Memorandum of Understanding  
on  
German-Brazilian Academic Cooperation  
between  
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V. – DFG, Germany  
and  
Fundação Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior – CAPES, Brazil

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V. – DFG and the Fundação Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior – CAPES (hereinafter referred to as Parties) have agreed to implement the German-Brazilian Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "DFG – CAPES cooperation") to support scientific collaboration in common research projects with specific relevance to joint researcher training initiatives for young scientists.

Article 1
The DFG – CAPES cooperation will support the following joint research and training initiatives to be conducted by scientific partners:

- Joint research projects
- Exchange of researchers, PostDocs and PhD-students within the joint research projects
- Joint seminars and workshops
- The planning and coordination of joint activities

Article 2
Project coordinators, researchers, and their associates will have their traveling costs covered by the sending partner, while their living costs will be covered by the receiving partner. In the specific case of PhD-students traveling and living costs will be covered by the sending partner.

In principle, each partner will cover the expenses of holding joint courses, seminars and workshops in its own country.

Article 3
Administrative procedures and implementation details not stipulated in this Memorandum of Understanding will be agreed to separately via correspondence. The following details of implementation are agreed:

- The proposals will be evaluated by both parties through peer review.
- The parties will make their funding decisions jointly, thereby respecting their own specific rules, regulations, and practices.
Article 4
This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by a document signed by both parties.

Article 5
This Agreement will remain valid for a period of five years and shall subsequently be extended biannually unless a written notice of termination has been given by either side six months in advance. Such termination will not affect activities already approved jointly or in progress.

Article 6
This Memorandum of Understanding is drawn up in English and all documents and notices and meetings pertaining to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be in English. This Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted and signed in duplicate, both copies being equally authentic.

Article 7
All questions or disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled by agreement between the Parties.

Article 8
This Memorandum of Understanding shall substitute and replace the agreement of DFG and CAPES of 27 November 1995.

Bonn, 20, October 2007, for the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V. (DFG) for the
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Matthias Kleiner

Brasilia, 20, October 2007, for the Fundação Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES)
Prof. Dr. Jorge Almeida Guimarães