

**INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
FOR EXCHANGE OF VISITORS
BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA, ITALY,
AND THE INSTITUTE OF MECHANICS, VAST, HANOI, VIETNAM**

Introduction

The Department of Structural Mechanics of the University of Pavia (hereafter "UNIPV") and the Department of Structural Mechanics of the Institute of Mechanics of Hanoi, Vietnam (hereafter "IMECH") are carrying out scientific research of common interest. Scientific contacts have been established since a long time between researchers of the two Institutions.

UNIPV and IMECH have both expressed the interest for an agreement, as a frame to keep and extend the contact between the two Institutions and, in particular, to encourage the exchange of knowledge, researchers and PhD students.

According to their common interest in the field of education and research, UNIPV, represented by the Dean of Doctorate College, Professor Sergio Peppino Ratti, and IMECH, represented by the Director, Professor Duong Ngoc Hai, have approved the following collaboration agreement (hereafter "the agreement").

Article 1

Both institutions will do all efforts to earn funds from national and international organisms in order to ensure financial support for the implementation of the programme.

The exchange of staff by this agreement will involve the Graduate School of Civil Engineering of UNIPV and the Department of Structural Mechanics of IMECH.

Article 2

Each exchange of knowledge, staff and PhD students must be approved in advance by the host institution. In order to make the visits profitable, the departments involved will support the exchanges from a legal and financial point of view. Details will be considered on a case-by-case basis with separate exchange of letters between the two Institutions.

The host Institution will ensure to the visitors:

- Lectures about regular graduate courses;
- Lectures about main topics and problems of professional interest for the visitors;
- Exchange of experience in the area of training or research;
- Planning and preparing joint research projects in order to gain funds from the EU, according to the 7th EU Framework Programme, or from bi-lateral cooperation programmes, or from other sources.

Article 3

Each researcher's visit should last for one week, with a possible extension to two weeks in special cases. The total period of visit for each researcher is foreseen to be three weeks within one year.



Article 4

According to the agreement, visitors will cover their own travel cost; in the absence of special funds, the host institution will ensure accomodation, meals and local expenses.

Article 5

Two coordinators are nominated as representative of the agreement:

- Professor Fabio Casciati by the University of Pavia, Italy;
- Professor Nguyen Dong Anh by the Institute of Mechanics of Hanoi, Vietnam.

The coordinators will be requested to fulfill the agreement; in particular, they will be responsible for the formulation and implementation of the programme; they are moreover responsible for the planning and the realization of the visits according to the existing rules and practice of each department and Institution involved in the programme. The coordinators will report annually to their respective academic authorities on the results and progress achieved.

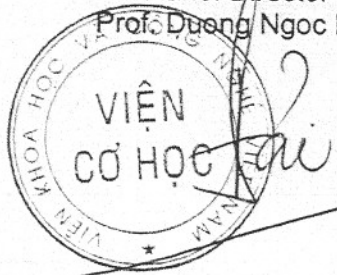
Article 6

This agreement will take effects on the date of signature and will last for three (3) years from the date of subscription. It remains the possibility of further extensions, if there is an interest from both Institutions.

Hanoi,

Pavia, July 1st 2009

Institute of Mechanics
Hanoi Director
Prof. Duong Ngoc Hai



University of Pavia
Dean of Doctorate College
Prof. Sergio Peppino Ratti



For the Italian side, see Attachment A.

VISTO
IL RETTORE
(Angiolino Stella)

ALLEGATO A
all'Accordo Quadro Internazionale
per lo scambio di visitatori
tra l'Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italia,
e l'Institute of Mechanics, Vast, Hanoi, Vietnam

In riferimento all'articolo 4 dell'Accordo Quadro Internazionale di cui sopra, si stabilisce che i costi di vitto, alloggio e spese locali sono a carico del Corso di Dottorato coinvolto nello scambio.

Pavia, 1 luglio 2009

Prof. Sergio Peppino Ratti
Coordinatore delle Scuole di Dottorato

