

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

And

**ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI**  
Thessaloniki, Greece

The UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA (UA) and ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI (AUTH), in the spirit of academic cooperation, and wishing to develop a campus-wide program for academic interchange in the areas of education and research, hereby agree to collaborate and work together towards the internationalization of higher education on their respective campuses.

The areas of collaboration and cooperation can include any program offered at each university. However, any specific program shall be subject to availability of funds and a mutual written agreement between the universities. Such programs may include:

**1. Exchange of faculty members and joint research projects**

Toward this goal, Dr. Robert Olin, the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Alabama made a successful visit to Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in May 2012. As a follow-up, the UA's College of Arts and Sciences intends to send a small group of select professors to visit Thessaloniki, in the Spring of 2013, for approximately one week. These professors who will be from a variety of academic disciplines in one or more of the College's three divisions (Humanities & Fine Arts, Social Sciences, or Mathematics & Natural Sciences), will meet with professors at Aristotle University, so that they can each explore future scholarly collaborations and possible exchange opportunities. The College of Arts & Sciences at UA will fund the travel, accommodations, and food of its visiting group. UA's College of Arts and Sciences will then look forward to a follow-up visit to Tuscaloosa, later in 2013, by a small group of AUTH faculty who are interested in exchange and collaborative opportunities with UA.

**2. Exchange of students**

Toward this goal, the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Alabama, in cooperation with AUTH, intends to establish a program whereby undergraduate and graduate students at the UA and at AUTH can apply for one or more semesters of study at the other university. Although the details of this program are still to be developed, he hopes that the program involves students paying the necessary fees at their home institution during their semester abroad and financing their own travel, lodging, and food costs in the host city. Each institution will agree to assist the visiting student(s) with any VISA requirements and also agree to make on-campus housing available to the visiting student(s) (for which the student[s], however, will pay). Furthermore, each institution will: develop its own application process; determine who, among the applicants, is qualified to attend its school; and advertise and promote this student exchange program among its own students. Finally, each university will agree to accept for local credit the courses that the student enrolls in and passes at the visiting school.

**3. Joint conferences**

Following the model established at UA in the Spring of 2011 (when two AUTH faculty visited Alabama to present their research and when a conference of UA faculty presented their research on Greece), each institution agrees to a periodic, joint scholarly conference (aiming toward making this an annual event that alternates locations yearly), to be hosted at one of the institutions, in which the two schools' faculty and students present their scientific research to a public audience. This conference will begin in the 2013-14 academic year. Although details remain to be determined, it is hoped that each institution will agree, depending on available funds and its applicable regulations, to cover the travel and food costs of its own faculty participants (and students, if allowable), but that the host institution will fund housing for the small group of visiting participants.

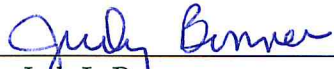
#### 4. Local Coordinator

To accomplish these initial goals, each university agrees to appoint a Local Coordinator who will be the primary contact for members of the other school and who will represent the interests of each school's administration.

The terms of each area of cooperation shall be discussed and agreed upon in the form of written agreements specific to the area of cooperation. Each written agreement shall be discussed and agreed upon by the appropriate responsible officers of both parties prior to the implementation of any particular program, activity, or exchange.

This Agreement of Cooperation will be effective from the date of signature by both parties for an initial period of five years. Thereafter, it shall automatically be extended for an additional period of five years at each expiration date, unless any party provides written notice of termination of the agreement at least six months prior to the expiration date. Moreover, the agreement can be terminated by any party prior to the expiration date with written notification at least six months prior to the desired termination date.

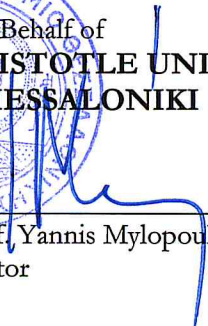
On Behalf of  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**

  
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Dr. Judy L. Bonner  
President


Date: 11/4/13




On Behalf of  
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