

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT**  
**Between**  
**DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY (Syria)**  
**And**  
**BRANDENBURG UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY COTTBUS**  
**GERMANY**

Based on the mutual wish of the two universities to further and develop scientific cooperation and academic exchange relations between them, a scientific cooperation and academic exchange agreement is held between Damascus University represented by its President Prof. Dr. Wael Mualla and the Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus represented by its President Prof. Dr. habil. DPhil. h.c. (Stellenbosch University) Walther Zimmerli, It includes the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1:**

This agreement includes all specializations in all fields.

**ARTICLE 2:**

The contracting parties agree to conduct the following activities according to laws and regulation in force:

- The exchange of teaching staff members and students
- Joint courses, colloquia and research projects.

**ARTICLE 3:**

Both contracting parties shall make every endeavour to facilitate and support the exchange of scientists and students between both institutions within their capabilities by

- helping in the attainment of financial support.
- providing working space.
- giving individual advice.
- Agreement on courses of study and the mutual recognition of student's performance

**ARTICLE 4:**

For the realization of the aims of this agreement the parties shall use their own resources within the available possibilities. In addition, they shall try to obtain financial support from national and international institutions.

**ARTICLE 5:**

In case one of the universities has the desire to develop the cooperation to include other activities not stated in this agreement the two Universities can sign a special annex.

**ARTICLE 6:**

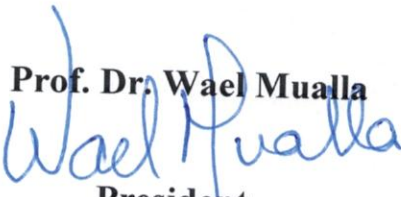
- This agreement is enforced as from the date of its ratification by the concerned authorities.
- This agreement will last for a period of five years to be renewed automatically for a further five year period unless one of the two universities expressed a wish to cancel the agreement through a formal request submitted in writing with at least six months notice. This termination should not affect the ongoing activities.
- Changes of this agreement require corresponding written declarations from the presidents of the partner universities.


**ARTICLE 7:**

All articles of this agreement are subject to the laws and regulations in force of both parties.

This agreement is written in four original copies two in English and two in Arabic and all have equal validity.

Cottbus 23/8/2010

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