



AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION

BETWEEN

ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI, GREECE

AND

CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, HKSAR, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The contracting parties: 1) Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, represented by its Rector, Professor Pericles A. Mitkas and 2) College of Science and Engineering, City University of Hong Kong, represented by its Dean, Professor Hong Yan, agreed on the following:

ARTICLE I

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and City University of Hong Kong are establishing this agreement in order to encourage cooperation in teaching and research in areas of mutual interest, as well as exchange of students, faculty and staff between the two institutions. Details for each cooperation will be specified in a working program, prepared in the year before the realization of the program.

ARTICLE II

1. Exchange of academic staff

The Home Institution shall bear travel expenses for its academic staff (s).

The Host Institution shall bear the expenses of accommodation, meals, and basic health insurance, on the provision that related funds will be available. The Host Institution will supply with access to library, working space and technological facilities.

2. Exchange of students

The present agreement also involves exchange of students for the purpose of attending courses, participating in research and training programs, specializing or performing other educational training activities.

Specific criteria and procedures for these exchanges will be described in separate agreements (period of stay, number of students, selection procedure for applicants, etc.).

Exchange students shall bear travel expenses on their own. They will register as full-time students at the Host Institution for either one semester (fall or spring) or a maximum of one full academic year and will be exempted of the tuition fees at the Host University.

Both Institutions will provide to visiting exchange students, support on finding lodging, which will be covered by their own expenses.

Exchange students who participate in courses, training programs or other activities can receive academic credits for their studies at the Host Institution, subject however, to previous approval by the authorizing administrative bodies.

3. Common Research Programs

Members of the academic staff, serving at both Institutions, can collaborate in Common Research Projects. The results will be jointly published to the mutual benefit of both Institutes.

4. Publications and scientific events

Collaboration in publications and scientific events between the two Institutions is desirable.

5. Working Program

For the realization of the activities mentioned above, a Working Program covering a whole academic year is to be drawn each year.

The Working Program will include the names of faculty, students and/or research associates, who will visit the two Institutions respectively, the specific academic purpose of visit (e.g. detailed teaching schedule and content, description of research program, description of program of study etc.), the time and terms of stay in the host country on a basis of absolute mutuality and equality concerning their number, as well as the department and laboratories where the Common Research Programs will be carried out.

ARTICLE III

No financial commitment whatsoever on either signatory to this document is indented or implied. Both Institutions will actively seek in National and International programs (i.e. Erasmus+ International) opportunities aimed at the provision of funds to carry out activities that will promote the development of cooperation. For visiting exchange academic staffs both Institutions will explore the possibility of providing free accommodation.

ARTICLE IV

Notwithstanding the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance (Chapter 623 of the Laws of Hong Kong), no one other than a party to this Agreement will have any right to enforce any of the terms in this Agreement.

ARTICLE V

This contract will be valid immediately after the authorized representatives of both Institutions have signed it. The agreement is valid for THREE (3) full years but it may be renewed upon mutual decision of the two parties. Both parties reserve the right to terminate this MOU by giving an advance written notice of no less than SIX (6) months. Both parties shall discuss and decide on the continuation or revision of the MOU SIX (6) months prior to its expiration.

The contracting parties declare that they have read the present document and have agreed on all terms and conditions herein. The agreement issued in TWO (2) copies in English is signed by both contracting parties.

For
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki



Professor Pericles A. Mitkas
Rector

Thessaloniki, 7/12/2016

For
City University of Hong Kong



Professor Hong Yan
Dean, College of Science and Engineering

Hong Kong SAR, 22 DEC 2016

Endorsed by



Professor Paul Lam
Chief of Staff

Hong Kong SAR, - 9 JAN 2017