

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**the ACCREDITATION BOARD FOR ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
(ABET)**

AND

the COMMISSION DES TITRES D'INGÉNIEUR (CTI)

Introduction

ABET

ABET is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization that accredits college and university programs in the disciplines of applied science, computing, engineering, and engineering technology. ABET accredits over 3,100 programs at more than 670 colleges and universities in 24 countries. ABET provides specialized, programmatic accreditation that evaluates an individual program of study, rather than evaluating an institution as a whole.

ABET accreditation, which is voluntary and achieved through a peer review process, provides assurance that a college or university program meets the quality standards established by the profession for which the program prepares its students.

ABET is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

CTI

CTI (*Commission des Titres d'ingénieur*) is a nonprofit organization officially recognized as the independent body in charge of performing programme accreditation of engineering degrees in France. CTI was established by the French law in 1934.

CTI is composed of 32 members, appointed upon legislative order, coming from different origins (public and private higher education institutions, employer organizations, professional engineering associations and trade unions); it is thus an equitable organization in terms of professional and academic participation.

Its missions are respectively: the evaluation and accreditation of programmes in the fields of engineering and applied sciences; the development of quality in engineering education; the promotion of engineering curricula and careers in France and abroad.

Since 1997, all French engineering programmes must be periodically accredited every six years. Upon the result of CTI's accreditation, the Engineering higher education institutions are authorized (*habilitées*) by the French ministry to deliver a particular Engineering degree (*Diplôme d'ingénieur*). Upon demand of foreign institutions, CTI is also authorized by the French law to accredit engineering programmes abroad. The result of this accreditation may, upon the concerned governments' request, result in "State admission" of these degrees by the French government. CTI accredits more than 800 engineering programmes at more than 200 engineering institutions.

CTI is a full member of ENQA (European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education) since 2005 and it is registered in EQAR (European Quality Assurance Register) since 2010. CTI is also a founding member of ENAEE (European Network for the Accreditation of Engineering Education) and is one of the agencies authorized to deliver the EUR-ACE label (a quality accreditation label for engineering programmes developed by ENAEE). CTI is a full member of ECA (European Consortium for Accreditation) and has developed common recommendations and criteria for the evaluation of learning outcomes, internationalization of programs and institutions, accreditation of joint programmes.

Preamble

Committed to contribute to the enhancement of quality in engineering education; relying on the experience of both organisms regarding accreditation of engineering programmes;

realising that the exchange of information on accreditation procedures and criteria between accreditation agencies increase mutual understanding, good practices and the validity of the work of the accreditation organisations;

taking into account the Memorandum of Understanding established between CTI and ABET in 1998.

Agreement

ABET and CTI agree to pursue their collaboration in matters related to engineering education evaluation and accreditation.

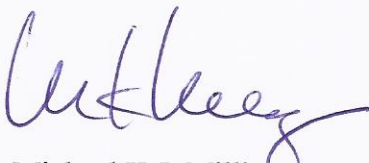
Both organizations agree to exchange information regarding their accreditation practices and activities, as well as to explore areas of common interest. To this objective:

- the two organizations will organize joint workshops and meetings on a periodic basis,
- they agree to facilitate the exchange of representatives to observe ABET and CTI accreditation practices,
- CTI commits to inform ABET of its possible accreditation and evaluation activities concerning US higher education institutions; reciprocally, ABET commits to inform CTI of its accreditation and evaluation activities involving French higher education institutions.


- ABET and CTI will set up appropriate principles and procedures to exchange information about their respective activities outside USA and France.
- ABET and CTI will negotiate and mutually agree upon any expenses associated with the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding prior to the execution of any projects or services.

This Memorandum of Understanding is valid, effective this 11th day of February, 2014 and may be revised through mutual agreement of both parties or terminated by either party with sixty day notice.

Signed on February 11th, 2014 in Grenoble (France).



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