Agreements

Follow Up Accreditation

EURON
EUROPEAN GRADUATE SCHOOL
OF NEUROSCIENCE

by the Research School Accreditation Committee [ECOS]
of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences [KNAW]

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ANNEX 1 > AGREEMENT FULL AND ASSOCIATED EURON PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

AGREEMENT

for the European Graduate School of Neuroscience [Euron] which will be active in the field of Brain, Cognition and Behaviour

The Executive Board of Maastricht University [UM], The Netherlands
The Rectorate of the RWTH Aachen University, Germany
The Rectorate of the Universität Bonn, Germany
The Rectorate of the Université Libre de Bruxelles [ULB], Belgium
The Rectorate of the Universiteit Hasselt, Belgium
The Rectorate of the Universität zu Köln, Germany
The Rectorate of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven [KUL], Belgium
The Board of Directors of the Université de Liège [ULg], Belgium
The Rectorate of the Université catholique de Louvain [UCL], Belgium

IN CONSIDERING:

that the above-mentioned universities in which research institutes or parts of their organisations are fully or partly active in the field of Brain, Cognition and Behaviour:

• wish that the selection, education, supervision and judgement of Ph.D.-students will take place in co-operation with these universities, and some research institutes, or parts of their organisations under the name of European Graduate School of Neuroscience [Euron];

• wish to co-operate in the field of Brain, Cognition and Behaviour with the aim of achieving an optimal functioning of the groups within central themes of research;

• will aim together at the continuation of a high quality educational program for Ph.D.-students, of which the attainment will be emphasized by accepting only high-quality research groups in the European Graduate School of Neuroscience [Euron];

• will aim to strive towards a Euron certificate for their Ph.D.-students based on the defined Euron curriculum;

• have in mind a formal commitment of their current co-operation, which falls within the aim of Maastricht University to acquire re-acknowledgement of the Commission of Recognition Research Schools, founded by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences [KNAW];

• that formalizing the collaboration between the partners will stimulate the acquisition of additional funding on behalf of joint research and educational activities within and among the participating universities, research institutes or parts of their organizations.

WITH RESPECT TO

article 9.23 van de Wet op het Hoger onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk onderzoek [WHW, The Higher Education and Research Act that regulates Dutch higher education]. This article enables Dutch universities to establish research institutes and research schools.

AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING

ARTICLE 1] FOUNDATION OF EURON

The research school Euron will continue as being a co-operation on behalf of the research institutes and other parts of university organizations [described further as ‘parts of organizations’] mentioned below which are fully or partly active in the field of Brain, Cognition and Behaviour:
ARTICLE 2] ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

a] the School for Mental Health and Neuroscience [MHeNS] of the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences [FHLM] of the UM
b] the Institute of Biology II, Zoology & Animal Physiology of the Faculty of Mathematics, Computer Sciences and Natural Sciences of the RWTH Aachen
c] the Departments of Neurology, Clinical Pharmacology and the Institute of Cellular Neurosciences of the Universität Bonn
d] the Laboratories of Neurophysiology, Histology, Neuroanatomy and Neuropathology, the Research Institute of Interdisciplinary Research [IRIBHM] of the Faculty of Medicine of the ULB
e] the BIOMED research institute of the Universiteit Hasselt
f] the Institute II for Anatomy, Dept. of Neuroanatomy and the Departments of Biochemistry II and Neuropathology of the Faculty of Medicine, Universität zu Köln;
the Max-Planck Institute for Neurological Research, Köln,
the Department of Zoology and the Institute for Genetics, Faculty of Science, Universität zu Köln
g] the Department of Human Genetics of the Faculty of Medicine, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
h] the GIGA-Neuroscience Research Center and the Cyclotron Research Center of the ULg
i] the Institute of Neuroscience [IoNS] of UCL

These participating institutes and universities will be referred to as “Partner” or “Partners”.

