

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
FACULTY OF METALLURGY,
TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF KOŠICE
KOŠICE, SLOVAK REPUBLIC
AND
SCHOOL OF MATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING,
CHANGZHOU UNIVERSITY
CHANGZHOU, P R CHINA

The Faculty of Metallurgy, Technical University of Košice, Slovak Republic represented by its Dean – doc. Ing. Iveta Vasková, PhD., and School of Materials Science & Engineering, Changzhou University, P R China represented by its Dean – PhD. Prof. Zhidong Chen (hereinafter referred to as “institutions”) hereby conclude this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the collaboration on research of plastic deformation processes and material science area:

1. Aim and objective

The aim of the present MOU is to define the framework in which joint actions by School of Materials Science & Engineering, Changzhou University and Faculty of Metallurgy, Technical University of Košice shall be taken to promote cooperation on:

- a) Plastic Deformations processes, include progressive techniques such as ECAP, ECAR
- b) Innovative materials to be used in the automotive sector (steels, nonferrous metals)

Cooperation shall include

- a) exchange of researchers and graduate students for Master & PhD degree to execute the research
- b) exchange of information and publications on the research
- c) implementation of cooperative and funded research
- d) organization of seminars, also in the remote and virtual form
- e) short term exchange of undergraduate students (junior & senior) for culture and study

2. Implementation

- a) In order to carry out the above-mentioned activities and to utilize the results achieved, a detailed plan will be formed through consultation between the two institutions.
- b) The Parties agree to seek financial support for mutually agreed cooperative activities from appropriate agencies of their respective government and other agencies.

3. Cooperative Research and Intellectual Property

Either party to this memorandum may propose to the other specific individual research projects for collaboration. Such proposals may be made at any time and an individual project agreement will be drafted for each research project. The protection and exploitation of any valuable intellectual property arising out of a research project will be addressed in each individual project agreement.

4. Memorandum not Legally Binding

This Memorandum is intended to broadly state basic understandings by the parties and is not legally binding. Financial or fiduciary arrangements for specific research projects will be outlined in separate research agreements between the parties.

5. Responsible persons

Responsible persons for the present MOU will be PhD Róbert Bidulský, vice-dean of Research and Scientific Education for Faculty of Metallurgy and PhD. Jana Bidulský, deputy chief of Department of Metal Forming, and PhD Prof. Wei Wei, vice-dean of School of Materials Science & Engineering at Changzhou University.

6. Duration

This MOU shall remain in force for a period of three years from the date of the last signature, it may be renewed within the deadline for an equivalent period by an exchange of letters.

The Memorandum may be terminated by either party giving written notice to the other party. In this case, persons still engaged in activities begun before such notice was given shall retain all rights conferred under this agreement until the activity in question is ended.

This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent.

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