



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Between
Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic
And
Novosibirsk State University in Russian Federation

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and Novosibirsk State University in Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

desiring to develop and deepen their relationships of scientific cooperation and academic exchange,

The Parties have agreed as follows:

**Article /1/
Objective of the Memorandum**

The aim of this MOU is to strengthen and develop scientific, academic and research cooperation as well as encouraging student and academic exchange between them on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

**Article /2/
Areas of Cooperation**

Both Parties hereby agree, within their available resources, to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Implementation and organization of joint educational and research projects and programs, including educational programs via the Internet.
- b. Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students, and young scientists for the purpose of study and research;
- c. Exchange of academic staff members for teaching and research purposes.
- d. Benefit from the use of scientific and educational equipment and information sources for both Parties in the educational process, including distance learning resources
- e. Conducting joint scientific and applied research for university and graduate students and young scientists.

- f. Holding symposia, training courses, conferences, seminars and other joint scientific activities.
- g. Establishing joint cultural activities on the technical and scientific needs and priorities of the two Parties
- h. Any other areas mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

**Article /3/
Financial Conditions**

- a. Each Party shall bear its own costs resulted from the implementation of this MOU.
- b. The two Parties specify financial conditions of the implementation of any scientific activity mentioned or not in this Agreement according to the financial regulations applied at each Party.
- c. Specific details related to the process of any academic activities shall be subject to negotiation between the Parties and being done by the bilateral consent.

**Article /4/
Implementation Mechanism**

- a. With the aim of implementation this MOU, the two Parties agree to sign Executive Programs, based on their desire and the available resources, to determine the mechanisms and details of implementation of the provisions of this MOU.
- b. The Parties shall undertake to support participants in the work programs by providing the information and facilities required for the cooperation and by settling problems related to organizing issues, in accordance with the enforced regulations in both countries.

**Article /5/
Confidentiality**

- a. The Parties shall undertake to observe the confidentiality of all documents, information, data and results which are disclosed, in writing or orally, by the disclosing Party to the receiving Party, and each Party shall treat and answer information confidentially and shall not disclose it to any third Party without a prior permission of the other Party.
- b. The Parties shall abide by the provisions of this Article after the termination of this MOU.

**Article /6/
Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding the interpretation or the implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably by direct consultation and negotiations or through diplomatic channels.

Article /7/
Final Provisions

- a. This MOU shall enter into force from the date of receiving the last written notification by which one Party informs the other, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of the necessary internal procedures required of its entry into force.
- b. This MOU will be valid for a period of five years, renewed automatically for a similar period unless either of the Parties, at any time, notifies the other in writing form about its intention of termination, through diplomatic channels six months prior to its date of expiry, this termination will not affect the ongoing activities until their accomplishment.
- c. Either Party may amend, change or add any item or Article of this MOU by mutual written consent and through diplomatic channels. These amendments, or changes or additions will enter into force according to the first item of this Article, and will be considered as an integrated part of this MOU.
- d. Each Party may nominate a coordinator (or a management committee) for the MOU through mutual official correspondence within a maximum period of three months from its entry into force.
- e. This MOU does not give any Party the right to be a procurator or a representative of the other Party.
- f. The execution of this MOU is subject to the enforced laws and regulations in both countries.

Done and signed in Damascus on 24/01/2023, and in Russia on 24/01/2023 in two original copies in Arabic, Russian and English languages. All the texts have the same authenticity, in case of any divergence, the text in English shall prevail.

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