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Azarbaijan
Shahid Madani University

**AGREEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF SALENTO (LECCE, ITALY)
AND
AZARBAIJAN SHAHID MADANI UNIVERSITY (TABRIZ, IRAN)**

The University of Salento (Italy), represented by its Rector *Prof. Fabio POLLICE* acting on the basis of the Statute, and the University of Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University (Iran), represented by its Rector *Prof. Hassan VALIZADEH* acting on the basis of the Statute, considering that:

- the universities are the main centre for national scientific research;
- it is their task to critically process and promote the spread of scientific knowledge;
- it is in the universities' interest to establish a long-lasting relationship of cooperation and cultural exchange;

agree on the following points:

ARTICLE 1.

Application of the agreement

1.1. The Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University (Iran) and the University of Salento (hereafter referred to as the "contracting Universities"), shall set up an agreement of collaboration based on equality and reciprocal advantage. Not denying the possibility that other areas can be identified by mutual consensus in the future, the contracting universities define the following areas: 1) to promote and expand international understanding, development, and friendship; 2) to stimulate and support educational, professional and intercultural activities and projects among students and staff of the two institutions and the respective communities which support the contracting universities.

1.2. In order to fulfil the aims set out in point one of this article, cooperation may take place by the following means:

- exchange of researchers, teaching staff, administrative staff and students within the norms of the respective countries;
- exchange of information, documentation and scientific publications;
- joint publications corresponding to the common interests of both the contracting universities;
- organization of international conferences, joint scientific journals, study meetings, seminars and courses on the themes envisaged by the agreement;
- exchange of teaching staff for short teaching periods;
- cultural exchange programs;
- visiting scholars/tutors;
- exchange of university administration experience, especially concerning the organization of preparatory and training visits and for the training of academic and administrative staff;



- programmes aimed at issuing joint qualifications, recognised by both contracting universities, which are compatible with the existing national laws and regulations and the norms of each of the contracting universities, on the basis of the present agreement;
- setting up of a I or II level Master degree or other post-graduate specialization courses, with the issuing of a joint or double qualification which is compatible with each of the national norms and in accordance with the procedures agreed upon, to be defined by means of a specific executive deed;
- setting up of research and/or innovation projects in any area of common interest to the contracting universities.

ARTICLE 2.

Academic Mobility

- 2.1. The following concerns the mobility of undergraduate and postgraduate students:
- The students attending a degree course or a PhD course in the host university will be exempt from paying that university's enrolment fees, paying them instead to their University of origin (unless otherwise specified in the agreement).
 - The contracting universities will agree in advance upon a programme of study (or of research in the case of a PhD student) with the host university, undertaking to recognize what has been accomplished by their own students during their period of study abroad.
 - At the conclusion of the period of study, the host university will issue an appropriate certificate attesting the work accomplished by the student, the courses followed and any exams taken.
 - The host University will set up advice and academic assistance, which will be available to the exchange students from enrolment and for the entirety of their stay. It will also provide the students with information concerning the courses and services available.
 - All personal expenses, including board, accommodation and health expenses are to be paid by each individual student.
 - The host university will provide assistance in looking for accommodation, although it will not be responsible for actually providing any accommodation.
 - Concerning the mobility of people from outside the EU, students are responsible for obtaining visas or other documents that may be necessary in order to participate in the exchange.

ARTICLE 3.

Implementation of activities

- 3.1 Each contracting university will develop a specific programme of joint activities, which will be attached to the present agreement. Each contracting university will nominate a scientific and an administrative coordinator who, as institutional representatives, will supervise the development of activities.
- 3.2 Each contracting university will present a report of the activities undertaken at the end of each year and at the same time, will prepare a plan for the following year. To this end, each



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university will nominate the persons responsible for implementing the activities planned and coordinating the activities for the following year.

- 3.3 The coordinators, as representatives for each university, will supervise the implementation and fulfilment of the agreement on behalf of the teaching and administrative bodies of each of the contracting universities.
- 3.4 The scientific coordinator will be responsible for presenting to the office of international relations or equivalent structure in the organisation of the contracting university, a report of the activities implemented and a report of the academic activities to be developed throughout the following year.

ARTICLE 4.

Approval

- 4.1 This agreement of international university cooperation is approved in conformity with the laws and internal regulations governing each of the contracting universities and will come into force from the date of being signed. This same agreement will last for four years and may be prolonged prior to its conclusion by means of resolutions by the competent organs of each contracting university.
- 4.2 Either of the parties may withdraw from the agreement provided that they inform the other party in writing by registered letter with return receipt at least three months before the intended end of the agreement. In all eventualities, both parties undertake to guarantee the regular completion of any activity in progress.
- 4.3 This agreement of international university cooperation will be signed in two original copies in English and each party will retain one of the copies.

ADDRESSES AND SIGNATURES OF THE PARTIES.

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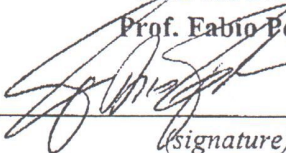
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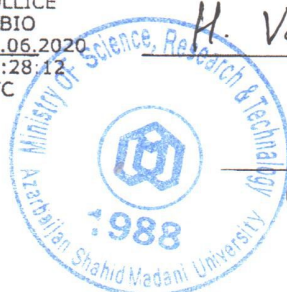
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