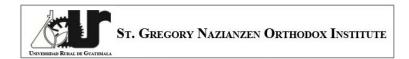
# **INSTITUTIONAL AND ACADEMIC AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN



## THE SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN ORTHODOX INSTITUTE

(AN AUTONOMOUS ACADEMIC UNIT OF THE UNIVERSIDAD RURAL DE GUATEMALA)

AND

**EUCLID (EUCLID UNIVERSITY)** 



**PERTAINING TO JOINT DOCTORAL PROGRAMS** 

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## **DECLARATION OF INTENT**

The **Saint Gregory Nazianzen Orthodox Institute** (hereafter SGNOI), (an autonomous academic unit of the Universidad Rural de Guatemala), on the one hand;

and

**EUCLID (Euclid University)**, an intergovernmental institution of higher learning established under public international law;

Considering :

- The previous agreement signed in 2009 ;
- The new status of the Saint Gregory Nazianzen Orthodox Institute as an autonomous academic unit of the Universidad Rural de Guatemala ;
- Their mutual desire to create additional accessibility, interaction and academic recognition between the two parties ;

Agree as follows and have finalized and approved this agreement in order to define their protocol of collaboration.

The parties further agree and declare that this collaboration proposal and its related programs do not create any financial or political obligations between the two parties or between their agencies, affiliates, or other partners.

## PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION PROGRAM

### **PAR. 1: JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Students enrolled in the EUCLID doctoral programs may, if they so desire, concurrently enroll in the SGNOI program so that the doctoral program may result in the issuance of a joint doctorate by both institutions (EUCLID (Euclid University and Universidad Rural de Guatemala - Saint Gregory Nazianzen Orthodox Institute).

This option is subject to approval by the admission officers of both institutions based on their internal procedures and requirements.

In particular:

1. The SGNOI application must be completed and must include a statement requesting a joint degree program with EUCLID.

2. The doctoral proposal must be submitted according to the format described in the SGNOI syllabus.

3. An authorized doctoral supervisor of the Saint Gregory Nazianzen Orthodox Institute will chair the dissertation committee, with the provision that an authorized doctoral mentor of EUCLID be able to participate in all stages of the evaluation and review process.

4. Each institution will provide separate diplomas / transcripts.

5. Tuition fees are determined by each institution and will be paid by the student directly to each institution in accordance with the tuition schedule in effect at the time of enrollment.

#### **PAR. 2: ACADEMIC COOPERATION**

The parties shall continue to cooperate in the field of program and curriculum development, faculty coordination and outcome assessment in order to maintain mutual recognition and possible transferability of credits.

#### **PAR: 3: FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This agreement can be cancelled by either party by means of a motivated letter of an authorized official, without prejudice to the actions already accomplished.

It may be amended at any time by written agreement between the signatory parties.

Signed in two original copies representing the same agreement

For EUCLID (Euclid University) and the Euclid Consortium

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Imara Johnpullé Assistant Secretary-General

For the Saint Gregory Nazianzen Orthodox Institute

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The Right Rev. Archimandrite Dr. Zoran (Andrew) Vujisic *Rector* 

Date of effect: January 31, 2011