**AGREEMENT ON**

**EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION**

**between**

**CUKUROVA UNIVERSITY**

**(Adana, TURKEY)**

**and**

**……………………………………………**

In order to further cooperation between Cukurova University and ………………………………, hereinafter referred to as Parties, these institutions agree to establish the following agreement on educational, cultural and scientific cooperation.

**ARTICLE 1.**

**GENERAL RULES**

The Parties will encourage and develop the cooperation especially in education areas on the principle of reciprocity and benefits of both sides within the availability of funds.

Cooperation and exchanges between Parties are subject to the regulations of both countries and availability of resources. Within the framework of this, every effort will be made by the Parties for better circumstances to realize cooperation and exchanges.

The Parties will make every effort in education and research areas of mutual benefit.

**ARTICLE 2.**

# AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties are agree to cooperate and exchange in the area of education within the below mentioned specific areas, but not limited to:

(a) Exchange of academic and administrative staff;

(b) Exchange of students;

(c) Joint scientific research and other academic activities as well as culture and art activities;

(d) Participation in seminars academic and project meetings;

(e) Exchange of published academic materials and other information such as culture and art, and concert activities.

**EXCHANGE OF ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

* 1. In principle, travelling expenses and living costs of exchange academic and administrative staff will be compensated by the home institution. Host institution will do their best to support within the availability of funds.
	2. The host institution shall provide office space and give access to libraries and other social and cultural facilities to exchange academic and administrative staff.
	3. Academic and administrative staff exchanges will normally be for the duration of one or two semesters but shorter stays are possible, subject to mutual agreement.
	4. Academic and administrative staff exchanges remain subject to the approval of the host institution.
	5. Each staff remains on salary with the home institution during the exchange.
	6. Visiting staff must carry medical health insurance in accordance with the rules and regulations of the host country.
	7. Teaching course loads, working hours and conditions shall normally be in accordance with the rules and practices of the host institution.
	8. Cooperation in the areas of education will be realized regularly with the transfers of the course materials, publications and electronic information.

**EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS**

1. Students are exchanged between the Parties based on the principle of reciprocity during the same academic year.

1. Exchange students shall be admitted as non-degree students for a period of one or two academic semesters.
2. Exchange students may take courses for credit, and the host institution shall issue a transcript and the grades for exchange students under the same rules and regulations as for its degree-seeking students.
3. So long as the principle of reciprocity is maintained, tuition and fees shall be waived for exchange students by the host institution.
4. The sending Party shall recommend exchange students and follow established rules and procedures set forth by the host institution. The final decision to accept the student belongs to the host institution.
5. Travel and living expenses for exchange students are met by the students themselves.
6. In accordance with the regulations of host institution, exchange students are required to carry adequate medical insurance.
7. The exchange students must submit an Affidavit of Financial Support (AFS) in advance to the host institution.
8. Except where specified and agreed upon, this Agreement will impose no financial obligation on the host institution.
9. Items pertaining to the implementation of the exchange programs will be negotiated and agreed upon between the Parties in each specific case in accordance with this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 3.

### VALIDITY AND TERMINATION

 The period of validity of this Agreement is for five (5) years. Thereafter, it will automatically be renewed for another one (1) year, unless either Party provides a six (6) months diplomatically written notice of intent to terminate it. Formerly agreed projects and exchanges started before the termination date will not be affected even if the agreement is expired.

### ARTICLE 4.

**AMENDMENT**

 This agreement may be amended at any time with the mutually written notice by the Parties.

### ARTICLE 5.

 The Parties agree that the agreement to be prepared in form of 2 copies of which will be equally valid in English, ……. and Turkish; and each party will retain one of each.

### ARTICLE 6.

**RESOLUTION of DISPUTES**

 Any dispute that may arise from the implementation or interpretations of this agreement shall be governed and construed by amicably.

### ARTICLE 7.

###  This agreement is signed as two original documents and it is equally valid both in English, …….. and Turkish. In case of any difference in interpretation, English version will be valid.

**ARTICLE 8.**

**EXECUTION**

This agreement is executed by the Rector of Cukurova University and the Rector of ………………….

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