

ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI GENOVA
AND
DENTISTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF
TEHRAN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

Dentistry Research Institute of Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Ghods Street, Enghelab Avenue, 14176-14411 Tehran, Iran, represented by Chancellor of the Research Institute, Prof. Abbas Monzavi, hereinafter also referred to as TUMS;

and Università' degli Studi di Genova, Via Balbi 5, 16126 Genoa, Italy, represented by the Rector, Prof. Paolo Comanducci, acting on the basis of the provisions contained in Ministerial Decree no. 759 of 1st October 2014, hereinafter also referred to as UNIGE; considering that:

- both Institutions pursue the same aims in the fields of research, training and the spreading of culture;
- the above mentioned Institutions have a mutual interest in creating and developing international co-operation agreements;

Hereby agree as follows:

Article one - Subject-matter

TUMS and UNIGE agree, through this agreement:

- to organize joint study programs, destined for the development of study courses at the various levels, including for purposes of awarding double degrees, joint degrees, Cotutelle programs and other academic collaborations.
- to promote scholarship for research/training development in partner University, for brief periods;
- to increase exchange of professors, researchers, students and technical and administrative personnel;
- to enhance co-operation in the field of scientific research, through collaboration in a particular scientific interest, as well as through the possibility of exchange of experiences in the use of particularly complex technical and scientific equipment; as indicated in the working programs mentioned in article two.

Article two - Working programs

In order to achieve the objectives indicated in article one, the parties will prepare specific working programs, on a reciprocal basis. These programs, subject of specific protocols of implementation, must include the following information:

- nature and description of the program-project;
- the names of the coordinators and participants from each university;
- the duration of the project (any renewal thereof must be submitted for the approval of the competent bodies)
- expected costs in relation to mobility of personnel (lecturers, students, administrative staff) and, in general, to the activities planned in the project itself (conferences, seminars, etc.).

It is agreed that the activities to be developed in the framework of the specific working programs will deal with:

- Integrated didactic and scientific activities;
- Development of Teachers Mobility for brief and intensive lessons period, with integrated courses into existing teachings at Host University.
- Integrated study Program:

- a. mobility development, in particular for students, graduated and PhD students to enrol study periods, training and specialization courses into both Athenaeum's excellence structures;
 - b. Starting up: new joint study course degrees and PhD degrees with double value, which provide at least one-year period of study at the host institution for specialization of courses, which provide a suitable period of study at the host institution.
- Increase of joint research activities among scientific area work groups of both Universities.

Article three - Contact persons

To implement the activities foreseen in the present agreement each Party shall designate at least one contact person chosen from within its institution who shall be responsible for coordinating and promoting jointly the common lines of actions, verifying periodically the state of implementation and assessing and promoting collaboration projects in the areas of teaching, scientific research and management. The Parties hereby appoint contact persons: Prof. Stefano Benedicenti for UNIGE and Prof Sima Shahabi for TUMS. Any changes of the appointed contact persons shall be submitted to the other Party at least 2 weeks prior to the replacement.

Article four - Intellectual property rights

Ownership of the technical and scientific results produced by this Agreement shall, unless established differently by a specific implementation agreement, be assigned to both Parties. In accordance with their respective legislations, the Parties shall take all reasonable steps to protect and promote the value of such results. In the event of results produced through separate research initiatives, the intellectual property rights of these results shall belong to the Party where the results are obtained, unless otherwise previously agreed.

The promotion of the marketability of the results obtained shall be done in case prior to the promotion, the implementation agreements are established as an ex ante the procedure to be adopted in the face of possible claims to property rights made by personnel belonging to one of the Parties or by those in contact with such personnel.

As regards confidentiality of information, the Parties shall take all reasonable steps not to divulge to third parties any confidential data or information acquired in relation to or in the carrying out of the activities foreseen by this Agreement.

Domestic or international patent applications for any invention resulting from the joint cooperation of both Parties shall be filed by both Parties.

Article five - Exchange of personnel

In order to achieve the contents of article one and the general co-operation program, exchanges of university personnel maybe planned, according to the terms and with the limits indicated in the following paragraphs:

- University personnel maintain, to all intents and purposes, the status of employees of their home university.
- Travel costs and mission expenses have to be paid by the home university, whilst board and lodging are to be paid by the host university, if specific funds are available for this purpose.
- In accordance with the principle of reciprocity and with current regulations of both Institutions, the host university can pay further remuneration to the university personnel for additional amount of lessons, seminars and conferences.

Article six - Exchange of students

During the exchange period, the students, under condition of reciprocity, are exempted from tuition fees and contribution at Host University.

Travel costs as well as board and lodging expenses have to be paid by students following integrated study programs. The home university may contribute to travelling expenses, provided specific funds are available for this purpose.

The host university will assist students in finding accommodation at halls of residence and similar structures, as well as allow them access to canteens and other services provided by the university to its own students.

Article seven - Assistance and insurance

Health insurance coverage will be paid by the individuals in the program and/or their home university. In accordance with the applicable provisions in force of their respective countries, both Parties shall verify the insurance cover, including healthcare, of participating personnel.

Where the working programs set forth in article two foresee scientific and laboratory activities, such working programs shall specify the details of insurance coverage.

Article eight - Safety

As regards safety in the workplace for visiting members of staff of the partner University, where the host University belongs to an EU Member State, the host University shall conform to applicable European Union legislation; where the host University belongs to a non-EU Member State, the host University shall conform to applicable national legislation.

Article nine - Handling of Personal Data

The Parties shall handle and store data held on computer and on hard copies relating to the carrying out of the activities foreseen both by this Cooperation Agreement and the working programs set forth in article two in accordance with their applicable national legislations.

Article ten - Incompatibility

The Parties declare that none of the personnel participating in the activities foreseen by this Cooperation Agreement find themselves in a situation that might give rise to incompatibility or conflicts of interest pursuant to applicable national legislations and that the related provisions of such legislations shall be respected at all times.

Article eleven - Duration

This Agreement shall come into effect upon the signature of both Parties; the date of the last signature thereof taking precedence. This Agreement shall remain in effect for five years. Each Party may terminate the Agreement by serving six months written notice and supplying adequate motivation for termination. Any activity in progress at the moment of termination or expiry of this Agreement shall be completed in accordance with the conditions established in the activity's specific working programs or as otherwise agreed upon by both Parties.

On termination of this Agreement, the contact persons indicated in article three shall jointly prepare a report on the activities carried out and the results achieved.

Article twelve - Additions and/or modifications

In the event of a request for renewal, extension and/or modification, the Parties may confirm, amplify or modify the objectives of this Agreement and the methods of implementation, subject to the approval of the respective competent academic bodies.

Article thirteen - disputes

Any disputes arising over interpretation and implementation of this agreement, which is not possible to be resolved friendly, will be referred for resolution to a board of arbitration consisting of one member from each parts signing the agreement and another chosen by mutual agreement.

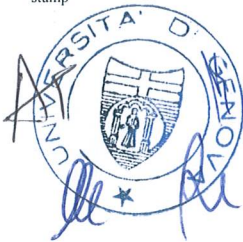
The present Agreement is signed in four copies in English language. The Parties receive two copies each. If the parties wish to print this agreement in a different language (e.g. Italian or Persian), the English language version shall prevail. In case of inconsistency of interpretation, the English text shall prevail over the language texts

Genova, 10 JUL 2016
Universita' degli Studi di Genova

Genova, Italy
The Rector, Prof. Paolo Comanducci

Paolo Comanducci
Rettore

Signature and stamp



Tehran, 23 July 2016
Dentistry Research Institute of
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