COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

Sir Sandford Fleming College Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management Program Canada

and

Hochschule Bremen University of Applied Sciences International Degree Course in Applied Leisure Sciences (B.A.) Neustadtswall 30, 28199 Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany

§ 1 - Objectives -

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a relationship of cooperation in areas of interest and benefit to both institutions, especially in the fields of student and teaching staff mobility, hoping that they will foster mutual understanding of each other's education and research systems, projects and joint ventures. The agreed cooperation is also meant to serve as a contribution for promoting cultural relations and understanding.

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- Areas of collaboration -

To achieve the objectives above mentioned, it is agreed that:

- (1) Sir Sandford Fleming College accepts students from Hochschule Bremen to give them the opportunity of accomplishing part of their study programme, in particular courses in the field of "Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management". Students are required to register for six of the nine courses under the single semester option (Option A) and a full course load under the two semester option (Option B).
- (2) Sir Sandford Fleming College and Hochschule Bremen will exchange information on study courses, curriculum, teaching and research;

(3) Sir Sandford Fleming College and Hochschule Bremen work cooperatively to improve academic teaching staff mobility between both institutions.

§ 3 Student exchange (placement)

- (1) Students from Hochschule Bremen have two options:
 - a. "Option A": Students may attend one semester, enrolling in six of the nine courses of the Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management Program offered by Fleming College. Participating students are required to have successfully completed at least four semesters of studies in the sevensemester International Bachelor Degree in Applied Leisure Studies at Hochschule, Bremen.
 - b. "Option B": Students may attend two semesters and the full course load of the Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management Program offered by Fleming College. Participating students are required to have successfully completed at least four semesters of studies in the seven-semester International Bachelor Degree in Applied Leisure Studies at Hochschule, Bremen. Students successfully completing this option will be granted the Ontario College Graduate Certificate in Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management. Students choosing this option will be responsible for securing a Canadian study permit through Canadian Immigration. Students may be requested to participate in a telephone interview with the program coordinator.
- (2) The programme of student placements may last for either one or two semesters of study. Successfully completed study modules of the exchange students will be recognized by Hochschule Bremen using common credit-transfer-systems.
- (3) Depending on the requirements of the home institution, the study semester at the host institution may be combined with a practical field placement when field placement is a requirement of the academic semester.

§ 4 Staff exchange

Academic staff exchanges may take place for the purpose of

- lecturing on short or long-term basis (e.g. sabbatical leave) at the partner institution,
- reviewing and interpreting the curricula at both institutions on a regular basis, and
- establishing and conducting joint research projects.

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The required areas of lecturing and research will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both partners prior to the implementation of the particular course or project.

§ 5 Costs and Funding

(1) Students enrolling in either the one or two semester option will be responsible for all living expenses and tuition costs associated with their participation in the program. Faculty undertaking research and teaching activities as part of this agreement may seek funding by domestic organisations within their country and they will support each other when making applications for funds.

(2) Student enrolment and fees are as follows:

Under Option A (One Semester of Study):

- Students will take six of the nine regular semester courses and pay a prorated tuition fee of \$4,400.00 Canadian Dollars per semester. This fee includes health insurance for the duration of their studies at Fleming and the cost of the Fall Field School.

Under Option B (Full Year of Study):

- Students will take a full course load for two semesters and pay a tuition fee of \$9,200.00 Canadian Dollars for the year. This fee includes health insurance for the duration of their study at Fleming and the cost of Fall and Winter Field Schools.

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Administration and Management

Both institutions nominate a representative (co-ordinator) who shall oversee and facilitate implementation of this agreement in cooperation with other appropriate administrators at the respective institutions.

Responsibilities of Hochschule Bremen:

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- 1. Ensure that participants possess adequate academic background and language proficiency.
- 2. Provide Fleming with a list of participants two months prior to the start of the program.

Responsibilities of Fleming College:

- 1. Provide appropriate documentation for students participating in the program.
- 2. Provide health insurance coverage for the students for the duration of their stay in Canada.
- 3. Assist students to find housing.
- 4. Provide documentation to students of successful completion of studies.

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Amendment and Termination

The cooperation agreement will be valid from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2009. Changes to the agreement must be agreed to by both partners and made in writing. It can be cancelled with six months written notice. The early termination of the present agreement will not affect the conclusion of the activities of co-operation that would have been implemented during its validity. Items not included in this agreement will be resolved through negotiation and a supplementary agreement may be signed.

Date 19-01-07

For Fleming College

For Hochschule Bremen University of Applied Sciences

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