

Memorandum of Scientific and Cultural Cooperation
between
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
&
Cultural Counseling Center of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Athens

IN THE NAME OF GOD

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Cultural Counseling Center of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Athens (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"), recognizing the importance of enduring Greek-Persian scientific and cultural ties as well as the need to strengthen and promote the scientific knowledge, language, and culture of the two countries, agreed to sign a Memorandum of Scientific Cooperation, which includes the following:

Article 1- Purposes of the Memorandum of Scientific Cooperation

- 1.1. Organization of mobility for the teaching of Greek and Persian language.
- 1.2. Organizing the mobility of professors and students between various Iranian University Institutions and the Aristotle University. Specifically:
 - The mobility of teachers-researchers will be aimed at teaching, organizing scientific conferences and workshops, preparing educational and research programs, publishing scientific papers, practical conferences, collective volumes, etc. These actions are related to the fields of study of: Theology, Muslim Studies, Language Teaching, Culture and Philosophy, Communication, as well as Arts and Music and include the following Departments and Schools: School of Theology, Undergraduate Islamic Studies Programme, Centre for Foreign Language Teaching, School of Philosophy, School of English Language and Literature, School of Fine Arts, School of Political Science, School of Journalism and Mass Media.
 - The mobility of students will be aimed at learning Persian, Arabic and Greek as well as attending undergraduate, postgraduate or doctoral programs, covering various fields of theological science, as well as the fields of humanities and culture in general.
- 1.3. Organizing exhibitions and events of cultural and artistic content, such as for example exhibitions of painting, calligraphy, photography, book, music concerts, cinema, etc.

- 1.4. Cooperation of the Cultural Counseling center of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki for the awarding of scholarships to students of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Iran.

Article 2- Financial rules and regulations

Each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with the type of its selected activity and depending on its financial capacity, undertake the travel expenses by prior arrangement between the Contracting Parties and on the basis of a specific program, which shall be determined at least six (6) months in advance.

Specifically:

- 2.1. Persian language teachers will be paid by the Cultural Counseling Center of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Athens and the Saadi Foundation and will be selected with the consent of the AUTH in which they will teach.
- 2.2. The "Contracting Parties" will cover the travel expenses of teachers and researchers (members of its teaching and research staff), depending on their financial capabilities. They will also seek alternative ways to provide financial assistance to students.
- 2.3. The host institution (Saadi Foundation or any university in Iran and Greece) will provide accommodation for a faculty member for up to 10 days.
- 2.4. The host institution will provide free appropriate venues for the events. The home institution will bear the costs of moving and hosting the participants in case of congresses and conferences or the exhibits in case of exhibitions, depending on its financial possibilities.

Article 3- Duration and operation of the Memorandum of Scientific Cooperation

- 3.1. The initiation and ratification of the Memorandum of Scientific and Cultural Cooperation will be decided and approved by the representatives of the Contracting Parties.
 - 3.2. This Memorandum of Scientific and Cultural Cooperation will remain in force for four years with the capability of renewal upon mutual decision of the two parties.
- In the event that any of the Contracting Parties wishes to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding in writing, then it shall cease to be valid six months after the date on which both Contracting Parties receive the aforementioned written notice.

Article 4- Official language and interpretation of the Memorandum of Cooperation

This Memorandum of Understanding includes four articles, written in detail in Greek, in Persian and in English on 19 / 6 / 20... according to the Greek calendar and on ... / ... / ... according to the Persian calendar, is signed in two copies by the competent bodies of the Contracting Parties and enters into force on the date of its signing.

From and on behalf of:

**Cultural Counseling Center of the Embassy
of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

Dr.A.M.Helmi

Cultural Counselor

Signature:



From and on behalf of:

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Professor Nikolaos G. Papaioannou

Rector of the University

Signature:

