

Cooperation Framework Agreement



Between

The University of Basilicata, represented by its Rector, Prof. Mauro FIORENTINO

&

The University of Monastir, represented by its President, Prof. Abdelwabeb DOGUI

- Having regard to the fact that co-operation between countries in the field of higher education accrues benefits and advantages to both Institutions;
- Whereas that all universities and other academic institutions must increase their initiatives in the field of education and training, by mutually reinforcing their teaching, training and research abilities, by sharing resources and by undertaking joint activities, based on equal participation;
- With confidence of the fact that increased academic co-operation can fiercely contribute to establish respect, trust and friendship among different countries people,

It is agreed as follows:

Article 1:

The University of Basilicata and the University of Monastir agree upon the importance and the utility of establishing cultural, scientific and didactic relationships.

Article 2:

The present agreement defines the beginning of co-operation between the two Institutions in all fields and disciplines of common interest. It will consist of special executive protocols, in order to establish didactic-scientific co-operation's scopes, in the development rules and the liability and the expected results.

Each Institution shall appoint a project coordinator who shall report to the competent academic authorities.

Article 3:

The co-operation between the two Institutions provides for the joint performance of research and teaching programmes. It will be performed as follows:

- by exchanging teachers, researchers, technical-administrative staff and students;
- by performing joint research projects of common interest;
- by joint initiatives, such as seminars, lectures etc;
- by giving the possibility to use the research equipment and by giving free access to the facilities of both institutions;
- by co-operating in the scope of joint supervision of doctoral thesis.

Article 4:

Within the limits of regulations in force in each country, the parties agree to find the necessary financial means to reach the above mentioned objectives. The expenses will be jointly

identified and will be charged to the department/laboratory directly involved in the present agreement, unless specific funds from private or public institutions are available. The parties agree to grant logistic support to the visitors.

Article 5:

Unless otherwise agreed, the parties will jointly own the technological and scientific results obtained within the present agreement and undertake to protect them.

The parties undertake to jointly publish, diffuse and carry out commercial exploitation of the results and developments obtained in the university scientific researches programme, according to the international regulations regarding intellectual property rights in force in both countries.

Article 6:

This agreement shall be in force for a period of 3 years, from the date of the last signature by the Legal Representative of the contracting Institutions and after the approval of the competent academic authorities.

Any amendment shall be made in written by the parties.

At the end of 3 years period the agreement will be automatically renewed, unless 6 months notice is issued by one Party to the other.

Either party can end this agreement at any time provided that the active projects or programme is completed.

The date of end of the agreement is (06) months after the date of notice.

Article 7:

Any difference in the understanding of this agreement or in its execution will be resolved between the two parties by amicable settlement or diplomatic ways. In case of disagreement, the dispute will be resolved through the constitution of a committee made up of the two parties in order to decide in the dispute. In virtue of this agreement, both parties shall adhere to the proposals of the committee.

Article 8:

The present agreement consists of equivalent texts, in Italian and Arabic.

Potenza, on 2.5. 077. 2012.....

The Rector of The University of Basilicata

Prof. Mauro FIORENTINO

The President of The University of Monastir

Prof. Abdelmaheb DOGUI

