

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

AND

THE YUGRA STATE UNIVERSITY
(RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

CONCERNING

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNESCO CHAIR IN
ENVIRONMENTAL DYNAMICS AND GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

AT

THE YUGRA STATE UNIVERSITY
(RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

Agreement

concerning the establishment of a UNESCO Chair in Environmental Dynamics and Global Climate Change, at the Yugra State University, Russian Federation

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as "UNESCO"), 7, place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP, France, represented by its Director-General, Mr Koïchiro Matsuura,

and

The Yugra State University (hereinafter referred to as "the University"), 16, ul. Chekhova, 628012, Khanty-Mansiysk, Russian Federation, represented by its Rector, Professor Yuriy I. Reutov,

Considering that one of the essential factors favouring development in the fields of competence of UNESCO is the exchange of experience and knowledge between universities and other higher education institutions;

Convinced that joint work by university teachers, researchers and administrators from regions all over the world will provide important benefits for the entire academic community;

Bearing in mind the mission and objectives of UNESCO set forth in its Constitution and its role in promoting international inter-university cooperation;

Taking into account the experience of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme as a stimulus for academic mobility and the rapid transfer of knowledge through twinning, networking and other linking arrangements;

Agree as follows:

Article 1 The University shall, in cooperation with UNESCO, establish a UNESCO Chair in Environmental Dynamics and Global Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as "the Chair ") in its Department of International Cooperation.

Article 2 The purpose of the Chair shall be to promote an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation in the field of ecology, natural resource management and environmental education. It will serve as a means of facilitating collaboration between high-level, internationally recognized researchers and teaching staff of the University and other institutions in the Russian Federation, Europe, and North America.

The objective of its activities shall be to:

- provide personnel and student participation in international educational, scientific and cultural-elucidative projects and programmes;
- promote interdisciplinary scientific research in the field of natural anthropogenic dynamics and ecosystems and global biospheric processes;
- develop and support the modern scientific-technological, methodological and material bases for training young specialists at world standard level;
- use opportunities to represent the region achievements in the sphere of rational nature management and application of modern forms and methods of natural resources control for the sake of national development; and
- support the development tools and measures for avoiding the environmental impact of economic activities, and promote the sustainable use and production of natural resources.

The expected results of the Chair's activities include the:

- gathering of relevant data about natural and industrial emissions of carbon-gases and accumulation of carbon sequestration of atmospheric carbon dioxide in peat, soils and living biomass of forest and mire ecosystems;
- determination of the role of peat-land mires in the composition of atmospheric gases;
- involvement of financial and intellectual resources in the framework of large international projects on complex study of characteristics and properties of the functioning and development of natural and anthropogenic ecosystems, including their role in maintaining the ecological equilibrium as the base of sustainable social-economic development of one of the most paludified regions in the world; and
- raising of the scientific and professional levels of local specialists, young researchers and students.

Article 3 The University, in consultation with UNESCO, shall appoint the Chairholder who will be selected by means of a procedure to be mutually agreed upon.

Article 4 The Chair shall consist of the Chairholder and the teaching personnel, researchers and students associated with its training and research programme.


- Article 5** The University shall sign a contract with the Chairholder for a fixed period to be determined by it, giving the holder the same rights and obligations as those of other scholars of the same category at the University. The contract shall also define the Chairholder's salary and benefits, travel expenses, installation grant and housing and medical insurance.
- Article 6** The University shall grant the Chairholder the facilities necessary to accomplish his/her academic research and training activities, i.e. the opportunity to organize and promote an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation and to disseminate the results of research in the field of ecology, natural resource management and environmental education.
- Article 7** UNESCO shall collaborate with the University in the search for extrabudgetary funds to continue the activities of the Chair.
- Article 8** The University shall submit an annual report to UNESCO presenting the activities carried out by the Chair. If approved by UNESCO, this report may be distributed to the world academic community. UNESCO shall contribute to the international dissemination of information on the experience and potential benefits of the activities of the Chair at the regional and international levels. The University shall provide a financial report showing the financial support obtained for the Chair from different sources.
- Article 9** UNESCO shall take the necessary steps to facilitate the participation of the University in its programmes and activities with a view to strengthening international academic cooperation in the field of scientific research and its application for national development. Wherever possible, UNESCO shall also promote the exchange of professors, researchers, and students with other universities within the framework of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme.
- Article 10** Within that framework, UNESCO shall endeavour to associate the University with the activities of different Chairs and inter-university networks participating in the Programme, especially in Member States in the Europe region, and with those of similar Chairs in other regions of the world.
- Article 11** Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the University shall assume all expenses linked to the implementation of activities undertaken by the Chair.

- Article 12** Neither the University nor any member of its staff employed for the implementation of the activities linked to the Chair shall be considered an agent, representative or member of UNESCO's staff, nor shall they enjoy any benefit, immunity, remuneration or reimbursement if not clearly foreseen in this Agreement; moreover, they shall not be authorized to present themselves as being part of UNESCO, nor make statements on UNESCO's behalf, nor commit UNESCO to any expense of any nature or to any other obligation.
- Article 13** The University shall be entirely responsible for taking any measures it deems necessary to insure itself against loss, injury or damage incurred during the implementation of these activities.
- Article 14** The present Agreement shall enter into force for a period of 2 (two) years on the date of both signatures having been appended. It may be cancelled by either party subject to 60 (sixty) days' written notice to the other party.
- Article 15** Any renewal of the present Agreement shall be effected by an exchange of letters between the parties.
- Article 16** In the event of a dispute, the parties shall make a good faith effort to settle it amicably. In the event that an amicable settlement cannot be reached, any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be settled by a sole arbitrator appointed by mutual agreement, or failing this, by the President of the International Court of Justice at the request of either party.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Agreement in 2 (two) copies in the English language.

For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization

For the Yugra State University


Koichiro Matsuura
Director-General

30 JUL 2008

Date.....


Yuriy I. Reutov
Rector



Date. **06.08.2008**