



Scientific and Academic Cooperation Agreement
Between The
State Engineering Of Armenia
(Yerevan, Republic Of Armenia)
and
University Of Damascus
(Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic)

PREAMBLE

The state Engineering University of Armenia (Yerevan, Republic of Armenia), and the University of Damascus (Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic) (hereinafter referred to as two Universities), basing on the Inter Governmental Agreement between their countries of the 19th December 1995 for the years 1995-1997, and desiring to make a contribution to developing and strengthening the friendly ties between the two nations, herewith express their readiness to establish cooperation links in the areas of higher education, research, technological innovation, willingly sign the present Agreement.

CLAUSE 1

In accordance with the legislation of the SAR and RA, their Statutes and Bylaws, the two Universities agree to develop mutual cooperation activities in all the relevant areas of higher education and research, as well as other areas as will be agreed between the two Universities.



CLAUSE 2

Whereas the two Universities desire to promote the enrichment of their teaching and research programs; and

Whereas the two Universities desire to strengthen and expand the mutual contacts; and

Whereas the two Universities desire to provide for an exchange of leading faculty and research staff, and other collaboration between the two Universities on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

Now therefore, it is mutually agreed as follows:

CLAUSE 3

The two Universities will exercise mutual cooperation in the following areas:

- Exchange of leading academic and research staff for organization of lectures, seminars, joint research projects, and other relevant activities;
- Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students;
- Exchange of short scientific visits of the students under the supervision of Academic staff.
- Organization of bilateral or multilateral/international seminars, workshops, conferences, etc;
- Exchange of information on the advanced instructional technologies, methods of University management, faculty development, as well as University periodicals, publications and other appropriate materials.

CLAUSE 4

The Agreement shall initially cover the following types of faculty and graduate students' exchanges, collaborative research and other forms of cooperative activities:

1. Short-term visits of faculty and researchers;



2. Long-term visits of faculty and researchers;
3. Joint research projects
4. Exchange of information and leading administrative staff in the areas of University management, information systems, international and public relations;
5. Exchange of periodicals, scientific publications, curricula, teaching materials, and other relevant information as agreed by the two Universities;
6. Joint participation international academic and research programs, consortia, and other collaborative structures.

CLAUSE 5

- Each University will express willingness - upon a request from the other University - to contribute to joint supervision of some of the research theses of postgraduate students within the fields covered by the agreement. The decision of nominating the co-supervisor will be reached in accordance with the present higher education regulations .
- The two universities will express readiness to participate in the examining boards for the defense of some post - graduate theses. The decision of nominating the co - examiners will be taken in accordance with the higher education regulations in force.
- The two Universities in cooperation with the governmental authorities concerned will organize reciprocal qualification- recognition rules plus the conditions of study stages and scientific degrees to enable students and graduates of either University to pursue their studies in the other University. The two Universities will take into consideration the provisions of laws in force.

CLAUSE 6

As priority areas for cooperation the following ones are recommended:

- Strategic Planning;
- University Management/Administration,



- Information and Communication Technologies;
- Distance learning;
- University-Industry Interaction;
- Environmental Studies;
- Energy Resources
- Other materials and advanced areas of cooperation as agreed between the two Universities.

CLAUSE 7

The two Universities will provide program coordinators and contact persons from both institutions (within 60 days after the execution of this Agreement), to promote and coordinate the linkages between the Universities and their academic and research units. Faculty and research staff at both two Universities will be encouraged to develop research proposals and obtain funding necessary to implement the joint projects, either from interinstitutional, or national/international sources. Normally proposals, for such projects would emerge from the faculty and research staff of both Universities.

CLAUSE 8

The two Universities will provide each other information and form the groups of students and graduates for study in the partner University. The details for realization of this program must be the subject of a separate agreement between the two Universities. Acceptance for graduate study and research will be in accordance with the established policies of the host institution. It is expected that graduates (researchers) admitted for graduate (research) studies will be eligible for all the relevant regulations of both Universities.



CLAUSE 9

Both two Universities will provide adequate facilities, supplies and expenses (on mutually agreed terms) for the effective conduct of the program work of the visiting faculty/staff member or student/graduate, who will provide full information to both host and home sides on research plans and equipment requirements in the request visit.

CLAUSE 10

Inventions or materials developed under the terms of the present Agreement by exchanged faculty/research staff members shall be assigned to both Universities. Proceeds from the said inventions and/or other results shall be shared by both two Universities on the base of equality. If the inventions and/or other results and materials are made or developed in the course of a sponsored program funded by grant or contract, the determination of rights of both two Universities shall be subject to, and limited to, the provisions of the contract or grant.

CLAUSE 11

Financial terms of the exchange programs which include:

- Continue salary and fringe benefits of each long-term visiting faculty/research staff member; and visiting scholar, adjusted, if necessary, to provide an acceptable standard of living;
- Assist exchange in obtaining or otherwise provide round trip air fare and per diem for faculty member and spouse from home to host institution;
- Cover costs of passports, visas, pre and post assignment medic examinations;



- Pay for medical or other emergency return or provide medical/emergency evacuation insurance for exchange and spouse,
Must be mutually agreed between the two Universities.

CLAUSE 12

The present contract does not exclude other types of cooperation that may be purposed as object of discussion and mutually agreed by both Universities.

CLAUSE 13

The Agreement may be terminated by either side providing the other side a written notice of its intent to terminate. Such notice shall be given at least (six) months prior to the effective date of termination.

CLAUSE 14

The terms of the present Agreement may be changed or modified only a written amendment signed by both Universities hereto.

CLAUSE 15

The present agreement will be effective as of the certified date by concerned authorities and continue in full force and effect for five years



CLAUSE 16

The present Agreement is compiled in four copies (2 in Arabic and 2 in English). All copies are equally valid.

Damascus 27/11/1997

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Armenia

President

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President

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