

**STATEMENT OF INTENT TO COOPERATE
BETWEEN THE ISIMA ENGINEERING SCHOOL IN COMPUTER SCIENCE OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CLERMONT-FERRAND II (UNIVERSITE BLAISE PASCAL), FRANCE, AND
THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY (NIST), UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Between
the University of Clermont-Ferrand II, represented by Prof. Nadine Lavignotte, rector, on the one
hand
and
the Information Technology Laboratory (ITL) of the National Institute of Standards and
Technology, represented by Cita Furlani, Director, ITL on the other hand,
the following has been agreed:

Article 1. Purpose of this Statement of Intent and Authorities

The purpose of this Statement of Intent (SOI) is to encourage academic exchange and cooperation between the participating institutions, i.e. the ISIMA (Institut Supérieur d'Informatique de Modélisation et de leurs Applications) Engineering School in Computer Science of the University of Clermont-Ferrand II, and the Information Technology Laboratory (ITL) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). This agreement is a non-binding statement of intent of the parties to collaborate.

ITL/NIST enters into this Statement under the authorities granted by Title 15 United States Code section 272 et Seq.

Article 2. Forms of cooperation

The forms of cooperation which are envisaged include:

1. staff exchange and/or
2. scientific cooperation.

Article 2.1. Staff exchange

The participating institutions intend to use existing programs, such as the NIST Foreign Guest Researcher Program, to exchange staff members for short periods of time. The purpose of this exchange is to allow staff members to participate in research projects of the other institution. To this end, the participating institutions will exchange lists of staff members who are interested in such exchanges.

Article 2.2. Scientific cooperation

The participating institutions intend to cooperate scientifically, inter alia by exchanging information concerning current research projects, by promoting contacts between researchers who are active in the same disciplines, especially staff members preparing doctoral dissertations, and by promoting common research projects.

Article 3. Coordination of the Statement of Intent

The signatories assign Prof. Philippe MAHEY for ISIMA, University of Clermont II and Dr. Ronald BOISVERT and Dr. Judith TERRILL for the Information Technology Laboratory of the National Institute of Standards and Technology as coordinators of this Statement of Intent.

Article 4. Financial arrangements

All activities contemplated by this Statement are subject to the availability of funds to the parties. No party is required to obligate funds to the activities stated herein. The participating institutions

may seek funding for the purpose of staff exchange and scientific cooperation. Cooperative funding arrangements, if any, shall be detailed in written agreements endorsed by both parties.

Article 5.

1. The present Statement will take effect when signed by both parties and can be terminated by either party with sixty (60) days' written notice to the other party. Termination of this Statement will not result in the termination of any annexes in effect between the parties. Each such annex will terminate in accordance with the agreed terms within the annex.
2. This Statement may be complemented with annexes concerning specific forms of exchange.
3. These annexes may be proposed and signed at a later date. Once they are signed by both parties, they are considered an integral part of this Statement.
4. This Statement may be modified by written amendment upon mutual consent at the request of either party.
5. This agreement is a non-binding Statement of Intent of the parties to cooperate and does not create legally binding rights or obligations. This Statement of Intent may not serve as the basis for any legal action by one party as against the other.

Executed in Clermont-Ferrand on
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For the University of Clermont II

Nadine Lavignotte
Rector

Executed in Gaithersburg on

For Information Technology Laboratory,
National Institute of Standards and Technology

Cita Furlani
Director ITL