Protocol for Joint Doctoral Program
Between
Middle East Technical University
and
University Bordeaux 1 « Sciences and Technologies »
ICMCB-(Institut de Chimie de la Matière Condensée de Bordeaux)-
(Groupe Hautes Pressions)

This protocol is concerned with the conditions and the requirements of how the joint doctoral program between Middle East Technical University, Food Engineering Department, (hereafter referred as METU) and University Bordeaux 1 « Sciences and Technologies » Institut de Chimie de la Matière Condensée de Bordeaux-Groupe Hautes Pressions, (hereafter referred to as ICMCB-Bordeaux) will be conducted and the degrees that will be awarded following the completion of this joint doctoral program. It is prepared in accordance with the resolution of 18 January 1994 concerning the joint supervision of doctoral thesis between French and foreign establishments of high education.

Administrative Conditions:

1. The doctoral student will apply separately to the Ph.D. programs of both institutions. The admission of the doctoral student to the Ph.D. programs of each school will be handled separately by the respective schools according to their admission requirements. Each institution is free to admit or to reject the application of the doctoral student independent of the other institution. However, this protocol is applicable if and only if the candidate is accepted to the Ph.D. programs of both of the institutions.

2. The doctoral student will be registered in the doctoral programs of both institutions, METU and ICMCB-Bordeaux.

3. The student files and records will be kept separately at each of the institutions. However, each institution will keep the other institution informed about the academic progress of the doctoral student and will send to the other institution a progress report and transcript of the courses taken within that institution.

4. The doctoral student will be considered to be “on leave of absence” from the Ph.D. program of METU for the duration during which he/she is residing in France and vice versa. The period that the student will be on leave of absence from METU can not be longer than 4 semesters. The duration during which the doctoral student will be residing in France and Turkey will depend essentially on the progress and developments in graduate studies, both courses and research, and will satisfy the minimum residence requirement of each institution.

5. The total duration of the joint program cannot be longer than six years.

Academic Conditions:

6. The courses that the doctoral student will take from ICMCB-Bordeaux while he/she is at ICMCB-Bordeaux will be counted towards the course requirements for the Ph.D. program of METU, subject to the approval of METU. The same will apply for ICMCB-Bordeaux as well.
7. The doctoral student will be responsible to fulfill all the requirements of the doctoral programs of both of the institutions: ICMCB-Bordeaux and METU.

8. The doctoral thesis will be supervised by co-supervisors, from METU and ICMCB-Bordeaux.

9. The co-supervisors will decide jointly on the successful completion of the doctoral thesis before it is submitted to jury.

10. Upon successful completion of all the requirements for the doctoral programs of both of the institutions, the doctoral student will prepare only one thesis and there will be only one thesis defense before the joint jury.

11. The thesis will be written and defended in English. Other aspects are according to rules of regulations of the institution where the jury will be held. However, in the thesis both universities will be clearly specified and there will be a written summary of the thesis both in French and Turkish.

12. The jury for the defense of the thesis will be subject to approval of both institution and will be formed according to rules and regulations of both ICMCB-Bordeaux and METU. In all cases the jury will be composed of appropriate scientific members representing the two institutions. The jury will be composed of five or six members; all members should have a doctoral degree. Both co-supervisors should be members. Two reporters external to ICMCB-Bordeaux and METU are chosen to review the thesis.

13. If the PhD./Doctoral thesis is found to be successful by the examining jury, the doctoral student will be awarded by the respective doctoral degrees of both of the institutions. There will be two separate diplomas delivered to the doctoral student. On each diploma it will be clearly indicated that these diplomas are delivered jointly through this joint Ph.D./Doctoral program.

14. Both ICMCB-Bordeaux and METU are free to discontinue this program at any time, upon notice to the other institution. This will mean that no new admission can occur in the program starting in the next semester. However, students who are still fulfilling degree obligations will continue their program until they complete their degrees or until they discontinue their program.

Signed on .../.../2005

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This convention is signed by the two partner institutions.

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