

CHARLES UNIVERSITY**UNIVERSITY OF MACEDONIA****AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION****BETWEEN:****Charles University, Czech Republic,****and****University of Macedonia, Greece**

We, the undersigning representatives of Charles University, in the person of the Rector, Prof. Tomáš Zima, MD., DSc. at the address Ovocny trh 560/5, 116 36 Prague 1, Czech Republic, ID No.: 00216208, VAT No.: CZ00216208 and University of Macedonia, in the person of the Rector, Professor Stylianos Katranidis, , at the address Egnatia 156, 54636 Thessaloniki.

Given that qualified academic and scientific exchange is indispensable to universities in developing their educational and research activities;

Given that, for the above-stated purpose, it is necessary to promote and encourage agreements between institutions of higher learning in different countries;

Having considered the mutual interest, which Charles University and the University of Macedonia share in establishing frameworks for cooperative enterprises;

In consideration of the approval of the agreement expressed by the competent persons or bodies at each University.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL TERMS OF AGREEMENT ARE STIPULATED:**Cooperation Partners**

Charles University and the University of Macedonia agree to establish a complementary relationship for academic and scientific cooperation. Currently, the cooperation includes:

- Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University
- Faculty of Arts of Charles University, Institute for Greek and Latin Studies
- Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies of the University of Macedonia

By mutual agreement, the cooperation can be extended to include also other faculties and departments.

Area of cooperation

These areas of cooperation will extend to the following:

- a) Exchange visits between members of the teaching and research staffs of the two partners, aimed at promoting seminars, courses, conferences, lectures; at carrying out joint research projects; at discussing experiences in fields of common interest, etc.
- b) The exchange of publications and information in fields and subjects of mutual interest.
- c) The exchange of post-graduate and PhD students for periods of study and research.
- d) To encourage conclusions of PhD joint supervision thesis agreements.
- e) The exchange of postgraduate students for the purpose of attending courses, participating in professional training programs, specializing or performing other educational or training activities. Both Parties agree to recognize credits granted by the host university provided that they meet the requirements of the exchange student's programs of study, specialization or training and have been approved in advance by the director of the relevant department at the student's home university.
- f) The exchange of members of technical or administrative staff when considered to be a profitable experience.

General Obligations

The above mentioned activities shall be carried out on the basis of reciprocity and after the consent of the respective receiving Faculty or University Institute. Each case is to be approved individually.

The exchange of teachers, scholars and students shall be carried out within the limits of financial and other resources of the Universities.

The host University undertakes to assist the visitors in finding appropriate accommodation. The international travel costs are not borne by the receiving University. The exact conditions of each stay or exchange shall be determined with both Universities consent.

No tuition fees shall be required of exchange students at the host University. They shall, however, bear the costs of study materials.

Postgraduate exchanges

Each partner, as defined above, within its ability, agrees to enroll postgraduate and doctoral students from the other university under the condition that they fulfill the admission requirements of the host University. Each partner will send no more than two students per one academic year. The length of stay of each student will not exceed one semester.

All participants of the exchange program are required to have a valid health insurance policy and liability insurance acquired in their home country prior to their departure for the host country, effective for the duration of their exchange program, under terms to be specified by each host institution.

Teaching staff exchanges

Each partner, as defined above, within its ability, agrees to organize exchange visits between members of their teaching and research staffs. Each partner will send no more than two teaching staff members per one academic year. The length of stay of each staff member will not exceed two weeks.

OTHER REGULATIONS:

Language of the Agreement

This agreement is drawn up and signed in English language.

Duration and Withdrawal

This Agreement comes into legal force on the date when the last contracting party signs it; the Agreement becomes effective on the date of its publication in the Czech Contracts Register in accordance with Act No. 340/2015 Sb., on special conditions for the effect of some contracts, the publication of such contracts and the register of contracts (the Contracts Register Act), as amended. The contracting parties expressly stipulate that Charles University assumes responsibility for publication of this Agreement in the Contracts Register in line with Act No. 340/2015 Sb., as amended.

The Agreement has been concluded for a period of five years. It can be cancelled at any time, by either party, within six months of its notification. Either party may withdraw from this Agreement without delay in case of a substantial breach of the stipulations under General Terms of Agreement. Such a withdrawal will take effect at the moment the other contracting party is formally notified.

Dispute Resolution

A competent court determined in accordance with the applicable law of the Czech Republic shall have sole jurisdiction over hearing any dispute between the contracting parties that cannot be settled amicably. Any form of arbitration procedure between the contracting parties is excluded.

Data Protection

Each party shall comply with its obligations under all applicable data protection and privacy legislation and regulations. Personal Data Processing in regard to participants involved in exchanges is regulated in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on GDPR (particularly document management and archival policy).

For Charles University

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Rector**

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