

Conclusions in setting up a Double Degree Master Program “Advanced Onshore and Offshore Well Construction” between Gubkin University and Montanuniversität Leoben

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Attended:

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- It is agreed to start the double degree master program in September (GU) and October (MUL) 2017
- It is agreed to prepare all required documents for opening the program before March 2017 by both Universities for the
 - Agreement by Senat of MUL and Academic Counsel of GU;
 - Signing of Addendum to Cooperation Agreement by Rectors.
- A curriculum has been developed (see attachment) with the following basic parameters:
 - Duration of the program is 2 years (4 semesters and summer internship)
 - To finish the program successfully, each student will be required to complete courses totaling 120 ECTS, including the thesis.
 - Graduate students will be trained in Moscow and Leoben. In the first semester the students study similar programs in their home Universities. In the second semester Austrian students come to Moscow and study together with the Russian students at Gubkin University. In the third semester Russian students travel to Austria and study together with the Austrian students at the University of Leoben.
 - Master theses are usually written in the home University and supervised jointly by Professors of both Universities. The theses are defended at both Universities. Thesis work will be performed based on a Master Thesis Proposal developed by the candidate and approved by the two co-advisors.
 - During training, students supposed to have internship at the Gazprom or OMV enterprises for at least 4 weeks. Student will provide a report documenting the work experience. The report shall be approved by a superior or supervisor in that enterprise.
- It is recommended that study fees at both universities be waived for registered students at the partner University; however, this needs to be checked by the Universities.
- It is agreed to exchange teaching staff during the program for specific lectures to cover all curriculum requirements and to complement the capabilities of each University. Travel expenses for such exchange has to be provided by the industry partners sponsoring this program.
- The program will be announced in January 2017 as “Advanced Onshore and Offshore Well Construction” ;

- Recruiting may start and the first candidate selection should be in April 2017 to be finished by no later than end of May;
- The final recruiting shall be in July after candidates have completed their Bachelor exam, where applicable. The timing of final acceptance of the candidate shall consider any visa process requirements, if applicable.
- General international legal rules for a double degree program shall be applied.
- A steering committee shall be installed to handle organization issues like selecting candidates, discussing scholarships with the industry, Master theses availability, internships, etc.