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According to David James (Director of the Centre for Sports Engineering Research Sheffield Hallam University): "TU Delft is a fantastic university that had the vision to set up the Sports Engineering Institute and to reach out to the University of Sheffield. They have proven to be part of an open community that is very collaborative and believes in being much stronger together, as do we. We have enjoyed a very open and friendly relationship with TU Delft for many years, one that is rooted in our joined commitment to the Sports Engineering Association. We have seen the vision of TU Delft develop on sports engineering, and we would like to be part of this. Although there is a big overlap, we can see that TU Delft scientists have a slightly stronger focus on fundamental engineering, specifically mechanical and physical engineering, than we do.

We already do and want to continue joining efforts with the TU Delft on research, education as well as collaboration.

We have been giving a special topics course for a duration of two weeks three times now, with master students from VU Amsterdam, University of Sheffield and TU Delft. This two week summer seminar functions as a melting pot where we all win by working on a joint project together.

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Now I am a visiting professor at TU Delft, we have started to work even more closely together."