



**COOPERATION AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA**  
**AND**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MONASTIR**

The **University of Messina**, Piazza Pugliatti, 1, 98122 Messina ME (Province de Messine) **Italy**, represented by its Rector, Professor **Pietro NAVARRA**,

and

The **University of Monastir** (Université de Monastir) sited Avenue Taher Hadded B.P 56 at Monastir 5000 **Tunisia**, represented by its President, Professor **Mahjoub AOUNI**.

agree to sign this Cooperation Agreement, subject to the laws of their countries and to international laws, assenting to the following clauses and conditions:

**CLAUSE I: Object**

The main purpose of the present agreement is to establish academic, scientific and cultural cooperation between the University of Messina and the University of Monastir.

**CLAUSE II: Purpose**

In order to accomplish the object agreement, both entities agree to develop joint programs with the following primary aims:

- a) Students' exchange.
- b) Teaching and academic higher level staff exchange.
- c) Joint participation in seminars, colloquiums, conferences, congresses and other academic events.



- d) Joint research activities.
- e) Cultural exchange activities.
- f) Joint participation in international courses.
- g) Other activities of mutual interest.

### **CLAUSE III: Obligations of the parties**

Both entities are committed to:

- a) Make every effort to ensure that the exchanges developed under this agreement will be made based on reciprocity.
- b) Facilitate the visa application procedures for the beneficiaries of the exchanges agreed here, namely through the issuance of documents confirming participation in the exchange program.
- c) Authorize the use of its facilities, equipment, laboratories and bibliographic material in order to allow the accomplishment of activities to the beneficiaries of exchanges.
- d) Provide support in finding accommodation to beneficiaries of exchanges.
- e) Comply with all obligations under the possible addendum to this Agreement.

### **CLAUSE IV: Coordination**

All actions covered by this agreement will be coordinated by and through the international Relations Units of the two participating entities.

### **CLAUSE V: Costs and expenses**

- 1. Costs with accommodation, transport, as well as personal expenses will be responsibility of the beneficiaries of exchanges.
- 2. Both entities are committed in the endeavor of obtaining financial resources for the development of the several cooperation activities.
- 3. The execution of activities will be conditioned to the prior achievement of those financial resources and in accordance with each entity's regulations in force.

### **CLAUSE VI: Additional terms**

The detailed activities to develop under the framework of this agreement will be executed in accordance with further additional agreements, which shall rule as the case may be the following:

- 1. The detailed design of activities and their timetable.
- 2. Actual obligations of each entity.
- 3. The number of beneficiaries of the exchanges.
- 4. The procedure for selecting the beneficiaries of exchanges.
- 5. Confidentiality duty.
- 6. The ownership of intellectual property rights.
- 7. Fees and other charges.



**CLAUSE VII: Subsequent changes**

Any modification or adaptation of this agreement is subject to written form, requiring prior consent of both parties, and becoming an addendum to the agreement.

**CLAUSE VIII: Term**

This agreement will become active once it's signed by both parties, will run for 5 years from that date, and will be renewed by presenting a new project between the two parties. If either parties wishes to resign the agreement, they must give notice 6 months before the due expiry date, and said act of resign would without prejudice to existing and ongoing actions and activities.

**CLAUSE IX.**

Any difference in the undrestanding of this agreement and in its execution will be resolved between the two parties by amicable settlement or diplomatic ways. In cas 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 these agreements, both parties shall adhere to the proposals of the committee.

This agreement is executed in two copies, one for each party, which have equal legal effects .

Messina, .....

Professor **Pietro NAVARRA**  
The Rector of the University of  
Messina



Monastir, ...20 AVR 2017.....

Professor **Mahjoub AOUNI**  
The President of the University of  
Monastir

