



# AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION

between the

# ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI, GREECE and the

# CHANG'AN UNIVERSITY, CHINA

The contracting parties: 1) The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, represented by its Rector, Professor PERICLES A. MITKAS and 2) Chang'an University represented by its President, Prof. Ma Jian, agreed the following:

# **ARTICLE I**

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Chang'an 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 (when possible), meals, and basic health insurance, on the provision that related funds will be available. The host institution will supply access to library, working space and technological facilities.

#### Exchange of students

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

#### 3. Erasmus+ International

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki has already approved the proposal presented to the AUTH Section of European Educational Programs by the AUTH Laboratory of Cartography & Geographical Analysis, Faculty of Engineering, School of Rural & Surveying Engineering, Dept. of Cadastre, Photogrammetry & Cartography, for signing a relevant agreement with Chang'an University in the frame of the European Union Program "Erasmus+ International" for students and academic staff mobility according to the program rules.

#### 4. Common research programs

Members of the academic staff, serving at both Universities, may collaborate in common research projects. The results will be jointly published to the mutual benefit of both Institutions.

The two Universities are declaring a special common interest to explore innovative possibilities and to implement well defined plans for developing initiatives and activities in the new evolving field of Digital Humanities with emphasis in bridging humanities with technologies and engineering issues.

### 5. Publications etc.

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

#### 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 Universities 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), and in any other potential source funding opportunities, aimed at supporting/sponsoring the development of the cooperation. For visiting exchange faculty members both Institutions will explore the possibility of providing free accommodation, when applicable.

#### 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 and 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 the authorized representatives of both contracting parties.

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Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Professor PERICLES A. MITKAS
Rector

Thessaloniki, 17-3-2017

For the Chang'an University

Professor MA JIAN President

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