



**Scientific Cooperation Agreement  
Between  
Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic  
And  
The University for Foreigners of Siena in Italy**

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and the University for Foreigners of Siena in Italy, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Aiming at further enhancement and development of scientific cooperation and student, academic and administrative exchange for the purpose of establishing a long-term mutual benefit between both universities,

**The Parties have agreed as follows:**

**Article /1/  
Objective of Cooperation**

Promoting scientific and research cooperation between the two Parties on the basis of mutual respect and sovereignty for each one of them in accordance with the relevant laws, national rules and regulations of both countries and the agreements therein. And within the available resources.

**Article /2/  
Fields of Cooperation**

The Parties shall take all the necessary steps to promote cooperation in the following areas:

1. Exchanging of academic staff, researchers, and/or students for the purposes of teaching, research or the development of course curricula or programs. Each exchange activity shall be approved in advance by both Parties.
2. Exchanging of publications, scientific materials, scholarly papers, and available research information between the both Parties.
3. Development of joint co-operation projects and research programs between the both Parties.
4. Participation in meetings and scientific conferences held in each country.

**Article /3/  
Implementation Mechanism**

In order to achieve the objectives of this Agreement, the Parties shall work on the following:

1. Signing Executive Programs, which identify, according to the mutual desire and available resources of both Parties, the mechanisms and details of the implementation of this Agreement.
2. Facilitating the entry to stay in, and leave from the host country for the participants in the programmes within the framework of this Agreement, in coordination with the relevant authorities in both countries.
3. Providing access for the sending Party representatives to the host Party laboratories, research facilities, and libraries that may be necessary to perform the activities listed in Article -2- hereto under the provisions of Article -1-.
4. Affirming the commitment of the Parties to the principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination. Participation in the exchange activities referred to in this Agreement shall be based only on the level of scholarly or academic ability and performance of the candidates.

**Article /4/  
Financial Obligations**

Each party shall bear its own expenses for the implementation of the terms of this Agreement, and the students are exempted from tuition fees basis of this cooperation.

**Article /5/  
Protection of Intellectual Property Rights**

1. The Parties shall undertake to protect intellectual property rights in conformity with the respective national laws, rules and regulations of their countries, and as per the enforced Agreements between them.
2. The use of the name and official emblem of any of the Parties on any documents publication, or prints is prohibited without a prior written approval of that Party.

**Article /6/  
Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding to the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by direct consultations and negotiations between the Parties, or through diplomatic channels without referring to any third party.

**Article /7/  
Confidentiality**

1. Each Party 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.
2. Each Party shall undertake not to use any documents, information and data in any way except for the purposes of this Agreement or its annexes, each Party has no right to let a third party look at the Agreement without prior permission, and has to deal with it and respond confidentially.
3. Both Parties shall abide by the continuation of the provisions of this Article after the termination of this Agreement.

**Article /8/  
Final Provisions**

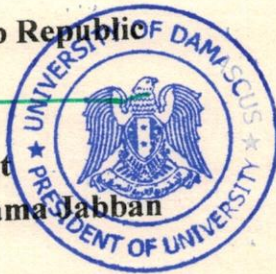
1. This Agreement shall enter into force from the date of receiving the last written notifications in which one Party notifies the other through diplomatic channels, about the completion of the internal procedures necessary for its entry into force, and shall remain valid for six years, and may be renewed for similar period by a mutual written consent between the two Parties through diplomatic channels.
2. Each Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by presenting through the diplomatic channels to the other Party a written notification, expressing its wish to terminate it, six months prior to the date of termination. The ongoing activities and programs will still be valid until their accomplishment.
3. Each Party may amend, change or add any item or Article to this Agreement by mutual written approval signed by authorized representatives through diplomatic channels. These amendments changes and additions are considered an integral part of this Agreement, and they enter into force in accordance with the procedures of the first item under this Article. And will be considered an integral part of this Agreement.
4. The implementation of this Agreement is subject to the laws and regulations in force at both Parties' countries.

Done and signed in ..... on / / 2023 in three original copies, in Italian, Arabic and English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For  
Damascus University

In the Syrian Arab Republic

President  
Prof. Dr. Mhd. Osama Jabban



06-02-2023

For  
University for Foreigners  
of Siena

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Prof. Dr. Tomaso Montanari

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