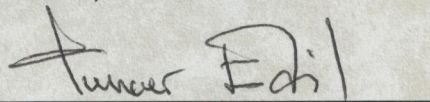
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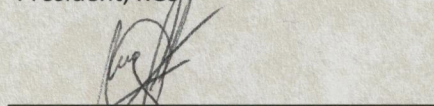
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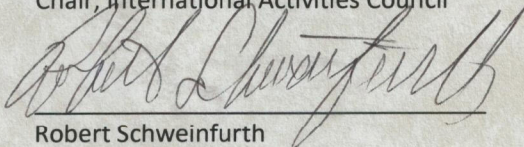
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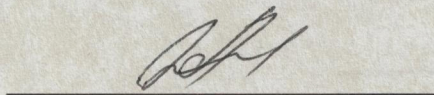
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