**Agreement for a bi-nationally supervised doctoral thesis**

The agreement for the bi-nationally supervised doctoral thesis is signed by:

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**For this purpose, both institutions agree on the following rules:**

**Article 1: Enrollment**

Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hereafter called ‘Doctoral Student’, enrolled in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ year of the Doctoral Program in “Materials Enginnering”, Doctoral School of Materials Science and Engineering (SD-SIM), which has administrative seat at the National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest, hereafter called ‘Home University’, is going to take part to a bi-nationally supervised doctoral thesis.

Starting from the day of the signature of the agreement the doctoral student will be considered regularly enrolled also in the doctoral program in “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” which has its administrative seat at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hereafter called ‘Partner University/Institute”.

The doctoral student will pay the enrolment fees (if any) at the Home University and will be relieved of paying fees at the Partner University/Institute.

Notwithstanding the joint responsibility for the academic supervision of the doctoral project, the Home University will assume the responsibility for all administrative procedures.

**Article 2: Supervision**

The doctoral student will carry out his project research under the supervision and responsibility of one supervisor belonging to the Home University and one from the Partner University/Institute who have the joint responsibility of providing the supervision of the doctoral activities under the observance of the respective regulations.

The supervisor for the Home University will be Prof. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, standing faculty of the University in the Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering.

The supervisor for the Partner University/Institute will be Prof. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, standing faculty of the University in the Faculty/Department \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Article 3: Research activities**

The Home University and Partner University/Institute, agree on the place and duration of the alternating research periods carried out by the doctoral student during his doctoral program at the two institutions depending on the evolution and advance of research.

**Article 4: Exams and yearly evaluations**

The doctoral student will act in accordance with current regulations of the two institutions. The student needs to obtain the credits required in terms of attendance to courses, as per Home University and Partner University/Institute regulations. For the Partner University/Institute, the classes and credits can be attended/earned during the period at Partner University/Institute, or they can be obtained at the Home University and recognized by the Doctoral Schools.

**Article 5: Thesis and language**

The preparation of the thesis will be realized in co-operation between the two institutions. The provisional title of the thesis will be the following: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Article 6: Fees and financial support**

Both institutions will provide the doctoral student with the needed teaching and research facilities and guarantee the same services supplied to their own doctoral students. Financial aid for supporting the thesis, the housing, and the travels between the two sites may be granted by the partners. Each University/Institute will support the mobility expenses of its own professors.

**Article 7: Final examination**

The final examination consists of a single discussion of the thesis before an Examination Board, established by mutual agreement of both Universities/Institutes and complying with the regulations of both countries. The Examination Board will include the advisor at the Home and Partner University/Institute and at least four other members. At least two members of the Examination Board must come from other Universities/Institutes than the Home and Partner University/Institute. The final exam will take place at the Home University (or at the Partner University/Institute if agreed) of the doctoral student.

**Article 8: Doctoral degree**

Upon completion of a successful final examination, the candidate will receive the doctoral degree from both institutions. The doctoral document will entitle the recipient to use either the Romanian or the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ form of the doctoral title. Each Degree will have the format of the specific University/Institute that issued it.

**Article 9: Insurance**

During the period of thesis, the student will be covered by the insurance plan of the country where the study fees are paid. It is the responsibility of the doctoral student to take care of all the necessary formalities for travelling and staying at the Partner University/Institute, e.g., travel authorization, social and civil liability insurance, etc. The Partner University/Institute should help the student and provide local insurance plan, if possible.

**Article 10: Intellectual property rights**

The intellectual property rights of the thesis, the publication, the use, and protection of the research results will be copyrighted in accordance with the specific regulations of the two countries or on agreements between the parties involved in the co-operation agreement. The number of copies of the thesis to be deposited at each University/Institute depends on the respective regulations.

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