



Università degli
Studi di Messina



COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA -ITALY
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF MONASTIR- TUNISIA

The University of Monastir sited Avenue Taher Hadded B.P 56 at Monastir 5000 Tunisia, legally represented by its President, Professor Hedi Bel Hadj Salah, agree to sign this cooperation Agreement, subject to the laws of his country.

The University of Messina sited Piazza Pugliatti 1,98122 Messina Italy, legally represented by the Rector Professor Salvatore Cuzzocrea , agree to sign this cooperation Agreement, subject to the laws of his country.

This agreement aims to promote scientific cooperation and to strength a mutual cultural understanding through an exchange between the University of Monastir (Tunisia) and the University of Messina (Italy) under the following conditions:

CLAUSE I: object

The main purpose of the present agreement is to establish academic, scientific and cultural cooperation between the University of Messina and the University of Monastir.

CLAUSE II : Purpose

- Student's exchange
- Teaching and academic higher level staff exchange.
- Administrative staff exchange.
- Joint participation in seminars, colloquiums, conferences, congresses and other academic events.
- Joint research activities.

- Cultural exchange activities .
- Joint participation in international courses.
- Other activities of mutual interest.

CLAUSE III : Obligation of the parties

Both entities are committed to:

- a) Make every effort to ensure that the exchanges developed under this agreement will be made based on reciprocity.
- b) Facilitate the visa application procedures for the beneficiaries of the exchange agreed here, namely through the issuance of documents confirming participation in the exchange program.
- c) Authorize the use of its facilities, equipment, laboratories and bibliographic material in order to allow the accomplishment of activities to the beneficiaries of exchanges.
- d) Provide support in finding accommodation to beneficiaries of exchanges.
- e) Comply with all obligations under the possible addendum to this agreement.

CLAUSE IV : Coordination

All actions covered by this agreement will be coordinated by and through the international relations units of the two participating entities.

CLAUSE V: Costs and expenses

1. Costs with accommodation, transport, as well as personal expenses will be the responsibility of the beneficiaries of exchanges.
2. Both entities are committed in the endeavor of obtaining financial resources for the development of the several cooperation activities.
3. The execution of activities will be conditioned on the prior achievement of those financial resources and in accordance with each entity's regulations in force.

CLAUSE VI: Additional terms

The detailed activities to develop under the framework of this agreement will be executed in accordance with further additional agreements, which shall rule as the case may be the following:

1. The detailed design of activities and their timetable.
2. Actual obligations of each entity.

3. The number of beneficiaries of the exchanges.
4. The procedure for selecting the beneficiaries of exchanges.
5. Confidentiality duty.
6. The ownership of intellectual property rights.
7. Fees and other charges.

CLAUSE VII : Subsequent changes

Any modification or adaptation of this agreement is subject to written form, requiring prior consent of both parties and becoming an addendum to the agreement.

CLAUSE VIII : Term

This agreement will become active once it's signed by both parties, will run for 5 years from that date, and will be renewed in written form by presenting a new project between the two parties.

If either party wish to resign the agreement, they must give a six-month notice before the due expiry date, and the said act of resign should not impair the existing and ongoing actions and activities.

CLAUSE IX:

Any difference in the understanding of this agreement and in its execution will be resolved between the two parties by amicable settlement or diplomatic ways. In case of disagreement, the dispute will be resolved through the constitution of a committee made up of the two parties in order to decide in the dispute. In virtue of these agreements, both parties shall adhere to the proposals of the committee.

This agreement is executed in two copies, one for each party, which have equal legal effects.

Date _____

Prof. **Salvatore CUZZOCREA**
Rector University of Messina Italy

Date _____

Prof. **Hedi BELHAJ SALAH**
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