



Scientific Cooperation Agreement
Between
Damascus University in The Syrian Arab Republic
And
Candido Mendes University in Brazil

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 Professor Doctor Wael Mualla, and Candido Mendes University, represented by its President Professor Doctor Candido Mendes.

It includes the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: FIELDS COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT

Humanities and the Social Sciences - namely History, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science and Literature.

ARTICLE 2: VISITS

A - Short-term visits for representatives of the two universities and members of the academic staff (the period shall be agreed through formal correspondence)

1- The two universities shall exchange visits of representatives and members of their academic staff in order to share expertise and research results as well as lecturing and participating in conferences, symposiums, seminars and other scientific activities.

B- Long-term visits for the members of academic staff (the period shall be agreed through formal correspondence). The expenses will be distributed – upon the



consent of the two universities – in accordance with the conditions stated in the research project.

- 1- The two universities exchange members of academic staff as visiting professors.
- 2- The two universities receive delegated members of academic staff in order to carry out scientific research missions.
- 3- The two universities exchange visits for members of academic staff to conduct joint scientific research in subjects of common interest.

C- Exchange of students:

- 1 - Both universities shall exchange advanced postgraduate students for developing research projects related to the host country.

ARTICLE 3: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

- 1 - The two universities shall implement and develop joint research projects to be agreed upon by the two parties who will exchange project-related information through direct contact among the concerned faculties and departments.
- 2 - Each university 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.
- 3 - The two universities 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.



ARTICLE 4: SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS AND EXCHANGE OF LITERATURE AND SCIENTIFIC DOCUMENTS

- 1- The two universities shall exchange literature, publications and periodicals issued by each University as well as Master dissertations and Doctorate theses.
- 2- The two universities shall exchange syllabi, curricula and the rules that regulate equivalence of scientific degrees especially in fields included in the agreement.
- 3- The two universities shall exchange specialized references related to postgraduate curricula.
- 4- Each university welcomes and facilitates the publication of scientific and research articles in periodicals and scientific reviews issued by the other university.
- 5- The two universities shall exchange information and scientific references in different subjects of common interest in order to establish a data bank.

ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE PROGRAM

Each university will designate a representative to supervise the implementation of the present agreement within the framework of a Center for Arab Studies, to be created at Candido Mendes University, and a Center for Brazilian and Latin American Studies, to be created at the University of Damascus.

The representatives will elaborate an executive program which includes exact specifications of all details required to execute the agreement such as duration, number and quality of exchanged visits and joint researches and rules and conditions for the selection of the researchers and students to be exchanged by the two universities.

Required executive programs are to be organized consecutively during the enforcement of the agreement. There will be annual reports of the activities developed within the framework of the present agreement.



ARTICLE 6: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

No financial commitment is undertaken by the two universities signing this agreement.

Each single program will be financially discussed with the exception of the following:

A- Short- term visits (Article 2, A):

- 1- The home university undertakes to cover travel expenses of its delegates (return ticket).
- 2- The host university covers accommodation expenses.
- 3- Covering of the costs of invitations to participate in university activities will be agreed upon by formal correspondence.

B- Long-term visits (Article 2, B):

Regulations mentioned in (Article 2, B) are considered the rules in force.

The two universities shall seek, within their capabilities, the necessary funds to execute cooperative activities.

ARTICLE 7: EXCHANGING SUPPORT

The two universities shall offer support to participants in the work program. The support will be given through supplying them with information and facilities required by the cooperation in addition to solving other problems related to organization issues.

ARTICLE 8: RECOGNITION AND VALIDATION

- 1- This agreement will last for a period of five years to be renewed automatically unless one of the two universities expresses the wish to cancel this agreement through a formal request submitted in writing with at least a six-month notice.
- 2- New articles can be added – upon the consent of the two universities – to the present agreement while it is still valid.



- 3- This agreement is enforced as of the date of its ratification by the rectors of both universities.
- 4- Upon cancellation, the terms of the present agreement remain valid in case of delegates already in mission in accordance with the agreement up until the end of their designated term. The same applies for research projects and activities till their completion.
- 5- This agreement is signed on 29/02/2008 in four original copies, two in Arabic and two in English with equal validity for both.

Damascus, 26/03/2008

Wael Mualla

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