



COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
AGENCIA NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACIÓN E INNOVACIÓN
AND
UNESCO-IHE INSTITUTE FOR WATER EDUCATION

The Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación (called further in this agreement ANII) and the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (called further in this agreement UNESCO-IHE) share an interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of education between Uruguay and UNESCO, promoting stronger ties between the two institutions involved to increase the financial support available for post-graduate studies of Uruguayan students in the Netherlands.

The purpose of this agreement is to foster cooperation and enhance the links between the two institutions through the provision of shared financing for talented Uruguayan applicants admitted to a Master Program in Urban Water Systems (Specialization in Sanitary Engineering) at UNESCO-IHE.

The cooperation is envisaged to operate as follows:

1. Students in Uruguay interested in pursuing a Master Degree in Urban Water Systems (Specialization in Sanitary Engineering) at UNESCO-IHE will seek admission following the usual application procedure, and meeting the standard admission requirements (including formal English language tests) of UNESCO-IHE.
2. Students admitted to the Specialization in Sanitary Engineering will submit a scholarship application to ANII, following the application procedure and matching the standard requirements of ANII.
3. Students who are academically admitted to a full-time Master studies at UNESCO-IHE, and who are also selected as beneficiaries of the scholarship provided by ANII, will be eligible for the matching scholarship provided by UNESCO-IHE (see below).
4. UNESCO-IHE will provide up to twenty three (23) scholarships for a total initial period of six (6) years starting by the academic year 2014-2015 and finishing by the academic year 2019-2020. The UNESCO-IHE scholarships amount is € 16,500. This is approximately a third of the total costs of pursuing a Master Program in Urban Water Systems (Specialization in Sanitary Engineering) (including tuition fees as well as living expenses for the student, travel costs, accommodation, etc).

5. As the total scholarship for the Master in Urban Water Systems (Specialization in Sanitary Engineering) is € 50.000, ANII will provide the remaining matching amount of € 33.500.
6. Since the intention of ANII is to promote the development of these educational areas in Uruguay by developing double degree programs with universities or research centers in Uruguay:
 - a) ANII will co-define (together with UNESCO-IHE) the research topics that the Uruguayan students will execute during their research phase (preferable in Uruguay) to make sure that the topic is relevant to the Uruguayan existent and future needs in the area of Water Supply and Sanitary Engineer; and
 - b) In case that in the period for which this agreement is valid, a university or research center in Uruguay develops a collaboration with UNESCO-IHE (such as a double degree program, or the authorization from UNESCO-IHE to deliver part of the taught phase of the MS program in Sanitary Engineering at an educational institution in Uruguay), priority for allocating the scholarships will be given to this type of hybrid programs with a strong educational delivery component in Uruguay.
7. Each institution will designate a coordinator to implement and monitor this agreement. In particular, the two coordinators will be responsible for ensuring that:
 - a) UNESCO-IHE and ANII will provide prospective Uruguayan scholars with information on this Master Program and guidance on how to apply for the two scholarships.
 - b) UNESCO-IHE will provide ANII with all the relevant promotional materials and brochures to encourage interest among prospective Uruguayan applicants.
 - c) UNESCO-IHE will provide all Uruguayan students admitted to Master in Municipal Water and Infrastructure (Specialization in Sanitary Engineering) information on the agreement with ANII and will instruct these students to submit an application to ANII as a next step in the application procedure.
 - d) ANII will inform UNESCO-IHE on successful applicants by sending the list of Uruguayan applicants selected as beneficiaries of the scholarship provided by ANII.
 - e) UNESCO-IHE will select from the above list the applicants who will be granted the matching UNESCO-IHE scholarship and will then inform ANII of this selection.
 - f) Both institutions will make the necessary financial arrangements for confirmed scholars.
 - g) Both institutions will have the obligation to inform the other party of any change in the designated coordinator or signatory in charge of this agreement.
8. ANII scholarship funds for each of the six academic years will be transferred to UNESCO-IHE in advance in full, once the successful candidates are notified about the scholarship award, so that UNESCO-IHE can handle the registration procedure, monthly payments to the student and delivery of education in timely manner.
9. UNESCO-IHE will make available to ANII master thesis of Uruguayan students upon graduation which takes place usually in April. ANII will be entitled to use and distribute any innovation resulting from the research funded by the joint scholarships.
10. In case that the matching funds provided by UNESCO-IHE are obtained from other projects or funding schemes, the requirements of such project or funding organizations will be observed and respected as well.

11. The designated coordinators for this joint scholarship program are:

For UNESCO-IHE:
Hector Garcia, PhD

For ANII:
Maria Laura Fernandez, PhD

12. Both institutions will do their outmost to market and promote the agreement to prospective Uruguayan applicants.

This agreement shall remain in force from the date of signature by the designated representatives of each party until the end of the initial period of 6 years. It may be reviewed or renegotiated at the request of either party and terminated by mutual agreement.



Dr. Omar Macadar
President, ANII

Date:



Prof. András Szollosi-Nagy, PhD
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