

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN ASME AND

THE ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA PER L'ANALISI DELLE SOLLECITAZIONI (AIAS)

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PROTOCOL OF AGREEMENT

The Associazione Italiana per l'Analisi delle Sollecitazioni (AIAS)

and

ASME Three Park Avenue New York, NY 10016 USA

PREAMBLE

By this Agreement The Associazione Italiana per l'Analisi delle Sollecitazioni (AIAS) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) establish a cooperative relationship in their areas of interest devoted to the promotion of the art, science and practice of mechanical engineering.

This Agreement sets forth the general principles which the parties propose to follow as they cooperate in the exchange of information and knowledge in order to promote the art, science and practice of mechanical engineering. The parties may from time to time also enter into agreements of cooperation with other organizations with respect to these matters.

No joint action will be allowed that would violate the laws and regulations of either country.

Each organization will respect the copyright policy of the other organization and agrees that intellectual property will not be republished without prior written permission from the originating organization.

Both organizations endorse the principles of unrestricted participation of citizens of all nations at international conferences. The intent for conferences administered or endorsed by both organizations shall be to secure freedom of citizens of all nations, irrespective of race, creed, color, religion, or political belief to enter either country for the purpose of attending such a conference.

Both organizations will make every effort to comply with this policy unless such compliance is in direct conflict with the laws, regulations, or stated government policy of either country.

It is understood that either organization may decline to participate in international meetings or conferences where they consider such restrictions to be too inhibiting.

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The following are the specific terms of this Agreement:

A. MEMBER ACTIVITIES

.1. Attendance at Meetings

.Members of each organization are welcome to attend and participate in conferences and general meetings of the other organization. As long as participants pay all relevant fees and meet all stated event requirements, there will be no restriction on their presence at such events.

.2. Publications

.Each organization's publications shall be available for purchase to members of the other organization.

1.3. Membership

All who are members of one organization and who meet the membership requirements of the other organization may apply for membership in that organization without need for formal references and without payment of initiation, application, or entrance fees. Instead of formal references, an applicant shall obtain certification of his or her membership from the chief staff officer of the member's own organization.

Each organization shall elect on a complimentary basis the chief staff officer of the other organization to the grade of membership for which he or she is qualified.

There are no restrictions on either organization in establishing geographical or technical membership units of its members or in developing similar agreements with other organizations.

4. Student Participation

If both organizations have student members, each organization will endeavor to gain the participation of the engineering student members of the other organization when student organization interests, and the event warrant cooperation.

1.5. Identification

Members of each organization using the privileges under the Agreement shall furnish appropriate evidence of membership in their organization. This is especially important for attendance at meetings and for the purchase of publications.

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B. ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

1. Observers

The governing body of each organization shall name a member who may be invited as an observer to those meetings of the governing body of the other organization at which matters of mutual interest to both organizations are to be discussed.

1.2. Communications

Each organization shall provide to the other organization advance announcements of conference programs, future meeting dates and locations, calls for papers, and news of mutual interest which the other organization may wish to publicize in its journals and newsletters.

To facilitate such exchange of information and to implement and coordinate interorganization events and actions, each organization shall appoint a Coordinating Committee of at least two members, or a Liaison, to establish and maintain an active communication channel during the life of this Agreement.

3. Technical Publications Depositories

Each organization may designate a library in the country of the other organization as a depository for its technical periodical publications on a reciprocal complimentary basis.

Selection of the library shall be made with the recommendation and advice of the other organization and shall take into consideration the existence of organizations which already participate on a fee or exchange basis. Such periodicals shall include material normally provided all members of each organization as a part of their membership and copies of technical journals published on a serial basis, if appropriate.

4. Technical Activities

Each organization shall encourage its technical units to involve the related units of the other organization in international events for the exchange of technical information.

If one organization plans to hold an event in the country of the other organization, it shall offer to involve the other organization at a level appropriate to the particular circumstances of the event.

A written understanding of mutual responsibilities shall be exchanged between the two organizations during the early planning stages for each event. The levels of involvement are sponsorship, co-sponsorship, and participation.

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C. REVIEW, AMENDMENT, AND TERMINATION The terms of the Agreement shall be reviewed by each organization triennially to make sure that the Agreement is fulfilling its purpose and is working well.

Amendments to the Agreement may be proposed at any time but will not be valid until they have been approved by the governing bodies of both organizations.

The Agreement may be terminated by either organization six months after having provided a written notice to the other organization.

D. RATIFICATION

Any proposed Agreement or protocol setting forth an Agreement is not valid or binding until approved by each organization's established procedures.

APPROVED by the Governing Boards of both societies and signed on _____.

The Associazione Italiana per l'Analisi delle Sollecitazioni (AIAS) ASME

President President

Secretary Executive Director