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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF ISFAHAN, I. R. IRAN
AND
THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY, NAJAF, R. IRAQ**

In an effort to continue and expand cooperative activities between the University of Isfahan and the Islamic University, Najaf, Iraq, the two parties hereby agree on the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

Article 1. Areas of common interest

According to the regulations in force in each of the countries concerned, the two parties agree to enter into a reciprocal program of cooperation and coordination. The program includes:

- 1-1. Exchange of faculty members and researchers
- 1-2. Exchange of students
- 1-3. Exchange of academic resources
- 1-4. Development of joint research projects
- 1-5. Joint supervision of theses and dissertations
- 1-6. Development of joint research projects
- 1-7. Development and presentation of joint academic courses and programs
- 1-8. Development of joint seminars, workshops, webinars and conferences
- 1-9. Exchange of laboratory, library and administrative services
- 1-10. Establishment of joint degree programs
- 1-11. Exchange of administration staff

The above agreed activities can happen within the following areas and between the relevant departments.

Article 2. Scientific research and training

Both institutions agree to cooperate with each other in:

- 2-1. Holding joint seminars, webinars, workshops and conferences in the areas of common interest.



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- 2-2. Establishing international scientific journals in the fields related to the areas of common interest.
- 2-3. Teaching the academic courses related to the areas of common interest either all or specific sessions of a course, either online or in face to face classes.
- 2-4. Inviting and hosting the teaching staff from different scientific specializations to deliver lectures in the areas required by either party.
- 2-5. Developing and enhancing research centers and research units via mutual scientific cooperation in accordance with the regulations and bylaws in force.

Article 3. Student exchange

For the purpose of graduate students exchange, both institutions agree to cooperate with each other in:

- 3-1. Co-supervising master theses and PhD dissertations as well as co-examining them.
- 3-2. Seeking scientific advice from academic experts and researchers from both parties.
- 3-3. Offering scholarships to the candidates to continue their studies at MA and PhD levels and providing the opportunity for the faculty members and the students to spend their sabbatical leaves at either institution in accordance with the regulations and bylaws in force.

Article 4. Student admission

- 4-1. The Islamic University agrees to send its students to the University of Isfahan to continue their studies at the postgraduate levels.
- 4-2. The University of Isfahan agrees to apply the maximum tuition reduction and assistance in accordance with its regulations to the students sent from the Islamic University and to offer scholarships to a number of the students from the Islamic University who are sent in groups.
- 4-3. The University of Isfahan also agrees to offer high quality Persian training courses to the students from the Islamic University and apply the discounts to tuition and accommodation fees during the Persian training period.



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Article 5. Other common activities

- 5-1. Any collaborative project, activity or program not specified within the framework of this agreement can be developed in the form of an addendum signed by both parties.

Article 6. General considerations

- 6-1. The two contracting parties agree to facilitate the visa application process of the visiting scholars, researchers, students and faculty members from either party and assist them in finding appropriate accommodation.
- 6-2. The financial support of the activities of common interest should be agreed based on mutual consent or either party's approval.
- 6-3. For each of the activities included in this MOU, a separate implementation agreement should be drafted and signed by the parties.
- 6-4. Any changes, modifications and amendments to this MOU should be done based on mutual consent and agreement and will be effective from the time the changes, modifications and amendments are made.
- 6-5. Neither party may assign any article of this MOU, whether partially or wholly to a third party.
- 6-6. The protection of intellectual property rights shall be enforced in conformity with the laws and regulations of the two countries.
- 6-7. The signing of this MOU does not imply any kind of financial commitment from either institution.
- 6-8. The parties agree to solve in a friendly manner any controversy arising from the interpretation of the present agreement. In the event that the disagreement cannot be resolved, the issue(s) will be submitted for arbitration; each party will appoint a member of the arbitration panel and an additional member will be chosen by mutual consent.
- 6-9. In order to ensure the good management of this MOU, each party will appoint a person within it to be in charge of the day-to-day operation of this program.
- 6-10. This MOU shall be effective for five years from the date of signing and shall be subject to change, renewal and termination by mutual consent. A party may terminate this MOU for convenience and at any time and for any reason by giving six months' notice in writing to the other party.



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- 6-11. The termination of this MOU shall not affect the implementation of the activities that have been undertaken prior to such termination, unless agreement is achieved in this regard.
- 6-12. This MOU shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of two countries.

for and on behalf of the **University of Isfahan, Isfahan, Iran**

by an Authorised Signatory
Name: Prof. Hooshang Talebi
Position: President
Date: April 24, 2019
Signature

for and on behalf of the **Islamic University, Najaf, Iraq**

by an Authorised Signatory
Name: Dr. Ammar Al-Salami
Position: President
Date: April 24, 2019
Signature