



Scientific Cooperation Agreement
Between
Damascus University in The Syrian Arab Republic
And
Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development
in the South (COMSATS)

Based on the mutual wish of the two parties 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 Hani MOURTADA and Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), Pakistan, represented by its Executive Director Dr. Hameed Ahmed KHAN hereby referred to as "parties in agreement" on 17/3/2001 in Damascus and it includes the following articles :

ARTICLE 1: FIELDS COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT

1. Research and Development in Basic and Applied Sciences including the transfer of LASER technology and its applications to Syria.
2. Higher Education in Basic and Applied Sciences and Joint Projects.

The two Parties may add fields not included in this agreement to be agreed upon through formal correspondence between them.



ARTICLE 2: VISITS

A - Short- term visits for representatives of the two parties and Members of Teaching Staff, Scientists and Researchers (up to three months).

1- The two Parties will exchange visits for members in charge of scientific administration with the aim of exchanging information and expertise in the field of higher education and scientific research, and to agree upon the conditions of conducting joint scientific research.

2- COMSATS will further the exchange of visits of Damascus University Teaching Staff members to the universities of its state members 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 Teaching Staff Members, Scientists and Researchers (minimum of four months)

1- COMSATS will further the exchange of visits of Damascus University Teaching Staff Members, Scientists and Researchers to the universities of its member states to conduct joint scientific research in subjects of common interest. The expenses will be decided upon the consent of the two parties in accordance with the conditions stated in the research project.

2- The two Parties will exchange visiting professors, experts and technicians. Expenses are to be considered and organized through formal correspondence in each case individually.

C- Exchange of students

Both Parties will exchange students of all different academic levels for scientific qualification and training in accordance with the agreed terms and conditions.



ARTICLE 3: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

- 1 - The Parties in agreement will implement and develop joint research projects to be agreed upon by the two parties who will exchange project - related information through direct contact between the faculties and departments concerned.
- 2 - Each Party will express willingness - upon a request from the other party - 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 Parties will express readiness to participate in the examining boards for the defense of some post - graduate theses. The decision of nominating the co - examiner will be taken in accordance with the higher education regulations in force.
- 4- Each Party will provide health and social care for the delegates.

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

- 1- The two Parties will exchange literature, publications and periodicals issued by each other as well as Master dissertations and Doctorate theses.
- 2- The two Parties will exchange syllabi, curricula and regulations regarding scientific administration especially in fields included in the agreement.
- 3- The two Parties will exchange specialized references related to postgraduate curricula.
- 4- The two Parties will encourage the publishing of research and scientific articles issued by either party in periodicals and scientific reviews published by the other party.
- 5- The two Parties exchange information and scientific references on different subjects of common interest in the aim of establishing a data bank.



ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE PROGRAM

Upon signing the present agreement, the two Parties will sign 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 candidate - students to be exchanged by the two Parties.

Required executive programs are to be organized consecutively while the agreement is still in effect.

ARTICLE 6: JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SUPERVISION AND MONITORING

A joint committee from both Parties will be formed with the main task of drawing up executive programs and to supervise the implementation of the present agreement as well as to suggest prospects, methods and means for developing cooperation between the two Parties.

ARTICLE 7: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

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

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

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

- 1- Home University undertakes to cover travel expenses of its delegates (return ticket).
- 2- Host University covers accommodation expenses.
- 3- Ways of covering costs of invitations to participate in university activities are to 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 will seek, within their means, necessary funds to execute the joint cooperation.

ARTICLE 8: EXCHANGING SUPPORT

Each party will communicate on its own expense with concerned universities, scientific institutions, and research centers to discuss matters relating to the visits of official delegations, lecturers, experts and trainees to get the required information and facilities besides all other points concerning the aims of the visit.

Each party will cover all expenses entailed by contacts with universities, scientific institutions and research centers. The visits of the official delegations, lecturers, experts and trainees will be organized as agreed upon by the two parties.

ARTICLE 9: RECOGNITION AND VALIDATION

- 1- This agreement will last for five years to be renewed automatically unless one of the two Parties expressed a wish to cancel the agreement through a formal request submitted in writing with a six-months notice, at least.
- 2- New articles can be added- upon the consent of the two Parties - to the present agreement while it is still in effect.
- 3- This agreement is enforced as from the date of its signing by the representatives of both Parties.



- 4- Upon cancellation, terms of the present agreement remain valid in case of delegates already dispatched 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 written in two original copies in Arabic and in English with equal validity for both.

On 17/3/2001

For Damascus University
President

Prof. Dr. Hani MOURTADA



For COMSATS
Executive Director

Dr. Hameed Ahmed KHAN