AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION

BETWEEN

Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Bulgaria,

and

University of Macedonia, Greece

We, the undersigning representatives of Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, in the person of the Rector, Prof. Ivan Ilchev, Dr.Habil., at the address 15 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd., 1504 Sofia, and University of Macedonia, in the person of the Rector, Prof. Dr. Achileas Zapranis, at the address Egnatia 156, 54006 Thessaloniki.

Given that qualified academic and scientific exchange is indispensable to universities in developing their educational and research activities;

Given that, for the above-stated purpose, it is necessary to promote and encourage agreements between institutions of higher learning in different countries;

Having considered the mutual interest, which Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski and the University of Macedonia share in establishing frameworks for cooperative enterprises;

In consideration of the approval of the agreement expressed by the competent persons or bodies at each University.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL TERMS OF AGREEMENT ARE STIPULATED:

Cooperation Partners

Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski and the University of Macedonia agree to establish a complementary relationship for academic and scientific cooperation. Currently, the cooperation includes:

- Faculty of History at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski and
- Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies at the University of Macedonia

By mutual agreement, the cooperation can be extended to include also other faculties and departments.

Area of cooperation

These areas of cooperation will extend to the following:
a) Exchange visits between members of the teaching and research staffs of the two partners, aimed at promoting seminars, courses, conferences, lectures; at carrying out joint research projects; at discussing experiences in fields of common interest, etc.

b) The exchange of publications and information in fields and subjects of mutual interest.

c) The exchange of post-graduate and PhD students for periods of study and research.

d) To encourage conclusions of PhD joint supervision thesis agreements.

e) The exchange of postgraduate students for the purpose of attending courses, participating in professional training programs, specializing or performing other educational or training activities. Both Parties agree to recognize credits granted by the host university provided that they meet the requirements of the exchange student's programs of study, specialization or training and have been approved in advance by the director of the relevant department at the student's home university.

f) The exchange of members of technical or administrative staff when considered to be a profitable experience.

General Obligations

The above mentioned activities shall be carried out on the basis of reciprocity and after the consent of the respective receiving Faculty or University Institute. Each case is to be approved individually.

The exchange of teachers, scholars and students shall be carried out within the limits of financial and other resources of the Universities.

The host University undertakes to assist the visitors in finding appropriate accommodation. The international travel costs are not borne by the receiving University. The exact conditions of each stay or exchange shall be determined with both Universities consent.

No tuition fees shall be required of exchange students at the host University. They shall, however, bear the costs of study materials.

Postgraduate exchanges

Each partner, as defined above, within its ability, agrees to enroll postgraduate and doctoral students from the other university under the condition that they fulfill the admission requirements of the host University. Each participating faculty will send no more than two students per one academic year. The length of stay of each student will not exceed one semester.

All participants of the exchange program are required to have a valid health insurance policy acquired in their home country prior to their departure for the host country.

Teaching staff exchanges

Each partner, as defined above, within its ability, agrees to organize exchange visits between members of their teaching and research staffs. Each partner will send no more than two teaching staff members per one academic year to each faculty. The length of stay of each staff member will not exceed two weeks.
OTHER REGULATIONS

Language of the Agreement

This agreement is drawn up and signed in English language.

Duration and Withdrawal

The present agreement will come into effect among the partners from the date of the last signature. The agreement has been concluded for a period of 5 (five) years. It can be cancelled at any time, by either party, within six months of its notification.

For Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

Prof. Ivan Ilchev, Dr. Habil.
Rector

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