

**Agreement
of Cultural, Educational and Scientific Cooperation
between**

**RESEARCH CENTRE OF THE SLOVENIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND
ARTS, Novi trg 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia, represented by Director, prof. dr. Oto
Luthar**

**UNIVERSITY OF NOVA GORICA, Rožna Dolina, Vipavska cesta 13, 5000 Nova
Gorica, Slovenia, represented by Rector, prof. dr. Danilo Zavrtanik**

**GORNO-ALTAISK STATE UNIVERSITY, Lenkin street 1, 649000 Gorno-Altai,sk,
Altai Republic, Russian Federation, represented by Rector, prof. dr. Valeriy G. Babin,**

and

**ALTAISKY STATE NATURE BIOSPHERE RESERVE, Naberezhny lane 1, 649000
Gorno-Altai,sk, Altai Republic, Russian Federation, represented by Director, mag. Igor
Kalmykov**

WHEREAS the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts with its Karst Research Institute (represented by prof. dr. Tadej Slabe), University of Nova Gorica with its Graduate School, Doctoral Study Program Karstology and the UNESCO Chair on Karst Education (represented by prof. dr. Martin Knez), Gorno-Altai,sk State University and Altaisky State Nature Biosphere Reserve wish to work in partnership on establishment of research and other collaborative efforts.

In accordance with a mutual desire to promote international academic, cultural and scientific exchange, the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts with its Karst Research Institute (Slovenia), University of Nova Gorica with its Graduate School, Doctoral Study Program Karstology and the UNESCO Chair on Karst Education (Slovenia), Gorno-Altai,sk State University (Russian Federation) and Altaisky State Nature Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation), enter into this Cooperation Agreement.

Cooperation in specific areas may be desired by mutual consent and incorporated as addenda to this agreement upon signature by legal representatives of the Institutions. The details of cooperation for any identified fields may also be specified in the form of addenda to this agreement upon signature by legal representatives.

Within the fields of study to be mutually designated, four institutions agree to the following general forms of cooperation (others may be added in the future):

1. Joint research activities.
2. Exchange of invitations to scholars (faculty, research personnel, and undergraduate and graduate students) for lectures, visits, and sharing of experiences.

3. Exchange of invitations to scholars for participation in conferences, symposia, consultations, and seminars, including use of distance education and other contemporary technological formats.
4. Exchange of information in fields of interest to four parties.
5. Exchange of faculty, research personnel, and undergraduate and graduate students for study and research.
6. Exchange of academic materials of mutual interest. This will include such items as scholarly publications, curriculum information, scientific specimens, and pertinent reports.

Four parties agree that all financial arrangements necessary to implement this agreement must be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds. Specific arrangements will be separately negotiated for each project and will be set forth in a letter of agreement for separate projects.

This Cooperation Agreement as well as succeeding plans concerning the concrete proposals of cooperation shall be effective after approval of the terms of the agreement by the appropriate authorities of the universities. It will remain in effect for a period of 5 years and shall be renewed automatically for the same duration. Any party may cancel the agreement upon one year's notification.

For Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts and its Karst Research Institute

Prof. dr. Oto Luthar, Director

Date: 05. 10. 2017

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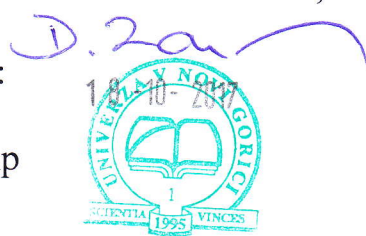


For University of Nova Gorica with its Graduate School, Doctoral Study Program Karstology and the UNESCO Chair on Karst Education

Prof. dr. Danilo Zavrtanik, Rector

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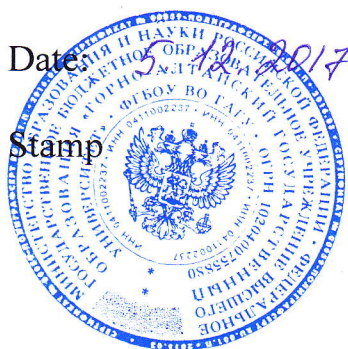


For Gorno-Altaysk State University

Prof. dr. Valeriy G. Babin, Rector

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For Altaisky State Nature Biosphere Reserve

Mag. Igor Kalmykov, Director

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