ARTICLE 3] ASSIGNMENTS

The tasks of Euron are:

a] the stimulation of the gearing, the co-ordination and the quality of scientific research of the field mentioned in article 1;
b] the selection, education, supervision and judgement of Ph.D.-students who are admitted to EURON for conducting scientific research in the field of research as mentioned in article 1;
c] to organize in close collaboration the research programmes performed at the different parts of organizations;
d] to organize courses, seminars, colloquia, lectures, publications and conferences;
e] to acquire the research and educational funding necessary for the execution of the tasks of Euron.

ARTICLE 4] PRINCIPAL CO-ORDINATOR AND MANAGEMENT

1] The Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences of Maastricht University shall be the Principal Co-ordinator of Euron.
2] Being Principal Co-ordinator of Euron implies that the Faculty Board will conduct a number of activities, mentioned in articles 7, 10 and 12 on behalf of this agreement. The Executive Board of the Principal Co-ordinator will conduct these activities in accordance with the Boards of the Partners.
3] The Principal Co-ordinator provides facilities for co-ordination and secretary support for the benefit of the research school.
4] The management on behalf of the research school is organized by each partner of Euron, in accordance with the management regulations of the Principal Co-ordinator which in turn have the approval of the persons who are responsible for the management regulations of the Partners within the research school.
5] The Principal Co-ordinator commits himself, with respect to other regulations in this agreement, to consider the research school as a part of his organization in those cases where this appears to be in the best interest of the research school.

**ARTICLE 5] GOVERNING BOARD, COMPOSITION AND WORKING METHODS**

1] The research school will have a Governing Board consisting of ten members including the chairperson.

2] The Executive Boards of each Partner, i.e. the Boards of the respective faculties or authorities within Euron will recommend a member of the Governing Board, after consulting the Executive Boards of the Partners, i.e. the Boards of the faculties involved.

3] The chairperson of Euron is recommended by the members of the Governing Board.

4] With respect to the Governing Board, only professors and associate professors working in the field of research mentioned in article 1 can be chosen as a member of the Governing Board.

5] The members of the Governing Board, including the chairperson, are appointed by the Faculty Board of the principal co-ordinator of Euron, in agreement with article 5.1 through 5.4. The members shall be appointed for a period of six years maximum, and shall be immediately eligible for reappointment.

6] As soon as a vacancy occurs, a new member will be chosen, in agreement with article 5.1 through 5.4.

7] The Governing Board can appoint maximally three advisors, who have the right to attend the meetings of the Board. In these meetings they have an advisory vote. One of the advisors is preferably a member of the Associated partners.

**ARTICLE 6] TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

Membership of the Governing Board shall be terminated in case of:

- a] expiration of the period for which the member was appointed
- b] resignation
- c] loss of the conditions for appointment as referred to in article 5
- d] decease.

**ARTICLE 7] MANAGEMENT TASKS**

1] The Governing Board composes a research plan once every six years, into which the plans of the participating parts of organizations are integrated as much as possible. The confirmation of these plans shall take place in accordance with the regulations of the participating parts of organizations in the research school. The research plan of the school will be confirmed by the entitled authority of the faculty of the Principal Co-ordinator.

2] The research plan mentioned in section 1 should establish the selection criteria for the selection, education, supervision and judgement of Ph.D.-students. These regulations shall be a directive for all Partners within the research school.

3] In the research plan mentioned in section 1 the intended personnel and material research facilities will be established in accordance with article 12.

4] The Governing Board composes an annual research program, into which the programs of the Partners are integrated as much as possible. The confirmation of this program shall take place in accordance with the regulations of the participating parts of organizations in the research school. This annual research plan also implies an overview of the research programs of all Ph.D.-students of the Partners who are working within the research school.

5] The Governing Board decides on an annual budget. This budget is consists of a spending plan of the financial means as mentioned in article 12. The Governing Board supervises that the spending of the financial means as mentioned in article 12 takes place in accordance with the research plan mentioned in section 1.

