

## CONTRACT FOR COOPERATION Between The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki And The Medical University –Sofia

This Contract for cooperation (CC) is between the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Medical University-Sofia. It is intended to initiate a mechanism for further cooperation in the areas of education-medical (Faculty of Medicine), Dentistry (Faculty of Dental Medicine), Pharmacy (Faculty of Pharmacy) and scientific research between the respective Institutions. By the CC the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Medical University –Sofia have agreed to the following:

- 1. That this CC is intended to facilitate all exchanges and cooperative initiatives between the two Institutions in the areas of instruction, faculty and student exchange, scientific research and community service.
- 2. That the parties recognize that implementation of any agreement will depend on the academic interests and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources. Accordingly, joint institutional goals will be accomplished in accordance with separately negotiated school, college, or unit level agreements implementing them.
- 3. That a variety of cooperative approaches shall be employed, such as:
  - a. Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students,
  - b. Exchange of faculty members and research personnel,
  - c. Development of joint scientific research, including holding international workshops,
  - d. Exchange of scholarly and pedagogical materials, including grant of publication rights in one's own collected works and journals,
  - e. Other cooperative efforts may be set forth in separate individual agreements may be arranged.
- 4. That the initial focus of this agreement will be upon:
  - a. Development of a study abroad program which would facilitate the students from each institution to spend a predetermined and mutually agreed upon period of time at the other institution, studying language, culture and /or other pertinent academic and extracurricular work.
  - b. Development of articulation agreement(s), leading to joint academic program(s).
- 5. That the financial and /or funding considerations shall become the specific subject of discussion and agreement within the frame work of a separate Implementation

- Agreement negotiated at the School level. No financial commitment whatsoever on either signatory to this document is indented or implied.
- 6. That the subjects of mutual activities and terms of implementation of scientific researches results, as well as scientific visits and exchange organization and other forms of international cooperation shall be specified/stipulated individually in each specific case.
- 7. That this CC will be effect for one year, subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate this CC at the close of any give semester. It is assumed that such action would be taken only after mutual consultation in order to minimize potential inconvenience to the other party of the agreement.
- 8. That this CC is not intended to be a legally binding document. Rather, it is meant to describe the nature and cooperative intention of the two institutions involved, and to suggest guidelines for cooperation. Nothing therefore shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor may any constrains be imposed by either upon the other.

This CC will remain in effect for a period of one from year from the date of the last signature. It shall be automatically renewed on a year basis in absence of a written 90-day advance notice of discontinuance by either party.

For the

Medical University- Sofia

Prof. VANYO MITE

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Prof. YANNIS MYTOPOULOS

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