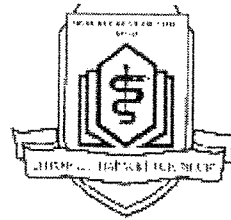


FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA
AND
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY "PROF. DR. PARASKEV STOYANOV"
OF VARNA



The University of Messina - Italy, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Pietro Navarra,

and

Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna, (Bulgaria) legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Kasimir Ivanov

hereby "the Parties";

Considering the fruitful and long-lasting cooperation set up between the Parties

Taking into account the interest of the Parties to renew and enhance the cultural, scientific and didactic cooperation in the fields of mutual interest;

Considering academic mobility vital to enhance the competitiveness of the University system and to establish a knowledge-based society;

Agree under the following conditions:

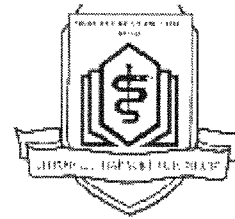
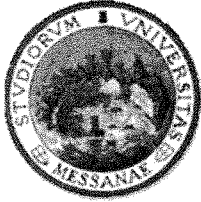
1st Article

The Parties are committed to promote joint didactic, research and cultural activities as well as scientific exchanges in the area of Medicine in order to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research and to keep up with academic trends.

2nd Article

The cooperation between the Parties may consist in cultural and scientific activities such as:

- mobility of academics, researchers, technical-administrative staff and students;
- mobility of Ph.D. students for thesis co-tutorship whose terms and conditions will be defined in specific agreements
- joint research projects in areas of common interest;
- exchange of information, scientific works and other scientific and didactic materials of mutual interest:
- joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, symposia, etc.;
- access to IT and research equipments and other facilities of both Institutions.



3rd Article

Students mobility for study (SMS) and/or traineeship (SMP) activity will be financed within the framework of the Erasmus + Mobility Programme.

Scientific aims, implementation procedures as well as expected results of other specific cooperation activity will be defined in specific protocols annex to the present framework cooperation agreement. Within the limits of rules and regulations in force in each country, the Parties are engaged to find the necessary financial means to implement each specific cooperation activity.

4th Article

The present framework agreement shall be in force for a period of 5 years from the date of the last signature. Any amendment shall be made in written by the Parties.

At the end of the period of 5 years the framework cooperation agreement may be renewed in written, unless 6 months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies to the other Party the decision not to renew it.

5th Article

The present framework agreement includes two equivalent texts in English language.

Date

Prof. Pietro Navarra

Date

Prof. Kasimir Ivanov

Rector of the University of Messina,
Italy

Rector of Medical University
"Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna