



## AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION

#### between

# ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI, GREECE

and

# NORTH-CAUCASUS FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, RUSSIA

The contracting parties: 1) The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. represented by Professor Nikolaos G. Papaioannou, Rector, and 2) North-Caucasus Federal University represented by Associated Professor Nikita Avralev, Vice-Rector for Strategic Development, have agreed on the following:

### ARTICLE I

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and North-Caucasus Federal University establish this agreement in order to encourage the cooperation in teaching and research in areas of mutual interest, as well as exchange of students and academic staff between the two institutions. Cooperation details will be specified in a working program, prepared the year before the program realization.

### **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 condition that related funds will be available. The host institution will provide the visiting faculty the access to the 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 or performing other educational 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 costs at their own expense. 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 in visiting exchange students and finding the lodging covered by the students.

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

3. Common research programs

Academic staff members of each University, can collaborate in collective research projects. The results will be jointly published for the both Institutions mutual benefit.

4. Publications etc.

Collaboration on publications and scientific events between the two Universities is advisable.

5. Working program

A working program covering the whole academic year will be prepared every year for the implementation of the mentioned activities.

The working program will include the names of faculty students and/or research associates. who will visit the two Universities respectively, a specific academic purpose of the visit (e.g. detailed teaching schedule and content, description of research program, 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 for national and international programs opportunities (i.e. Erasmus+ International) aimed at the provision of funds to implement activities that will promote the cooperation development. For visiting exchange faculty members, both Institutions will explore the possibility of providing free accommodation.

## **ARTICLE IV**

This contract will become 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 signed by both contracting parties.

For

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Professor Nikolaos G. Papaioannou Rector

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North-Caucasus Federal University Associated Professor Nikita Avralev Vice-Rector for Strategic Development

Stavropol, Russia