COIMBRA GROUP

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1. The present membership of the Coimbra Group is comprised of the following universities:

Belgium

Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain La Neuve)

Denmark

Aarhus Universitet

France

Université de Caen Université de Poitiers

Germany (FR)

Georg. August Universität Göttingen Ruprecht Karls Universität Heidelberg Julius Maximilians Universität Würzburg

Greece

Aristoteleion Panepistimion Thessalonikis

Ireland

University College Galway/Colaiste na Hollscoile Gaillimh

University of Dublin, Trinity College

Italy

Università degli Studi di Bologna Università degli Studi di Pavia Università degli Studi di Siena

Netherlands

Rijksuniversiteit te Leiden

Portugal

Universidade de Coimbra

Spain

Universidad de Granada Universidad de Salamanca

United Kingdom

University of Edimburgh

University of Oxford

The Coimbra Group constitutes an integrated network of European universities which intends to establish special academic and cultural ties and to set up concrete and advanced facilities and priviledged channels of information and exchange. The Coimbra Group wishes also to encourage contact and mobility between subject areas in which they are difficult and to foster links between majority and minority language groups.

In particular, the Coimbra Group works toward the following purposes:

- to facilitate and encourage the movement of students and members of staff within the Coimbra Group universities network;
- b) to provide free tuition to students accepted from other Coimbra Group universities;
- c) to recognize approved study periods spent in Coimbra Group universities as an integral part of a student degree programme;
- d) to establish joint programmes as well as to facilitate the movement of individual students and scholars who do not have access to such programmes;
- e) to promote and encourage joint research projects among members of the Coimbra Group;
- to encourage additional cultural and sporting activities (such as exchangevisits of choirs, orchestras, theater groups, teams of sportsmen, etc., composed of students and staff);
- g) to provide wider opportunities for non-European students in a Coimbra Group university to experience other Coimbra Group universities, in order to broaden their understanding of European culture.

- 3. Each member of the Coimbra Group will designate a senior officer with the following functions:
 - to liase with corresponding officers in other Coimbra Group universities.
 - to enccurage staff and student mobility;
 - to assist in identifying areas of co-operation for the development of joint programmes and research projects;
 - to care for the welfare of visiting students and scholars;
 - to ensure that transcripts recording the courses taken by a student and the results of examinations are transmitted to the student's home university.
- 4. The Coimbra Group shall appoint a steering commettee of three to five members to organize, coordinate and manage the activities of the Group.

The provisional seat of the Coimbra Group is at the Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain La Neuve).

New members must be accepted by unanimous vote, provided that they satisfy in principle the historical, geographical and scientific requisites accepted by the founding members of the Group.

Done at Pavia on the 24th of September 1987.

Open for signatures until the 15th of October 1987

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