



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
AL-SHAM PRIVATE UNIVERSITY (Syria)
and
OWL UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND ARTS (Germany)

In aspiration to fostering long-term co-operation between our universities and taking into consideration the interests of both universities in extending mutually beneficial co-operation in the field of education and research,

Al-Sham Private University (ASPU), Damascus, Syria

represented by its President, Prof. Dr. Yasser Hourieh,

and **OWL University of Applied Sciences and Arts (TH OWL), Lemgo, Germany**, represented by Prof. Dr. Jürgen Krahl, President, (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) agree to carry out the following activities:

I

The Parties agree to develop scientific and educational cooperation in the different areas including Environmental engineering and applied computer science.

Both Parties shall undertake:

1. Exchange of researchers, faculty and students in accordance with requirements accepted in both universities.

Exchange programs to be covered by this MoU may include faculty and student exchanges, as well as visiting professors programs, internships, organizing and participating in seminars and workshops. The number of exchange participants, terms and duration of stay as well as other conditions will be specified in separate agreements. Parity in numbers of exchange students is required over the term of the MoU.

2. Collaborative research in the fields of mutual interest and in accordance with the funds available.
3. Collective publication of the results of research to be conducted.
4. Exchange of information about the conferences and symposia of mutual interest.

II

The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this MoU, including the financial aspects and obligations, shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing in a separate agreement prior to the initiation of the activity. Any such agreements entered into, as outlined above, shall bear reference to this Memorandum.

Each university shall designate a coordination unit or nominate a contact person to be responsible for the development and coordination of the cooperation activities agreed upon.

Collaborating institutions will work together to identify and secure outside funding for the cooperation activities. As a rule, and in particular in the absence of outside funding, the parties will be responsible for their own costs.

III

Both Parties may offer changes and additions to the MoU aiming at fostering the cooperation. They are entered in a written form and become effective only after their signing by officials of both Parties.

IV

This MOU becomes effective immediately upon its signing by the official representatives of the Parties. This MoU will be in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of execution and may be renewed for additional five (5) year periods by the Parties until either Party gives the other Party a written notice of termination of this MOU. This notice shall be given at least six months in advance prior to its termination. The MOU is to be deemed terminated after the work completion according to any sub-agreements being effective in the framework of this MoU.

V

The states and governments of the Parties will not bear any responsibility for default and improper execution of the obligations taken by the Parties under this MoU.

For Al-Sham Private University, Syria

For OWL University of Applied Sciences
and Arts, Germany

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