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ACADEMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY (SYRIA)

&

UNIVERSITY OF SASSRI (ITALY)

The Rector of the University of Sassari and the President of Damascus University in order to improve the already existing links and to promote new exchange programmes between the two institutions, agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The University of Sassari and Damascus University have as a common aim the development of academic cooperation between Italy and Syria and, with that goal in mind, will encourage collaboration between their respective Faculties, Institutes and Departments in a variety of academic disciplines.

ARTICLE 2

The two institutions undertake to promote the development of joint academic activities for the whole duration of the agreement. Specific plans to be devised will be considered as an integral part of this agreement. The activities must be subject to the laws and regulations in effect.



ARTICLE 3

Initially the two Institutions will favour cooperation in the fields of training and research. However, the cooperation has to be considered as open to all other fields.

ARTICLE 4

- a) The two universities exchange visits for academic administrators in the central management of each university and its faculties 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.
- b) The two universities exchange visits of members of academic staff to share expertise and research results as well as lecturing and participating in conferences, symposiums, seminars and other scientific activities. The arising rights and duties should be specified in additional addendum to this agreement.
- c) The two universities exchange members of academic staff as visiting professors. Expenses are to be considered and organized separately through formal correspondence in accordance with the provisions of Article /5/ of this agreement.
- d) The exchange of members of academic staff should be under the laws and regulations in effect especially the regulations of secondment, recompensations, mobility and stay.
- e) The two universities implement and develop joint research projects to be agreed upon by the two parties and they exchange information and scientific material for improvement of teaching methods; regular contacts and a constant flow of information regarding the scientific achievement and the working methods carried out in their respective faculties, departments and other institutions; The intellectual property of these projects must be determined.



ARTICLE 5

The two Institutions agree that the principle governing this link agreement will be that all the expenses connected with the enactment will be met by each part according to the regulations currently in force in each country. These expenses will be organized in accordance with each case through formal correspondence.

ARTICLE 6

In order to implement this agreement the two Universities will apply for funding to local, national and international institution. The draft of academic agreement between the two institutions will be approved by academic authorities of the two institutions.

ARTICLE 7

Each institution will appoint its own delegate for the promotion of any activities connected with this agreement. The delegates undertake to draw up a working programme for each year.

ARTICLE 8

This agreement will be valid for five years from the date of entry into force to be renewed automatically unless one of the two universities expressed a wish to cancel the agreement through a formal request submitted in writing with at least six months notice.

ARTICLE 9

Any modification of this agreement will take the same course followed for the formulation of the original draft.

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ARTICLE 10

All the articles of this agreement should be subject to the laws and regulations in force.

ARTICLE 11

Any controversy arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this agreement will be undertaken by an Arbitration Board approved by state council, and composed of one member chosen by each party and one member by mutual agreement. In principle, any civil action by each of the two parties is excluded.

ARTICLE 12

- a) The agreement comes into effect upon its ratification by the Minister of Higher Education.
- b) 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.
- c) The execution of this agreement is subject to the laws and regulations in force of both parties.
- d) This agreement is written in four original copies two in Arabic and two in English with equal validity for both.

Damascus on 1 / 12 / 2010

Sassari on 29 DIC. 2010

Prof. Dr. Wael Mualla

Prof. Attilio Mastino

President

the Rector

Damascus University

University of Sassari