**ARTICLE 8] MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

The Governing Board meets at least twice a year and furthermore in all cases when this is considered necessary by the chairperson or two other members of the Governing Board. The meetings of the Governing Board shall be attended by the Scientific Director, unless the Governing Board decides otherwise with regard to certain items on the agenda. In these meetings the Director has an advisory vote.

**ARTICLE 9] RESPONSIBILITY**

The Governing Board is accountable for their activities to the Executive Board of the Faculty of the Principal Co-ordinator. They provide this Board with all necessary information.
ARTICLE 10] SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

1) On behalf of the Governing Board, the Scientific Director shall be responsible and accountable to this Board for the overall co-ordination of the activities of the research school and for the daily routines of the research school.

2) On recommendation of the Governing Board the Scientific Director shall be appointed for a period of six years maximum by the Faculty Board after consulting the Executive Board i.e. the authorities of the Partner where the Scientific Director is appointed.

3) The Scientific Director shall prepare the decisions of the Governing Board and shall act on behalf of this Board in the execution of these decisions.

4) The Scientific Director shall act as an advisor of the Governing Board.

5) The Governing Board further defines the tasks of the Scientific Director.

ARTICLE 11] REPRESENTATIONS

1) The research school is represented by the chairperson of the Governing Board. The research school can instruct one or more members of the Governing Board to represent the school on certain occasions.

2) The Governing Board can decide to turn over or withdraw all responsibility or a part of the responsibility, as referred to in section 1, to the Scientific Director. The Scientific Director can make arrangements with other third parties, as long as they are in accordance with the Governing Board and within the framework of the current regulations within the faculty of the Principal Co-ordinator.

ARTICLE 12] FINANCIAL RESOURCES

1) The Executive Boards, i.e. the Boards of the respective faculties or authorities of the Partners commit themselves to the following:

   a) Each of the Partners shall supply personnel resources for the execution of the research plan and educational program of EURON, barring unforeseen circumstances.

   b) Each of the Partners shall supply material resources and facilities for the research school.

   c) The resources available to the participating parts of organizations in the school that are allocated and regulated through national and international funding agencies [e.g. the Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek NWO, the EC Biomed Program, and others] remain subject to specific agreements between those agencies and Partners and Associated Partners.

   d) The Partners in the school agree that any resources received on behalf of Euron from third parties will be made available to the school and budgeted by the Scientific Director, under final responsibility of the Governing Board, for the implementation of the school's research plan and educational program as referred to in article 7.4, insofar these resources have not been spent on activities agreed on with third parties.

ARTICLE 13] SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

1) The research school shall have a Scientific Advisory Board [SAB] which shall provide, both invited and uninvited, advice to the Scientific Director and the Governing Board on the execution of their tasks and duties.

2) Members of the SAB are appointed by the Governing Board, on recommendation of the Scientific Director.

3) The Governing Board can also appoint as members of the SAB those persons who are working in the research field of the school but who are not working within the Partners or Associated Partners as referred to in article 19. The Governing Board can make such appointments after consultation with the SAB. These members shall be appointed for a period of two years and shall be immediately eligible for reappointment.

4) The SAB can give advice to the Governing Board of the research school, the Scientific Director and the participating parts of organizations about all affairs concerning research and education within the research school.

5) A member of the SAB cannot simultaneously be a member of the Governing Board.

6) The SAB shall choose a chairperson from its members.

ARTICLE 14] THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

1) The research school shall have a Research Committee [RC] Tasks of the Research Committee shall be to advise the Governing Board and the Scientific Director:

   a) on research tasks of the school;

   b) on research proposals for Ph.D.-projects;

   c) on the research plan for a period of six years, as composed by the Governing Board [article 7.1] and

   d) the research program of the school.
2] The members of the RC are appointed by the Governing Board from the senior scientists of the Partners in the School. The Research Committee consists of nine members, including the chairman.
3] The chairman of the RC shall be appointed by the Governing Board.

