

CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA, CROATIA
AND
ST. CYRIL AND ST. METHODIUS
UNIVERSITY OF VELIKO TARNOVO, BULGARIA

The University of Rijeka, represented by Prof. Daniel Rukavina, M.D., D.Sc., Rector and St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo, represented by Prof. Plamen Legkostup, Dr. Habil, Rector agree to enter an agreement governing the co-operation between the two institutions.

Article 1: Objectives

Both parties agree to promote co-operation between the University of Rijeka and St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo within the framework laid out hereinafter. In particular, this co-operation extends to all programmes offered to exchange students and faculty members by the parties, if applicable, desirable and considered important for the development of the mutual relationship.

Article 2: Contents

Both institutions agree to contribute to this agreement in the areas of teaching, research, exchange of students and faculty members, personnel development, and – if desired by both parties – other areas co-operation. The details of the co-operation shall have to be agreed upon separately.

Article 3: Exchange of students

Exchange students from both universities shall be accepted by the receiving institution and admitted to a study programme – which includes lectures, seminars, projects.

Article 4: Transfer of credits

Both institutions commit themselves to acknowledge all examinations and other academic qualifications as well as credits acquired by their exchange students during their exchange program at the host institution. The exact details of such a transfer of credits shall be agreed upon separately.

Article 5: Costs incurred during exchange programmes

During the exchange programmes students stay enrolled at their home institution. Both parties to this agreement agree to exempt incoming students from all tuition and other fees. Other costs, such as costs of living, travel, accommodation, studying material, books, etc. have to be met by the exchange students themselves.

Article 6: Assistance for exchange students

The host institution intends to provide incoming students with particular assistance in the organization of their stay during the exchange period. Such assistance shall include, but not be limited to:

- Incoming exchange students shall be entitled to use any facility at the host institution;
- The host institution shall assist incoming exchange students in identifying proper accommodation.

Article 7: Exchange of staff

Both parties agree to aim at an exchange of staff, the conditions of which have to be agreed upon separately.

Article 8: Other areas of co-operation

The parties to this agreement agree to extend the mutual co-operation to other areas besides the exchange of students and staff, such as research projects, seminars, training, conferences, exchange of teaching material, etc. The details of such other co-operation are not within the scope of this agreement and shall have to be agreed upon in a separate document.

Article 9: Financial issues

Both parties agree that there shall be no financial remuneration for services performed under this agreement on either side.

Article 10: Amendments

Each amendment to this agreement shall be mutually agreed upon in writing. Each year both parties will work out programmes specifying the forms of co-operation.

Article 11: Language and copies

This Agreement is drawn in English in four (4) identical and equally valid copies and parties agree that English is the language to be used for its interpretation. Each of the involved parties shall retain two (2) copies.

Article 12: Duration, termination and settlement of disputes

This agreement shall enter into force as of the date on which the last party has signed it, and shall continue thereafter for the period of two (2) years initially. After this period, the Agreement shall be automatically renewed, unless one of the parties provides the other party with a notice of termination at least three (3) months before the ending date of this agreement. Either party can terminate this agreement by providing the other party with written notice at least six (6) months prior to the suggested date of termination.

The Agreement can be terminated at any time, if mutually agreed upon. The terminations shall not affect the exchanges, projects or activities in progress unless otherwise agreed by both parties.

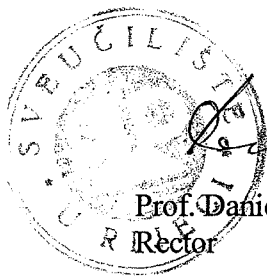
The parties shall make their best effort to settle any possible disputes arising from this Agreement in a friendly manner.


Rijeka, July 17, 2008

Veliko Tarnovo, 30 July 2008

University of Rijeka

St. Cyril and St. Methodius
University of Veliko Tarnovo




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