



CONVENTION BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF DAMASCUS (SYRIA)
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF PISA (ITALY)

THE UNIVERSITY OF DAMASCUS
Represented by the Rector Professor M. Issam A. Awwa
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF PISA
Represented by the Rector Professor Marco Pasquali

Authorized to the drawing up of the present act, following the decision of the Administrative Council on 10/12/2003, and that of the Academic Senate on 9/12/2003 and authorized by the Ministry of the University and Scientific and Technological Research (interministerial decree on university collaboration art. 91 D.P.R. 382/80, D.I.M. 10/021988, in implementation of clause 5 of art.91 of D.P.R. 383/80 as modified by Act n. 705 of 9/12/1985 art. 12, on the principles governing convention between Italian and foreign Universities may be authorized),

Agree on the following:

Article n.1

The University of Damascus and the University of Pisa intend, by virtue of the present Convention:

- to promote and expand scientific learning through cooperation in research in all disciplines exercised by their research and teaching staffs – firstly with respect to:
- Archaeology;
- Archaeometry;



Article n. 2

With regard to the aims specified in article n.1 above, the afore-mentioned Universities will draw up and mutually agree on a work program, an exchange plan and an associated budget, on the basis of the maximum degree of equal participation to the interest of each institution, by October 20th each year.

Article n.3

The convention intends to favor research through the exchange of staff members. The exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students is only envisaged in exceptional circumstances when certain needs cannot be satisfactorily met within the forms of existing inter-university cooperation available through the European Union Mobility and Exchange Programs or through different national and international institutions.

Article n.4

The expenses for the measures regarding article 2 are thus divided:

- a) The home university will cover the traveling expenses, while the host University is responsible for maintenance;
- b) The financing of all congresses, research programs and teaching programs agreed upon is to be dealt with on a joint basis;
- c) A different rule regarding expenses is possible in the case of guest researchers enjoying the financial support of other organizations.
- d) Long term exchange (six months or an academic year) require appropriate agreements.



Article n.5

Authorized guest participants in the activities outlined in this Convention are to be insured by the hosting University in case of accidents to them or of public liability towards a third party, should these occur owing to the activities taking place within the frame of the Convention itself.

Article n.6

In compliance with the conditions of reciprocity, the guest students are exonerated from payment of university fees and contributions to the host university with the exception of special contributions also required of the students of the host University for particular initiatives and activities.

Article n.7

Each of the two universities shall nominate its own promoter, (or representative). The two representatives have the task of preparing in advance the activity program and the relative financial commitment according to article 1 and 2, thus ensuring that the set goals are reached. The promoter at the University of Pisa is the Professor Stefania Mazzoni, the promoter at the University of Damascus is the Professor Mohammad Shaalan Al-Tayar.

Article n.8

The settlement of any disagreement concerning the interpretation and the execution of the present convention will be assigned to a board of arbitration composed of a member designated by each contracting party and a member chosen by mutual consent.



Article n.9

The present convention will have validity for the year 2005.

Written and undersigned at Damascus University on 1.8.10.2004 and at Pisa on 10.11.2004...in two original copies in Arabic and in English with equal validity for both.

Professor Marco Pasquali

Rector of the University of Pisa

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