# RENEWAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Thessaloniki, Greece
AND
Moscow Institute of Architecture
Moscow, Russia

In order to further promote the existing cultural and educational cooperation between Greece and Russia, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Moscow Institute of Architecture join the following Renewal of the Agreement on educational and scientific cooperation, <u>first signed in December 2013</u>.

The two universities will endeavor to cooperate in education and research in areas of mutual interest. To the extent feasible, both universities will encourage direct contact and cooperation between faculty members, research institutions and students.

## 1. AREAS OF COOPERATION

Specific areas of cooperation between the two institutes may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) exchange of faculty;
- b) exchange of students;
- c) joint research activities and lectures;
- d) participation in seminars and academic meetings;
- e) exchange of published academic materials and other information;
- f) special short-term academic programs such as workshops

# 2. EXCHANGE OF FACULTY

- 1. Travel expenses and living costs of exchange faculty and research scholars are not compensated by the host institution. If additional financial support is needed, each case will be evaluated on an individual basis.
- 2. The host institution shall provide office space and give access to libraries and other facilities to exchange faculty and research scholars.
- 3. The duration of the Faculty/scholar exchange is subject to mutual agreement.
- 4. Faculty/scholar exchange remain subject to the approval of the host institution.
- 5. Each professor remains on salary with the home institution during the exchange, and remuneration for special projects is subject to special negotiation.
- 6. Visiting professors/scholars must carry medical health insurance in accordance with the rules and regulations of the host institutions and/or the host government.

7. Teaching course loads and working hours and conditions shall normally be in accordance with established rules and practices of the host institution, subject to prior negotiation and agreement.

#### 3. EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS

- 1. Each institution will accept students, either full-time or for one semester on a one for one basis from other institution for non-degree study during the academic year. The number of students in exchange should be equal, and the duration approximately the same. Modest differences in exchange levels one year can be compensated in the following year. Balance should be reached after a period of four years.
- 2. The selection procedure by which reciprocal exchange students are nominated is the responsibility of the sending institution. Each institution can send 1 student each year and no more than 2 students.
- 3. Each institution reserves the right to require candidates to complete the admission documents required by each institution. There will be no application fee.

Students will be required to submit to each other institute the following documents:

- a) transcript
- b) a letter of recommendation.
- c) appropriate application form
- d) portfolio
- e) proof of medical insurance and HIV certificate
- 4. Each institution reserves the right to accept or reject for admission to the institution each candidate on the basis of regular academic selection criteria and to accord such students status as may be appropriate at the time of admission.
- 5. The acceptance is conditional on obtaining the necessary immigration and travel clearance. The receiving institution will endeavor to assist in obtaining the proper documents.
- 6. Participating students are subject to the admissions regulations, class performance standards and other policies of the host institution. They do not aim at a degree of the host institution.
- 7. Students are expected to meet the minimal academic "good standing" requirements of the host institutions.
- 8. Participating exchange students remit their current tuition charges to their respective home institution. They pay room and board to the respective house management at the location of the host institution. The students can exchange places with their counterparts within the department or within the university at the other institution for the designated term(s) of study.
- 9. Both sides will assist exchanged students to find appropriate accommodation either in the host institution's residence hails or in private facilities.
- 10. The exchange students will be responsible for all transportation, living expenses, accommodation and costs involved in travel to and from the host institution. This includes travel and living expenses (including vacation periods and between terms), passport expenses, excess of luggage, luggage storage and independent travel.
- 11. The exchange student is responsible for all personal expenses such as telephone calls, books, etc.

- 12. It is recommended that each participant buys the health insurance of the host institution, though other insurance coverage may be accepted. Each student must have insurance acceptable to the host institution.
- 13. Each institution will designate a specific contact person to serve as advisor to the exchange students.
- 14. Violation of host country law by the participant could subject the participant to withdrawal of the immigration and academic sponsorship and possible expulsion from the host country.
- 15. Both institutions realize that in general the language of instruction is English.

## 4. RENEWAL. TERMINATION. AND AMENDMENT

- 1. These regulations are to be authorized by the official representative of both universities in two copies, and each party will retain one.
- 2. Except where specified and agreed upon, this agreement will impose no financial obligation on the host institution.
- 3. Items pertaining to the implementation of the exchange programs based on this agreement will be negotiated and agreed upon between the two institutions in each specific case in accordance with the agreement regulations.
- 4. The period of validity of this agreement is for five (5) years. Thereafter, it may be renewed, unless either side provides a six-month notice of intent to terminate. This agreement will become effective at the time it is signed by the authorized representatives of both institutions.
- 5. Items not covered by the agreement may be determined and negotiated separately by both institutions without abrogating this agreement; the agreement may be amended with the consent of both parties.

This agreement, in English, has been signed in two originals in English Language. Each party will retain one copy of this agreement.

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