ARTICLE 15] THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

1] The research school shall have an Educational Committee [EC].
Tasks of the educational committee shall be to advise the Governing Board and the Scientific Director:
   a] on educational tasks of the research school;
   b] judge on the quality of the educational program for the Ph.D.- students and
   c] all other matters related to educational affairs.
2] The members of the EC are appointed by the Governing Board from the senior scientists of the Partners and Associated Partners in the School. The Educational Committee consists of nine members, including the chairman.
3] The chairman of the EC shall be appointed by the Governing Board.

ARTICLE 16] CHANGES IN THE AGREEMENT

This agreement can be changed by the Partners and Associated Partners with or without the proposal of the Governing Board. The decision for changing the agreement shall be made collectively by all participating universities after consulting the Governing Board of the research school and the authorities of the participating parts of their organizations.

ARTICLE 17] CO-OPERATION

1] The Executive Board of the Principal Co-ordinator can, on request of the Governing Board, after hearing the Partners, and after approval of the Executive Boards, i.e. the Boards of the respective faculties or authorities of the Partners, make agreements with other universities or research institutes, which can contribute to the tasks and objectives of the research school. These universities or research institutes may accede to this agreement as an Associated Partner.
2] In the agreement arrangements shall be made about the way the Partners and the Associated Partners will contribute to the execution of the tasks of the research school, in which the following are implied:
   a] the relation between the Partners and the Associated Partners and the Board and Scientific Director of the research school;
   b] the ways in which the Partners and the Associated Partners contribute to the research and education programs;
   c] the joint activities of the Partners within the research.

ARTICLE 18] SYSTEM OF LAW AND DISAGREEMENTS

1] For this agreement the laws of the Netherlands shall be applicable.
2] A disagreement with respect to the explanation or execution of this agreement shall be presented to the Governing Board. In those cases where the Governing Board appears to be unable to solve the dispute, or when the Board is one of the parties involved in this dispute, the problem will be presented to the arbitration committee as referred to in section 3.
3] In case of disagreement between parties with respect to the explanation or execution of this agreement or in case a situation occurs as mentioned in the second sentence, the problem shall be presented to the arbitration committee. This committee consists of three persons to be appointed by the Executive Boards of the participants. The arbitration committee shall appoint a chairperson from their midst.
4] The decision of the arbitration committee mentioned in section 3 is binding.

ARTICLE 19] DURATION AND TERMINATION

This agreement will become effective from the date of signing this agreement for a period of six years, except in case of premature termination.
Termination of the agreement by a participant should take place at least one year before the end of a six-year period by means of a letter expressing the wish to terminate. This letter should be sent to all other participants. The Governing Board shall receive a copy of the termination and shall inform the Executive Boards of the participating parts of organizations immediately.
1] The Board of Euron is composed as follows:
   Prof. Dr. H.W.M. Steinbusch [Maastricht]
   Dr. J. Prickaerts [Maastricht]
   Prof. Dr. J. Mey [Aachen]
   Prof. Dr. J. Walter [Bonn]
   Prof. R. Pochet [Brussels]
   Prof. Dr. J-M. Rigo [Hasselt]
   Prof. Dr. H. Schröder [Köln]
   Dr. T. Achsel [Leuven]
   Prof. Dr. P. Leprince [Liège]
   Prof. Dr. P. Kienlen-Campard. [Louvain-la-Neuve]

2] As the present Scientific Director acts:
   Prof. Dr. H.W.M. Steinbusch
Agreed as Full Partner of the European Graduate School of Neuroscience

On behalf of the Executive Board of Maastricht University
Dr. J.M.M. Ritzen, President

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On behalf of the Rectorate of the RWTH Aachen University, Germany:
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On behalf of the Rectorate of the Universität Bonn

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On behalf of the Board of the Department of Psychiatry and Institute for Addiction, Toxicology and Drug Sciences, Ege University, Izmir, Turkey

Dr. Hakan Cagurucu, President

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