



Memorandum of Understanding Between HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY – TURKEY AND MONASTIR UNIVERSITY – TUNISIA

In order to promote mutual cooperation and to extend mutual understanding,

Hacettepe University of Ankara, Turkey sited in Bilgi İşlem Daire Başkanlığı 06800 Beytepe/Ankara, Turkey, represented by its rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Cahit GÜRAN, and

Monastir University, Tunisia sited in Taher Hadded street (B.P 56), 5000 Monastir, Tunisia, represented by its President Prof. Hédi BEL HADJ SALAH, agree to enter into a protocol on the following articles.

I- Hacettepe University and Monastir University agree to cooperate on the following items, within the extent of each country's regulation and facilities.

a) In the field of education:

- 1) to exchange experience in teaching methods,
- 2) to exchange staff members for the purpose of giving lectures, taking part in seminars etc.

b) In the field of research:

- 1) to carry out joint research projects,
- 2) to exchange scientific and technical information,
- 3) to coordinate research studies,
- 4) to exchange scientific results in specific fields of science,
- 5) to publish the results in these fields,
- 6) to organize joint seminars, conferences, symposia etc.

c) In the fields of student exchange:

- 1) to develop student exchange programs, to make programs that provide double diploma opportunities in accordance with the legislation of both countries and by obtaining all approvals and approval of the Council of Higher Education as per the relevant legislation,
- 2) to exchange students for a period of one semester or its part, or for a time needed to carry out a specific Project, practical training or preparation of a thesis,



- 3) to carry out joint research programs by students,
- 4) to exchange students under student traineeship schemes
- 5) to ensure the application of the various resolutions of the framework agreement, other specific agreements and particularly concerning the exchange of students will be resolved after a mandatory opinion of the ministry before being signed.

II- Exchanges done within the joint research works shall be planned separately by taking into consideration each university's facilities and conditions. The rules and procedures of the exchange program shall be determined in a separate protocol between the parties.

III- The academic exchanges described above shall be limited to legislation in force in each country, its respective budgetary resources and financial availability.

IV- This protocol shall not cause any binding financial obligation for either party.

V- Signature of this protocol shall not cause any obligation for either party to enter into any specific agreement relating to cooperation between the two universities.

VI- In case research results impacting upon matters of intellectual property rights are expected to arise in the course of collaborative projects within the scope of this protocol, the parties shall enter into an additional protocol governing the conditions regarding the treatment of intellectual property rights so arising, prior to the start of the collaborative project in question.

VII- The parties may disclose some confidential information to the other party in connection with the cooperation proposals that can be made within the scope of this protocol. For this reason, the parties agree that negotiations regarding the content of this protocol and future proposals should be kept strictly confidential, and both parties undertake not to disclose this confidential information to a third party, except for their professional advisors. Cases where disclosure is a legal obligation are excluded.

VIII- The parties will be responsible for their own expenses within the framework of their legal regulations.

IX- The execution of this protocol shall be subject to the laws in force for each party and its country. The parties are responsible for obtaining the required inhouse, or similar, approvals in accordance with the legislation they are subjected to.

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X- This protocol shall be in effect for three (3) years following the date of signature. This protocol may be complemented or amended by the written and common consent of authorized representatives of both universities and additional protocols to this protocol. The Addenda or amendments will not be valid unless it is written and signed. The protocol may be extended for another three years by the written and signed consent of the parties.

XI- Each university shall reserve the right to terminate the protocol by giving a written notice to the other party 6 (six) months in advance. In that case on-going projects shall be completed.

XII- If a conflict arises between the two parties concerning the interpretation or implementation of any article of this memorandum, the two parties will try to settle it amicably or will be referred to a joint commission comprising the different signatory parties to try to find a final solution.

XIII- This protocol has been drawn up total four valid copies – two copies in Turkish, and two copies in English. The Turkish translation should be done by the Hacetteppe University. In case of conflict (disputes), the parties would refer to the English text.

This protocol shall become effective after its signing by the authorized representatives of both universities.

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