

Joint PhD Supervision Agreement

BETWEEN

The 'Université Libre de Bruxelles', 50 avenue F.D. Roosevelt 1050 Brussels, hereafter named ULB, represented by the Rector, Professor Pierre de Maret

AND

Name of the Institution ... (to be completed)

Represented by : ... (to be completed)

Whereas

The "Université Libre de Bruxelles" is bound by :

- (i) The Decree of the "Communauté française de Belgique" dated March 31st 2004, relative to the scheme of High Education Institutions, reinforcing their integration in the European High Education Area and refinancing the Universities;
- (ii) Her internal Framework-Scheme relative to the general principles regulating the studies, reports, thesis and dissertations leading to the academic Degree of PhD, as approved by the Council of the Academy on the date of 1st december 2004.

PREAMBLE

In accordance with the rules related to the joint PhD work supervisions, both parties agree on the collaboration on a PhD thesis; the actual completion and the public presentation of this PhD work are placed under the joint responsibility of both institutions.

PART 1: ADMINISTRATIVE TERMS

ARTICLE 1

The candidate subject to this agreement is :

Mr or Mrs ... (to be completed)

Born on the date of : ... (to be completed)

Nationality : ...

He is registered at

- ULB as a PhD candidate in the field of : (to be completed)
for the academic year 200 ... - 200... (to be completed)
- Name of the Institution other than the ULB (to be completed) as a PhD
candidate in the field of : (to be completed)
for the academic year 200 ... - 200... (to be completed)

ARTICLE 2

The candidate will have to register in both universities, with a registration fee exemption in one of the institutions during the joint supervision.

However in order to get a PhD degree delivered by the "Communauté française de Belgique", the candidate will have to pay the registration fee at ULB (and thus be exempted from the registration fee) for the academic year of the PhD thesis defence.

ARTICLE 3

The social security and the civil responsibility of the candidate will be provided for under the following rules:

PART 2 : THESIS PREPARATION TERMS

ARTICLE 4

Both parties recognise the validity of the joint supervision procedure as well as the validity of the PhD thesis. The publication, protection and dissemination of the thesis subject as well as the thesis results will be provided by both institutions.

The subject will enjoy a protection in accordance with the local law of each party.

If need be, the terms related to the protection of intellectual rights may be subject to a specific appendix to the present agreement.

ARTICLE 5

The PhD directors are

At ULB: Prof. ... (to be completed)

At (to be completed) : Prof. ...(to be completed)

The PhD directors explicitly commit themselves to fully exercise the tutorship of the candidate.

The subject of the thesis is : (to be completed)

ARTICLE 6

The research activity will be carried out in both Institutions, during alternative successive stay periods in the two Institutions.

The minimum stay period at one Institution shall not be less than 30% of the total thesis preparation period.

PART 3: THESIS DEFENSE

ARTICLE 7

The jury will be empanelled based on an even representation between academic members of both institutions including both PhD directors, in agreement with the persons responsible for the doctoral education in both universities, and in agreement with the internal rules applicable in both Institutions. Members of the jury that are external to both institutions should also be invited.

ARTICLE 8

The thesis will be written in French and/or in the national language of the second Institution. (The thesis may be written in English under provision of approval by the Faculty' s Jury.

The PhD thesis defense will be performed in French and/or in the national language of the second Institution. (The thesis may be presented in English under provision of approval by the Faculty' s Jury.

ARTICLE 9

The PhD thesis defense will be presented in a unique session at the University of ... (to be completed)

However, the candidate shall present a public seminar before the thesis defense in the institution in which the defense is not performed, namely at the University of ... (to be completed).

ARTICLE 10

As from the unique thesis defense at the University of ... (to be completed), both universities commit themselves to deliver to the candidate the grade of Doctor in ... (to be completed), to Mr or Mrs ... (to be completed).

A mention to the partnership with the other institution and of the joint supervision will have to be included in the text of the PhD diploma. (?? or to an appendix to it.?)

ARTICLE 11

The candidate commits himself to respect the regulations applied in each country of the host universities concerning the submission, the publicity and the reproduction of the thesis dissertations.

ARTICLE 12

Each institution has the right to terminate this agreement on a yearly basis, provided that the candidate gets the opportunity to continue his research work.

In addition, upon common agreement between the thesis directors or upon decision of the candidate, this agreement may also be terminated.

Done in ... (to be completed) original copies of this agreement signed for acceptance by :

The candidate,

The Rector of the « Université Libre de Bruxelles », Professor Pierre de Maret

The PhD Director at the "Université Libre de Bruxelles",

The Rector of the " University of ... "

The PhD Director at the " University of ... "