

Agreement on Academic Cooperation

between

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

and

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel

Preamble

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel, join in the following agreement for academic cooperation in order to promote the advancement of learning through research, exchange, and cooperation in teaching.

Article I – Modes of Cooperation

The objective of this agreement is to enhance, encourage, and formalize scholarly and scientific interaction between the institutions through the promotion of exchange opportunities for academic staff, professional staff and students and through the encouragement of cooperative activities.

The envisaged modes of cooperation will include some or all of the following:

- Exchanging students, faculty and staff;
- Organizing joint lectures and seminars;
- Organizing joint research projects;
- Facilitating assisting and developing other academic activities that may be of joint interest.

A detailed description of the scope of cooperation shall be defined in separate Activity Agreements for implementation (such as Research or Student Exchange Agreements).

Activity Agreements will include such terms as:

1. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each institution for the agreed upon activity;
2. Schedules for the specific activity;
3. Budgets and sources of financing for each activity;
4. Any other items deemed necessary for the efficient management of the activity.

Realization of the above objectives will be based on individual initiatives from academic departments, staff members and students, or may be initiated by Institution authorities.

Article II – Conditions

Implementation of all aspects of this agreement will be dependent upon availability of funding. Wherever possible, funding will be sought from third-party sources.

Article III – Authorizes Representatives and Project Coordinators

Each university has designated an authorized representative of the Rector :

- On behalf of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki:
Ms. Kleo Axarli, Professor of Architectural Technology and Bioclimatic Design, Department of Architectural Design and Technology, School of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, University Campus, 54006 Thessaloniki, Greece,
- On behalf of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev:
Mr. Isaac A. Meir, Assoc. Professor of Desert Architecture & Town Planning, Dept. Man in the Desert Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Sede Boqer Campus Midreshet Ben-Gurion, 84990, Israel.
- Some cooperative activities as described in Article 1 shall be realized within joint projects. The faculties or departments responsible for these projects shall each designate a project coordinator for this purpose.

In particular, the project coordinators are responsible for:

- Preparation and realization of detailed itineraries;
- Coordination with other faculties;
- Arrangement for access to university facilities necessary for the performance of the project, including special archives, libraries, work-space and computer facilities;
- Cooperation with the Study Abroad Office, concerning terms of exchange programs.


Article IV – Duration, Termination, Modification

This agreement shall be valid from the date that is signed by both parties and be valid for a duration of three (3) years from that date, and is renewable thereafter for three-year terms subject to mutual consent. The activities of the program will be reviewed periodically to determine the need for modifications. Modification to this agreement may be made only by written agreement between the parties.

This agreement may be terminated by either party by written notice at least 6 (six) months in advance. In case the agreement ceases to be in effect, this shall not affect the completion of existing activities as agreed upon in any Activity Agreements.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

Signed on behalf of
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Thessaloniki
Greece


Prof. Pericles A. Mitkas, Rector
Date: 6 October, 2014

Signed on behalf of
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Beer-Sheva
Israel


Prof. Zvi Hacohen, Rector
Date: 9/11/14