

## **Le Havre Resolution 2008 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Joint Research Committee of the Global U8 Consortium**

Pursuant to the directives represented in the 2007 Le Havre Declaration of the Global U8 (GU8) Consortium Council of Presidents (COP), the Joint Research Committee (JRC) met in Le Havre on June 25-26, 2008 to continue efforts to establish collaborative research programs among the GU8 participating universities in the areas of Global Logistics, Marine Affairs, Business Administration, and Advanced Technologies. Specifically, The COP 2007 Declaration directed the JRC to: 1) place greater emphasis on enhancing long-term and sustainable collaborative research programs that have commercialization potential, particularly in the areas of Global Logistics and Marine Affairs as broadly defined, 2) develop the GU8 Intellectual Property Policy, and 3) to propose a framework for the establishment of the GU8 Foundation. Accordingly, the meeting agenda for the 4<sup>th</sup> JRC meeting addressed all of these issues and is provided as Enclosure 1.

The COP 2007 Declaration urged the member institutions to appoint their Vice President for Research or equivalent chief research officer to serve on the JRC. The JRC Chair made a request to this effect to the member institutions. As a result, four of the five institutions were represented by their chief research officers including Professor Peter Alfonso, Vice President for Research and Economic Development (URI); Professor Moulay Aziz Alaoui, Vice President for Research (Le Havre); Professor Jaechov Park, Dean of Research (Inha); and Professor Barry Winn, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research and Enterprise (Hull). Vice Rector David Faraggi and Professor Book Kam represented Haifa University and RMIT, respectively.

University of Le Havre President Camille Galap opened the meeting by welcoming the JRC membership and stating his support for GU8 research initiatives. In particular, he encouraged the JRC to work towards expansion of the Marine Affairs focus to include areas such renewable and sustainable energy especially those energy sources that stem from the oceans.

Professor Judy Beckman, the GU8 Secretary-General, provided a summary of GU8 ongoing activities and future plans. Discussion focused on integration of education and research activities.

The JRC discussed and revised the 2007 JRC Roadmap. Revisions included additional examples of funding opportunities supported by local and federal government strategic research and economic development goals, and to include a focus on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The 2008 JRC Roadmap will be presented to the 2008 COP for approval. Details of the 2008 JRC Roadmap are presented as Enclosure 2.

Professor Peter Alfonso (JRC Chair and URI), Professor Chandra Lalwani (Hull), and Professor Booi Kam (RMIT) presented the JRC Joint Task Force initiative. The JRC Task Force initiative is designed to address critical collaborative research issues such as continuity, sustainability, and revenue generation. The Joint Task Force will include: 1) a representative of the JRC in the role of Facilitator, 2) an External Industrial Advisory Committee to be staffed by members from select business sectors, and 3) Focus Team Leaders and researchers from the participating institutions. The Joint Task Force initiative is proposed as a means to identify broad research themes that are supported by high levels of GU8 expertise, have potential to become sustainable, and have commercial value. The JRC Task Force initiative is intended to provide a uniform process for evaluation and selection of research proposals that seek support from the GU8. The JRC voted unanimously to adopt the initiative and to present it to the 2008 COP for their consideration. Details of the JRC Task Force initiative are provided in Enclosure 3.

Professor Peter Alfonso (JRC Chair and URI), Professor Chandra Lalwani (Hull), and Professor Booi Kam (RMIT) presented a proposal on the JRC Task Force on Future Supply Chains: Issues, Design, Configurations. The JRC noted that the proposal meets all of the criteria spelled out in the JRC Task Force initiative and voted unanimously to accept the proposal and to present it to

the 2008 COP for their consideration. Details of the JRC Task Force on Future Supply Chains: Issues, Design, Configurations are provided in Enclosure 4.

Professor Peter Alfonso (JRC Chair and URI) and Dr. Phyl Speser (CEO, Foresight Science and Technology, Inc.) presented an outline of the GU8 Intellectual Property Policy. The GU8 IP Policy aims to take advantage of collective GU8 intellectual property (IP) for the purpose of generating revenue in support of JRC Joint Task Force research and researchers, undergraduate and graduate student initiatives, and to sustain future research collaborations. Among the goals of the GU8 IP Policy is to create portfolios of technologies that would lead to GU8 attainment of preferred vendor status, and to target government, corporations, and NGOs. The JRC supported the basic ideas presented in the session and Professor Alfonso and Dr. Speser agreed to draft a white paper for presentation to the 2008 COP for their consideration. Details of the JRC IP Policy are provided as Enclosure 5.

Professor Peter Alfonso (JRC Chair and URI) and Dr. Phyl Speser (CEO, Foresight Science and Technology, Inc.) presented an outline of the GU8 Foundation. The basic goal of the GU8 Foundation is to receive, obtain, hold, and distribute funds. The JRC supported the basic ideas presented in the session and Professor Alfonso and Dr. Speser agreed to draft a white paper for presentation to the 2008 COP for their consideration. Details of the JRC Foundation proposal are provided as Enclosure 6.

In regard to future JRC sponsored workshops, Professor Faraggi (Haifa) presented a proposal on behalf of Dr. Uri Schattner (Haifa) and Professor Mark Miller (U. Washington) that focuses on natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities approaches to future energy sources. The research plan will center on the Eastern Mediterranean region. The proposed workshop title is "Marine Affairs – A Bridge for Peace" and is scheduled for June 2009 in Haifa. An additional aim of the workshop is to prepare a JRC Task Force proposal in the Marine Affairs theme. The JRC endorsed the plan with enthusiasm and voted to present the workshop to the 2008 COP for their approval.

In regard to ongoing JRC research efforts, Professor Barry Winn presented an overview of the U. Hull research enterprise and Professors Aziz Alaoui and Cristian Nichita presented an overview of the University of Le Havre research enterprise. Both of the presentations stressed the possibilities of additional joint research collaborations particularly in the area of renewable and sustainable energy.

The JRC voted unanimously to accept the nomination of Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Research and Enterprise Barry Winn (Hull) to serve as Vice Chair of the JRC along with Vice President P. Alfonso who will continue to serve as JRC Chair during the upcoming year. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Winn will assume the position of JRC Chair at the next JRC meeting in June 2009.

Professor Faraggi (Haifa) graciously suggested the University of Haifa as the site for the 2009 JRC meeting. The JRC meeting will coincide with the proposed Haifa Marine Affairs workshop. The JRC voted unanimously to recommend to the COP that the 2009 JRC meeting be held in Haifa in conjunction with the Marine Affairs workshop.

In summary, the 2008 JRC meeting addressed all of the issues reflected in the 2007 COP Declaration, namely; appointment of chief research officers on the JRC, further development of the Research Directory, expansion of the Marine Affairs theme, continuity and sustainability of joint research projects, formulation of the GU8 Intellectual Property policy, and formulation of the GU8 Foundation policy.

The JRC adopted the Le Havre Resolution on 27 June 2008. The Le Havre Resolution will be presented to the 2008 COP for approval and distribution to the member institutions.

*The JRC of GU8 have adopted the above resolution in Le Havre, France, the twenty seventh day of June, two thousand eight.*



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