AGREEMENT TO COLLABORATE

between

BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY (UNITED KINGDOM) and UNIVERSITY OF MACEDONIA (GREECE)

1. Rationale for the Agreement

Birmingham City University (BCU), Franchise Street, Perry Barr, Birmingham, United Kingdom and University of Macedonia (UOM), 156 Egnatia Str., P.O. BOX 1591, 54006 Thessaloniki, Greece, hereby enter into an Agreement for academic collaboration and cultural co-operation.

Both institutions declare that they have significant areas of common academic interest which it would be beneficial for them to develop jointly.

2. Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate continued dialogue between staff and students of the two institutions with specific reference to:

- 2.1 debate between staff and students in relation to areas of possible mutual academic interest;
- 2.2 the identification of potential research opportunities and initiatives for staff and students;
- 2.3 the provision of a forum for the dissemination of information and experience among staff and students.

3. Agreement

Through frequent communication, the partners may:

- 3.1 facilitate the exchange of staff, students and researchers for the purpose of teaching, study and academic research;
- 3.2 encourage a reciprocal exchange of books, publications and other academic information, provided that there are no prior restrictions on such exchanges;
- 3.3 undertake joint research, including publications and other appropriate activities, between staff and/or students from each institution;
- 3.4 support other similar activities, such as participation in conferences, academic meetings, joint exhibitions and other mutually beneficial academic exchanges.

4. Future Developments

It is expected that the two partners will work together to develop particular areas of mutual academic interest. Normally, these developments will be represented in supplementary Agreements which will form Schedules to this Agreement. Examples of such collaborations include:

- the establishment of a staff or student exchange programme. The
 arrangements agreed between the two institutions to govern any
 exchange programme shall be codified in a Schedule to this
 Agreement. Neither institution is expected to be liable for significant
 additional costs as a result of introducing such a programme.
- the development of a collaborative programme which leads to an award of one or both of the partners. Such a programme would be subject to each partner's quality assurance procedures for the approval and review and re-approval of collaborative programmes offered with an international partner. Each collaborative programme approved in this way shall be subject to a separate Agreement which must be approved by the appropriate authorities and signed by the Chief Executive of each institution. Such an Agreement shall form a schedule to this Agreement.

5. Implementation

This Agreement shall have effect for three years from March 2011, after which time the two parties may renew it by an exchange of letters. Each institution will inform the other of similar Agreements held with other parties.

6. Termination

The Agreement may be terminated at any time by either institution, provided written notice is given and a period of six months allowed for the conclusion of any activities already underway.

Signed on behalf of Birmingham City University, United Kingdom

Louise Toner

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Signed on behalf of University of Macedonia, Greece

Professor Yannis A. Hajidimitrioù

Rector

Date