

Memorandum of Understanding between the Faculty of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (FMAUTH) and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at Harvard University (BIDMC) to establish a collaborative partnership for training in basic and clinical research.

BIDMC and the FMAUTH jointly recognize the value of educational and scientific exchange between the two institutions for quality training of select pre-doctoral and postdoctoral students, specifically physician-scientists.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) declares the interest of the both parties in fostering joint training activities and programs between the two institutions. To accomplish this, it is proposed that each party contributes the following:

BIDMC, through its research faculty and laboratories will provide:

- Openness to establishing research opportunities in BIDMC laboratories that will contribute to the mentoring and research training of FMAUTH pre-doctoral and post-doctoral students and junior faculty members.
- The BIDMC will provide access to library, computer, research equipment and related core facilities as deemed necessary to complete scheduled research training.
- Fostering an environment which encourages frequent communication and contact between FMAUTH students at the BIDMC facilities and the participating faculty co-mentors and other supervisors.

The FMAUTH will provide:

- The basic formal educational structure for the students within FMAUTH's present programs. It is understood that all students will meet all requirements for courses and degree programs as determined by FMAUTH.
- scholarships for select outstanding students and fellows to support living expenses and health insurance coverage while they are conducting studies at BIDMC.
- Encouragement of pre-doctoral students to apply to complete part or the whole of thesis work under the auspices of the new FMAUTH-BIDMC program.
- Encouragement of select outstanding faculty members to spend time at BIDMC in the form of sabbatical. While FMAUTH will provide salary and health insurance support, BIDMC laboratories and research programs may at their discretion provide resources for the completion of a mutually agreed project.

BIDMC and FMAUTH will advertise this collaborative effort through the FMAUTH web site and linkage with websites of Departments and Centers at BIDMC, informal conversations with colleagues and students, as well as written notices within the FMAUTH.

The collaboration of both institutions will be characterized by mutual respect and continuing communication. When appropriate, the two institutions will seek to invite representatives of each other's research personnel to participate in conferences and colloquia.

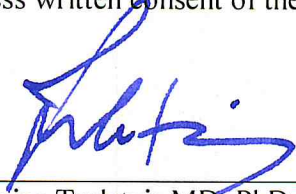
In each institution, the exchange students participating in the program shall be subject to the host institution's policies and regulations concerning research personnel and intellectual property during the time the students, fellows and scientists are working at the laboratories of the host institution.

The memorandum forms the basis for the initial partnership between the FMAUTH and BIDMC for graduate, postgraduate and faculty research training. New and wider areas of mutual interest may evolve and be included in revised versions of this agreement. This may include:

- The development of commonly sponsored symposia and scientific meetings.
- The establishment of consultation groups of BIDMC faculty members to recommend further development of training curricula and clinical practice quality improvement in an effort to transfer experience from BIDMC to the FMAUTH educational, research and clinical practice efforts.

This memorandum of understanding shall take effect from the date of the signature and may be modified or revised by mutual written consent of the two institutions. The terms of this memorandum are non-binding, and shall not be subject to international laws of the respective jurisdictions of either party.


Neither party shall make a public announcement of this memorandum without the express written consent of the other party.



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