



ARISTOTLE
UNIVERSITY OF
THESSALONIKI



AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION

between the

ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI, GREECE

and the

L.E.P.L. – IVANE JAVAKHISHVILI TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY, GEORGIA

The contracting parties: 1) The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, represented by its Rector, Professor PERICLES A. MITKAS and 2) the L.E.P.L. – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, represented by its Rector, Dr. GEORGE SHARVASHIDZE, agree on the following:

ARTICLE I

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the L.E.P.L. - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University 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 faculty member(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 the visiting Faculty 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 University 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 Universities will provide assistance to visiting exchange students, for finding lodging, which will be covered by the students.

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

3. Common research programs

Members of the academic staff, serving at each University, can collaborate in common research projects. The results will be jointly published to the mutual benefit of both Institutes.

4. Publications etc.

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

5. Working program

For the realization of the activities mentioned above, a Working program covering a whole academic year will be prepared each year.

The Working program will include the names of faculty students and/or research associates, who will visit the two Universities respectively, the specific academic purpose of the 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 reciprocal basis.

ARTICLE III

No financial commitment whatsoever on either signatory to this document is intended 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 faculty members, both Institutions will explore the possibility of providing free accommodation.

ARTICLE IV

This contract will be valid immediately after the authorized representatives of both Universities have signed it. The agreement is valid for three (3) full years but it may be renewed upon mutual decision of the two parties.

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 the
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

For the
L.E.P.L.- Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University



Professor Pericles A. Mitkas
Rector



Dr. George Sharvashidze
Rector

Tbilisi,.....May 7, 2018.....