



Memorandum of Understanding
between

The Department of Physics
University of Illinois

and

The High Institution for Laser Research and Application
Damascus University

The Department of Physics at the University of Illinois, with principal offices at the Urbana- Illinois, U.S.A. and the High Institute for Laser Research and Application at Damascus University, Damascus, Syria, wishing to establish cooperation relations between the two institutions especially to develop the academic and cultural interchange through mutual assistance in the areas of education research, and others, agree as follows:

Article 1 : Scope of cooperation

The areas of cooperation include, subject to mutual consent, any program offered at either institute as felt desirable and feasible on either side and that both sides feel contribute to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationships between the two institutes.

The assistance to be provided by each of the two parties will be teaching, research, exchange of faculty Professors and students , and staff development, as deemed beneficial by the two institutes.

Article 2 : General areas of cooperation

Assistance shall be carried out, subject to availability of funds and the approval of the presidents of the two institutes, through such activities or programs as:



- 1- Exchange of faculty members
- 2- Exchange of students
- 3- Joint research activities
- 4- Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- 5- Exchange of academic materials and other information
- 6- Special short – term academic programs.

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each program and activity that is implemented under the terms of this understanding shall mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular program and activity, and such program and activity shall be negotiated on an annual basis.

Each university will designate a liaison officers from the High Institute for Laser Research and Application and the Department of Physics at Illinois University to develop and coordinate special activities or program.

Article 3 : Renewal , Termination and Amendment

This understanding shall remain in force for a period of FIVE YEARS from the date of last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving notice to the other party in writing no later than the end of March in any year.

The understanding may be extended by mutual consent of the two parties. This understanding may be amended by the exchange of letters between the two institutes, Such amendments, once approved by both institutes, will become part of this memorandum.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have their signatures:

For Damascus University

Prof. Hani Mourtada
Minster of High Education
President of Damascus University

For The Department of Physics

Illinois University

Prof. Munir Nayfeh