

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
FERDOWSI UNIVERSITY OF MASHHAD,
IRAN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC
AND
THE YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

PREAMBLE

The general purpose of this agreement is to establish specific educational relations and cooperation between the two Institutions in order to promote academic and scientific linkages. To this purpose:

BETWEEN

Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran Islamic Republic, represented by Prof. Ashouri, who participates in the present act as Rector of the University. In order to implement the deliberations of this agreement.

AND

The Yerevan State University represented by Professor Aram Simonyan as a Rector of Yerevan State University under the powers conferred on him.

IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS

ART.1

Declaration of Intent

The Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, and the Yerevan State University (which hereby after will be referred to as "parties") agree on collaborating in the following fields.

- a) scientific and cultural cooperation;
 - b) graduate and postgraduate students' exchange;
 - c) teachers, researchers, administrative staff exchange;
 - d) admission of graduate and postgraduate students for the purpose of studying
- The parties will give their scientific and materials support according to these activities, and will nominate a teacher as responsible of the realization of the

present collaboration program; this collaboration will be done particularly in all fields of mutual interest.

ART.2

Scientific and cultural cooperation

The Parties will be guide in the scientific cooperation by a mutual interest and a common desire to contribute on a future development of the scientific and cultural cooperation.

To this purpose the Parties agree upon the following forms of collaboration:

- a) development of common researches in fields of reciprocal interest;
- b) teachers and scholar exchange for learning, teachings and research experiences;
- c) organization and mutual participation to scientific meetings, symposia and seminars;
- d) mutual exchange of experience and information about teaching programs and scientific methods and techniques;
- e) exchange of scientific publications;
- f) contacts between students and student organizations, also through cultural and academic exchanges;

The Parties will do their best to promote teachers exchange and to organize meetings. Both Universities will promote also the cooperation between their respective libraries and between the scientific research centers.

The parties will explicitly agree each time in writing the funding condition related to the travel expenses of visiting staff and students. Each Institution (Faculty/ Department/ Research Center carrying on the exchange program) will be responsible for the provision of funds to cover the travel expenses of its own staff members.

ART.3

Students' exchange

The Parties Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran Islamic Republic and Yerevan State University agree on reciprocal students' exchange as follows.

The parties agree to host a number of students at any academic level (graduate and postgraduate courses. Masters and doctorate) for a period of time as agreed with the receiving Institution. The Parties will set the number of students that will be exchanged at least four months before the beginning of each Academic Year. Each University will offer to incoming students a suitable program of studies, which could be recognized in the students' curricula studiorum at the home University. The Universities will help students to find an accommodation within the University campus or in other suitable places.

Board and lodging will be paid by the students participating in the exchange program.

Students will be selected on the basis of their curriculum studies and meeting of language skills of the receiving country. Students' selection will be made by each sending institution, Incoming student are subject to the same disposition of the language skills.

Incoming students are subject to the same disposition of the other university students. Students who take part in this exchange Programs must meet the general and medical insurance requirements at the receiving Institution.

ART.4

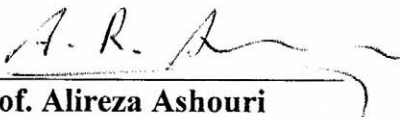
Applicable law and language of the Agreement

The present Agreement is written and duly signed in two copies and in two languages, Persian and English; the Parties will receive copy one original copy in each language. In case of discrepancies or differences between Persian and any other translation of the present agreement, English version will prevail against the others.

ART.5

Duration of the agreement

The present agreement will come into force from the date of bilateral signature for a period of three years and can be renewed depending on the Parties' will. The agreement can be amended by mutual consent of the Parties.



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