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To all IATUL Members

### **Announcement of the IATUL Library Twinning Initiative**

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Dear IATUL Member,

To meet the requirements of patrons, modern libraries have created an international information network. By sharing knowledge and experience, and cooperating in complex projects to meet new challenges, librarianship can help considerably to constantly improve our knowledge infrastructure, and find new ways to efficiently navigate the global information highway.

To support the international community of scientific and technological university libraries in creating urgently required synergies, the International Association of Scientific and Technological University Libraries (IATUL) has established the IATUL Library Twinning Initiative.

Within the framework of the IATUL Library Twinning Initiative, member libraries are encouraged to form close and long term bonds of mutual cooperation and support, by joint ventures and by setting up an efficient communication infrastructure for the exchange of experience through electronic means and personal meetings.

IATUL will support member library partnerships by the IATUL Cross Country Cooperation Initiative and the Special Interest Group Framework.

We want to encourage IATUL member libraries to choose their twin library either as an institution

- at a similar stage of development in order to create examples of best practice in information supply at the highest level
  
- at a significantly different stage of development in order to especially support the advancement of libraries of high development potential in countries of the developing world

The IATUL Library Twinning Initiative is intended not only for IATUL member libraries but also to encourage non-member libraries to join our association on the occasion of a partnership with a IATUL member library.

## Applying for participation in the IATUL Library Twinning Initiative

Applications for participation in the IATUL Library Twinning Initiative should outline the topics that have been chosen for a partnership programme and explain how long term combined efforts will enhance the services they are providing individually or how the cooperative work will add to our knowledge.

- IATUL will be happy to support and accompany the process of library twinning including finding a suitable twin library
- Depending on the partnership concept proposed IATUL can supply grants via the IATUL Cross Country Cooperation Initiative

The project description should include an estimate of the costs involved and identify those costs that might be met from the abovementioned IATUL grant or for which commercial sponsorship could be considered.

Applications should be addressed to:

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Yours faithfully,

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