

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

situated at Charlottesville, Virginia, USA

and

Institute of Atmosphere Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences

situated in Beijing, People's Republic of China

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The University of Virginia, hereinafter designated as UVA, and the Institute of Atmosphere Physics in the Chinese Academy of Science (IAP-CAS) wish to establish ties of cooperation in areas of mutual interest, specifically in area of climate/environment/land-surface interactions. The cooperation will be governed by the following general understanding:

## Article 1

In undertaking of projects of mutual interest, both institutions will strive to promote excellence and the development and implementation of capacities, programs and mutually agreed plans.

## Article 2

UVA and the Institute of Atmosphere Physics in the Chinese Academy of Science generally agree to promote exchange of:

- ∃ information between academic faculty members,
- ∃ publications
- ∃ research scholars
- ∃ students and academic staff,

and to initiate discussion on the reciprocal recognition of credits for degree purposes on undergraduate and graduate course modules attended and completed by students during these exchange visits;

and to explore funding acquisition and execution (implementation) of:

- ∃ joint research and institutional capacity building projects,
- ∃ research in the areas of environmental science with emphasis on climate/environment/land-surface interactions,

- ∃ mutual assistance in development and implementation of new programs,
- ∃ resource sharing in terms of use of equipment and existing installations at each institution,
- ∃ organizing conferences, short courses and workshops
- ∃ development of distance learning programs and facilities;

### **Article 3**

The activities envisaged under Article 2 will be coordinated and managed by a Work Commission to be appointed by both parties. Each institution will designate two academics who will function as liaison officers in the Work Commission; in particular academics from the UVA Center for Regional Environmental Studies and the Key Laboratory of Climate-Environment for Temperate East Asia, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

The Work Commission shall meet at least once a year.

Each of the activities in Article 2 will be executed under a sub-agreement to be developed and agreed upon by the appropriate representatives of both parties. Such activities will be ruled by the respective sub-agreements, which will establish the *Amodus operandi*, and will be managed by a project leader agreed to by the Work Commission.

### **Article 4**

UVA and Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences will cooperatively assist each other in promoting the interests of each institution in the field of technology transfer, research, development and delivery of services.

### **Article 5**

Each institution will in good faith seek mutual agreement for adequate resources to support the cooperation between the parties.

### **Article 6**

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective from signature by both parties and will remain in force until terminated by either party in writing with 3 months notice to the other party, provided any such termination will not be applicable to any services or assistance already committed to with respect to specific projects, absent the agreement of both parties or as stipulated in any agreement covering the specific project.

### **Article 7**

During the validity of this Memorandum of Understanding its contents will be altered only by mutual written agreement of the signatories. Any alterations so agreed to will be a part of an addendum to this Memorandum.

**Article 8**

In the event of dispute regarding the interpretation of the Memorandum of Understanding the parties shall use their best efforts to resolve such a dispute through good faith negotiations within the spirit of co-operation and academic solidarity.

**Article 9**

This agreement will be signed in English. Two copies will be made available to both parties.

**Signatories**

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Professor Wang Huijun, President, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences

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Signed at Beijing, PRC *August 5, 2005* (date)

*Ariel Gomez*

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Professor R. Ariel Gomez, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, University of Virginia

Signed at Charlottesville, VA *July 25, 2005* (date)