



Collaboration Agreement for Culture and Science and Technology
Between
Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic
And
The University of Modena and Reggio Emilia in Italy

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and The University of Modena and Reggio Emilia in Italy, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Based on the mutual desire to; develop and deepen the relationships of scientific cooperation and academic exchange between them,

Have agreed as follows:

Article /1/

Objectives of the Agreement

This Agreement aims at developing Joint research projects and setting up educational and integrated training activities, and arranging for the potential use of scientific and technical apparatus of mutual interest.

The collaboration will initially concern on the following fields:

1. Additive manufacturing for biomedical applications.
2. Information and Communication technologies.
3. Mechatronical Design and Construction of Machines.
4. Additive manufacturing.
5. Materials.

The mentioned fields will be successively extended to other sectors or structures. On which the two Parties may agree in the future.

**Article /2/
Areas of Cooperation**

Both Parties shall agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- a) The development of joint research projects;
- b) The exchange of teaching staff, technical staff and researchers;
- c) Student exchange;
- d) Mutual acceptance of scholarship holders and PhD students;
- e) The exchange of scientific documentation and publications and data transmission networks;
- f) The organization of special conventions, seminars, and scientific meetings, arranged by mutual Agreement.

**Article /3/
Financial Conditions**

The Parties shall specify conditions for funding of any specific activity mentioned in this Agreement according to the respective financial regulations of each Party.

**Article /4/
Implementation Mechanism**

- a. In order to reach the aims of this Agreement, the Parties agree on signing executive programs according to their available resources, to determine the mechanisms and details of implementation of the provisions of this Agreement
- b. Each Party shall designate a coordinator responsible for implementation and follow-up the actions to be implemented and shall inform the other Party of this, and each Party may change the coordinator upon a formal correspondence to the other Party
- c. The two Parties shall undertake to protect the intellectual property rights in accordance with the relevant laws, national rules and regulations enforced in both countries and the conventions in force between them.

Article /5/

Insurance Cover and Health Insurance

Both Parties shall confirm the necessity of having adequate insurance coverage for the possibility of personal injury and material damage. The exchanged staff should be covered by adequate health insurance in accordance with the law in force in the host country.

Article /6/

Confidentiality

- a. The Parties shall undertake to observe the confidentiality of all documents, information and other data 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 Cooperation Agreement.

Article /7/

Dispute Settlement

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

Article /8/

Final Provisions

- a. This Agreement shall enter into force after the reception date of the last written notification in which one Party notifies the other, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of the internal procedures required for its entry into force.
- b. This Agreement shall be valid for a period of three years and may be renewed for similar period unless either of the Parties, in any time, notifies the other in writing and through diplomatic channels, about its intention to terminate it six months prior to its date of expiry.

- c. The termination of this Agreement will not affect any ongoing activities until their completion.
- d. Either Party may amend, change or add any item or article of this Agreement by mutual written consent through diplomatic channels. These amendments, changes and additions will enter into force according to the same procedures mentioned in paragraph /1/ of this Article, and it will be considered as an integrated part of it.
- e. This Agreement does not give any Party the right to be a procurator or a representative of the other Party, and does not either constitute a joint venture partnership or an official business between the Parties.
- f. The execution of this Agreement is subject to the enforced laws and regulations in both countries.

This Agreement done and signed in Damascus on 16/01/2022, and in Italy on / /2022 in two original versions in Arabic and English, each of them has equal authenticity, in case of a discrepancy between the versions, the English text shall prevail.

For Damascus University

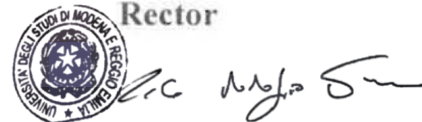
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