



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HEALTHCARE, ACADEMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE KARAGANDA STATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY (KAZAKHSTAN) AND ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI (GREECE)

Professor Raushan Dosmagambetova, Rector of the Karaganda State Medical University, and Professor Pericles A. Mitkas, Rector of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, agree to this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes the following:

## **FIRST - OBJECTIVE OF THE AGREEMENT:**

To establish a mutually beneficial relationship built on healthcare, academic, scientific and cultural cooperation. Areas of cooperation between the Karaganda State Medical University (hereafter referred to as KSMU) and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (hereafter referred to as AUTh) include the exchange of faculty professors, researchers, students, publications, academic programs and joint research projects.

#### SECOND - GOALS AND FORMS OF COOPERATION:

The signing organizations agree to provide opportunity, as appropriate, for the following activities towards the completion of the objective of this MOU.

- 1. Support of joint cooperation in education and research extension activities of common interest.
- Exchange of faculty members and/or researchers with the objective of offering courses and realizing research projects in areas mutually agreed upon by both universities through prior invitation and in accordance with the procedures and expectations established by each university and specific department.
- 3. Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students with the objective of enrolling students in courses appropriate to their year and area of study, sending on educational and industrial practice.
- 4. Exchange of books, scientific publications, study programs, academic projects, course information, seminars, conferences and any other data and information of common interest.
- 5. Developing joint research projects and joint research publications.
- 6. All joint activities will be realized through the mutual agreement and clearly established conditions and mutual obligations of the appropriate organization entity.

#### THIRD - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

The objectives of the MOU will be implemented and regulated in the following manner: 1.Student Exchange:

- 1) Undergraduate and graduate students may enroll in courses in the department and school of their choice and select graduate level courses. The exchange may be for one or two academic semesters. Both organizations will maintain a balance in the number of exchange students. Annual imbalances in the exchange shall be monitored and addressed in concert by the Educational center at the University of KSMU and appropriate AUTh.
- 2) Nominations, including a statement of students' academic records to date and the application forms required by each organization, shall be exchanged via the appropriate offices at KSMU and AUTh. Additional Nominations shall be made bearing in mind the normal requirements of the receiving organization, which shall decide on the acceptability of the students nominated.
- 3) The exchange students will have the same rights and obligations as degree seeking students at the host organization, and they will follow the norms and regulations of the host organization.

- 4) The exchange students will remain enrolled in a full time capacity at their home organization throughout their exchange, and will pay their home organization the required academic and living expense fees. KSMU students will pay tuition and room & board fees and any other required fees to KSMU. Students from the Medical university AUTh will pay tuition and all other required fees to the Medical University AUTh. Both KSMU and AUTh students will pay remaining academic and/or living expenses to their host organization.
- The host organization will assist the student with securing housing and offer personal and academic support prior to and during the semester(s) of exchange.

# 2. Exchange of faculty and researchers:

With the objective of strengthening ties through joint projects and activities of both organizations, the MOU allows for the creation of faculty and researcher exchange. The following conditions will apply:

1) The professors and researchers will maintain their status as faculty members at their home institution for the duration of the exchange. The appropriate academic departments and administrative offices will assist in securing housing and other necessary arrangements for providing education and research activities in the host organization.

#### 3. Research and Resources:

KSMU and AUTh allow for the following:

- 1) Promote research and realize cooperative projects, giving priority to interdisciplinary works.
- 2) Cooperation in order of joint supervision of Master degree and PhD students

## **FOURTH - DURATION OF MOU**

- The agreement shall come into effect after sign. Changes to this agreement shall be made by
  mutual consent between both institutions. In cases of disagreement, the University wishing to
  depart from the agreement shall, wherever possible, give six months' notice of its intention to do
  so. The agreement shall be reviewed after a period of five years and should be prolonged on
  agreement.
- 2. In order to promote further scholarly exchange both organizations shall actively consider the exchange of teaching faculty and scholars. Such exchange shall be the subject of ad hoc consultation in the future in accordance with needs and feasibility.

3. Correspondence about this agreement shall be conducted between the department of International cooperation and the Bologna process and appropriate department at AUTh.

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