



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT, (ABN 51 818 692 256) of University Drive, Mt Helen
Victoria, Australia

AND

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, Ankara, Turkey

BACKGROUND

In accordance with a mutual desire to continue scientific and technical interaction and collaboration between the Centre for Informatics and Applied Optimization, University of Ballarat, Australia and the Institute of Applied Mathematics, the Middle East Technical University, Turkey, the two Parties agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of scientific and cultural exchange.

AGREEMENT

Article 1

The two Parties agree to co-operate in developing mutually beneficial activities (the exact nature of which shall be the subject of further negotiation and agreement) between the Centre for Informatics and Applied Optimization, University of Ballarat and the Institute of Applied Mathematics, Middle East Technical University, for the following purposes:

- a) Exchange of faculty, scholars, and graduate students for lecturing, advanced studies and research.
- b) Exchange of information, theses, teaching materials, and other technological and scientific literature.
- c) Cooperation on scientific and technological research and instruction.
- d) Organization of bilateral joint symposia, workshops, and conferences.
- e) Exchange visits by members of Faculty of the two institutions.
- f) Conducting joint and integrated programmes for postgraduate and other research students.
- g) Exchange of scientific / technical publications and information.
- h) Executing R & D projects towards conferments.



Article 2

The cooperation is intended initially to relate to the following scientific and technical areas:

- a) Optimization
- b) Application of optimization techniques in data mining
- c) Computational biology

Article 3

This memorandum of Understanding is not intended by the Parties to be legally binding. If negotiations do not result in a legally binding agreement between the Parties there will be no liability by one Party to the other Party or claims made by one Party against the other Party. By signing this memorandum, neither of the Parties accepts any kind of obligation to finance any activities referred to in this memorandum. But both Parties will take reasonable steps to find national and international financing possibilities for the envisaged activities.

Article 4

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving notice to the other party in writing no later than the end of March in any year. The agreement may be extended by mutual consent of the two parties and will be in effect after the approval of the Higher Education Council of Turkey (YÖK).

This agreement may be amended by the exchange of letters between the two institutions. Such amendments, once formally approved by Higher Education Council of Turkey (YÖK) and both institutions, will become part of this Memorandum of Agreement.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

For and on behalf of

University of Ballarat

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David Battersby
Vice Chancellor

16 NOVEMBER 2007

For and on behalf of

Middle East Technical University
Ankara, Turkey

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Prof. Dr. Ural Akbulut
President