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MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY, POZNAŃ, POLAND

and

THE STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY (STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK), UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Memorandum of Understanding made this day 27 April 1996 by and among Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, and Stony Brook University (State University of New York) concerning mutual cooperation which will be executed by The Center for News Literacy at the Stony Brook University School of Journalism, the Stony Brook Foundation, Inc. and the News Literacy Center in the Adam Mickiewicz University Faculty of Political Science.

WHEREAS, The Center for News Literacy at the Stony Brook University School of Journalism (hereafter referred to as the "Stony Brook Center") and News Literacy Center in the Adam Mickiewicz University Faculty of Political Science (hereafter referred to as the "Adam Mickiewicz Center") desire to enter into this agreement to mutually enhance the activities and goals of their respective institutions by establishing a partnership to bring News Literacy education to the civil societies of Poland, Eastern Europe and Central Asia;

The Stony Brook Center and the Adam Mickiewicz Center agree to cooperate in the conception, planning, funding, execution and assessment of the activities described in this memo. This agreement is into for a period of two years, with an understanding that by mutual consent the agreement may be renewed subject to evaluation and the availability of funding.

The Stony Brook Center will support the development, teaching and propagation of the News Literacy curriculum by the Adam Mickiewicz Center, as set forth in this memo. This support will include but not be limited to faculty training and exchanges, unlimited access to the Stony Brook Center's Digital Resource Center, ongoing advisory services, and a maximum of \$50,000 over the two-year term of the agreement. The Stony Brook Center sees the potential in the coming years of deepening this relationship and assisting the Adam Mickiewicz Center in becoming a hub for the development and propagation of News Literacy in Poland, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The two universities agree to cooperate concretely in the following ways:



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1. The Stony Brook Center will provide support for the further development of a News Literacy Course by the Adam Mickiewicz Center. That assistance will include but not be limited to the following:

- Complete access to all materials developed at the Stony Brook Center, primarily through the Digital Resource Center, but also with the assistance of dedicated Stony Brook Center staff; consultation services provided by senior Stony Brook Center faculty both via email and Skype, as well as at least one in-person visit each year by a senior Stony Brook Center faculty member paid for by the Stony Brook Center.
 - Efforts to arrange faculty and student exchanges.
 - The Stony Brook Center will provide funding over the next two years not to exceed \$50,000 to finance the following activities:
 - Organizing, hosting, conducting, and assessing the outcomes of not less than one training course per year for 10-15 academics from Eastern Europe and Central Asia, following the pattern established at the first such “Poznan News Literacy Summer Institute” in July 2015. During the two year term of this memo, the Stony Brook Center will provide a maximum of \$20,000 toward this training activity.
 - Development of new applications of the News Literacy curriculum in Adam Mickiewicz University courses, including but not limited to a new course on Information Security. During the two year term of this memo, the Stony Brook Center will provide a maximum of \$5,000 towards the development of these new applications.
 - Research into the relevance of News Literacy concepts in the burgeoning field of Information Security. During the two year term of this memo, the Stony Brook Center will provide a maximum of \$5,000 toward this research.
 - Development of News Literacy courses and course materials for high schools in Poznań and its surrounding region. Consultations concerning the feasibility of including elements of News Literacy curriculum into their school's curricula will be held with faculty of selected high schools that have a standing cooperation with the Adam Mickiewicz Center. Introductory lessons will be developed by the Adam Mickiewicz Center, which will also train high school faculty. During the two year term of this memo, the Stony Brook Center will provide a maximum of \$10,000 toward the development of these course materials.
- Exploration of new ways to spread News Literacy concepts throughout the general public. During the two year term of this memo, the Stony Brook Center will provide a maximum of \$5,000 toward this exploration. Translation, adaptation and propagation of the Stony Brook Center Global Questionnaire, which seeks to survey the media consumption patterns and attitudes of high school and university students. During the two year term of this memo, the Stony Brook Center will provide a maximum of \$5,000 toward this survey.

2. In addition to the duties and tasks enumerated above, and in consideration for the funds provided, the Adam Mickiewicz Center will be expected to provide:



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- Quarterly reports – starting three months after the first payment is received – on the progress made in the areas above, including a full accounting of how and where the funds were utilized;
- English translations of syllabi and course outlines developed using Stony Brook Center funding;
- Logistical and planning services for the Poznan Summer Institutes;
- Efforts to raise additional funds to expand the Poznan Summer Institute's geographic reach.

3. The Stony Brook Center and the Adam Mickiewicz Center agree that each is and shall at all times be deemed to be an independent contractor.

4. All notices, requests and other communications hereunder must be in writing and will be deemed to have been duly given only if delivered by facsimile, with confirmation of receipt, to the parties at the following addresses:

If to the Stony Brook Center:
Stony Brook University
School of Journalism
N4004 Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library
Stony Brook, New York 11794-3384
Facsimile: 631-632-7637

If to the Adam Mickiewicz Center to:
Wydział Nauk Politycznych i Dziennikarstwa UAM,
ul. Umultowska 89a, 61-614, Poznań

5. Upon execution of this Memorandum by all parties, of the Stony Brook Center will forward \$20,000 the University account of the Adam Mickiewicz Center. Subsequent payments will be made based on mutual agreement that the previous funds have been expended under the terms of this Memorandum and on mutually agreed assessment of future needs. The Stony Brook Center reserves the right to withhold future amounts referred to herein in the event that the Adam Mickiewicz Center fails to provide to provide the quarterly reports referred to above, or otherwise fails to fulfill the requirements of this memo.

6. The Adam Mickiewicz Center shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless, the Stony Brook Center, Stony Brook Foundation, the State of New York and Stony Brook University, its officers, employees and agents against any and all claims, costs, demands, causes of action or incurred expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees or damages of whatever kind which



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result, arise from or are caused by the acts or omission of the Adam Mickiewicz Center its agents, officers, employees or volunteers carrying out or arising out of any aspect of this MOU.

7. This MOU is the complete agreement between Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, and Stony Brook University (State University of New York) concerning mutual cooperation which will be executed by The Stony Brook Center and Adam Mickiewicz Center and may be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties.

8. This MOU shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

9. The text of the Agreement has been written in two languages, Polish, and English, and each party has one complete set. If there are any discrepancies between the two versions, the English version will be paramount and prevail.

Stony Brook University

Signature _____ Date _____

Dennis Assanis
Provost

Stony Brook Foundation, Inc.

Signature _____ Date _____

Dexter A. Bailey, Jr.
Executive Director

Adam Mickiewicz University

Signature _____ Date _____

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