



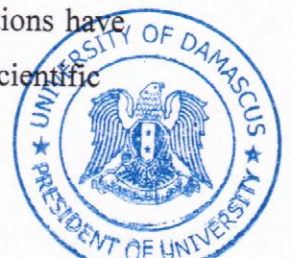
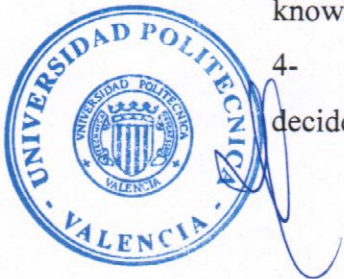
UNIVERSIDAD
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**SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
UNIVERSIDAD POLITÉCNICA DE VALENCIA (SPAIN)
AND
DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY (SYRIA)**

Based on the mutual wish of the two universities to further develop scientific cooperation and academic exchange relations between them, a scientific cooperation and academic exchange agreement is held between University of Valencia hereafter referred to as UPV, represented by its President Prof. Dr. Juan Juliá Igual and University of Damascus University hereafter referred to as DU represented by its President Prof. Dr. Wael Mualla.

Declare

- 1- That both institutions have common objectives and interests in academic, scientific and cultural fields.
- 2- That in order to contribute to the economic and social improvement of the countries, it is of vital importance to establish exchange relations in the scientific and cultural environments.
- 3- That as far as the nature, purpose, and objectives of the agreement are concerned, the Universities are institutions dedicated to establishing the channels of communication that facilitate the exchange of scientific and cultural knowledge.
- 4- That as a result of the aforementioned points, the two institutions have decided that it would be advantageous to increase their academic and scientific



relationship in fields of mutual interest, and establishing the appropriate means and methods for that.

And to this end, both institutions wish to enter into a general agreement of cooperation in academic, scientific, and cultural fields under the following:

CLAUSES

FIRST - PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Damascus University and Universidad Politécnica de Valencia undertake to promote the exchange of experiences and teaching staff, research, and cultural areas in general for a limited period, within those areas of mutual interest for both parties according to the laws and regulations in effect.

SECOND - FORMS OF THE COOPERATION

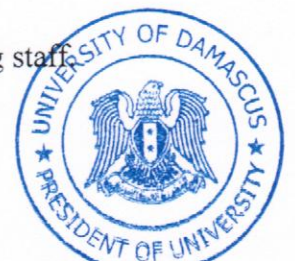
With the aim of achieving the objectives defined in the previous clause, both parties undertake, in so far as the means of each allow, and in accordance with the policy and regulations of each institution, where appropriate to:

- a. Facilitate the institutional exchanges of Students, Teachers, and Researchers for limited periods according to the regulations in effect.
- b. Promote the participation in a variety of bilateral and multilateral research and development projects and programs. The intellectual property of these joined projects and research must be determined.

c. Cooperate in training programs for researchers and Teaching staff.



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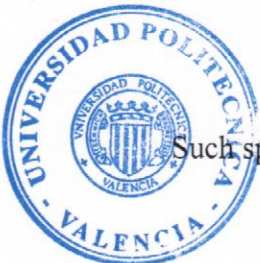
- d. Joint collaboration, giving advice and technical cooperation to enterprises and transfer of technology.
- e. Give mutual advice on issues concerning the activities of both institutions.
- f. Engage in the reciprocal exchange of books, publications, and other research and teaching material, provided that there are no previous commitments that prevent such an exchange according to the laws and regulations in effect.
- g. Explore whatever areas that are considered of mutual interest, subject to the resources of both parties and to the activities that constitute the object of the present agreement.

THIRD - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COOPERATION

The carrying out of the foreseen forms of cooperation provided under this Agreement shall be the object of specific agreements drawn up by mutual consent between both institutions, in which the following will be established:

- a. The objective of the collaboration.
- b. Description of the working plan that will include the phases and schedule.
- c. Total Budget, itemizing each party contribution. Human and material resources required to carry out the program must also be stated.
- d. Rules to coordinate, fulfill and supervise the carrying out of the program.
- e. Identification of the persons, one of each party, appointed by mutual consent, who will be responsible of the fulfillment of the Specific Agreement.
- f. Rules about copyrights and results exploitation, where appropriate.
- g. Place, dates and duration of the activity.

Such specific agreements shall be annexed as addenda to the present agreement.



FOURTH - MONITORING COMMITTEE

In order to facilitate the drawing up of the specific agreements and their achievements, a monitoring committee shall be set up, on behalf of the UPV and consisting of one the following Vice-Rector, depending on the area involved:

- For undergraduate Students and Teachers exchange matters; The Students and Exchange Vice-President, Mr. Juan Miguel Martínez Rubio.
- For joint post-graduated, doctorate (PhD) programs as well as technical advice and cooperation matters; The International Affairs Vice-President, Mr. Gumersindo Verdú.
- For Investigation, Research and Innovation matters; The Research, Innovation and Development Vice-President, Mr. Eduardo Vicens Salort.
- For cooperation activities and development projects; The Cooperation and Development Projects Vice-President Mr. Francisco Morant Anglada.

The monitoring committee of Damascus University shall be set up, and will consist of: Mr. Fadi Al-Shalabi Director of International and Cultural Relations.

Those representatives will carry, at least biannually, a balance of the fulfilled or to be fulfilled actions, and also a report which will be communicated to the appropriate persons.

FIFTH- FUNDING:



Both Institutions, on a reciprocal basis shall endeavor to obtain funding from external sources that shall be used to support the activities carried out within the scope of this agreement.

SIXTH - HEALTH CARE:

On each specific agreement health care assistance conditions and coverage of the insurance for civil liabilities and accidents, will be agreed.

SEVENTH - FOLLOW UP COMMITTEE

Both parties are to appoint a committee to assume official responsibility for the maintenance and promotion of cooperation.

EIGHTH - INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The present Agreement should not be interpreted in the sense of having created a legal or financial relation between the parties. It constitutes a memorandum of understanding which aims to promote profitable of common benefit regarding academic cooperation.

NINTH - RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of four years from the date of its ratification. It may be terminated by either Party by presenting sixty days written notice to the other Party. Ongoing activities should not be affected. The agreement may be extended or amended by mutual consent of the Parties.

TENTH - DISAGREEMENTS

All disputes arising out of or in connection with the present agreement shall be settled under the said rules in both countries. An amicable solution must have been attempted, based on good faith and good will criteria, in order to avoid disputes.



ELEVENTH - LANGUAGE OF THE AGREEMENT

The present agreement has three versions, English, Spanish and Arabic. All versions are authentic and legitimate. The specific agreements derived from the present general agreement, and all documents that derive from the UPV and DU will be drawn up in English , Spanish and Arabic. Each of them will have the same value.

In proof of accordance with the aforementioned, the present document is signed in duplicate copies.

For: Universidad Politecnica de Valencia

Mr. Juan Julia Igual

President



Valencia, in 27 / 09 / 2007

For: Damascus University

Prof. Dr. Wael Mualla

President

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Wael Mualla".



Damascus, in 28 / 10 / 2007