

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

between  
the  
**Greek Rectors' Conference**  
- **Synodos Prytaneon Ellinikon Panepistimion** -  
and the  
**German Rectors' Conference**  
- **Hochschulrektorenkonferenz (HRK)** -

The Greek Rectors' Conference and the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) united in the aim of promoting academic links between the two countries, and in the awareness that a furthering of cooperation in the academic sphere is in the interest of the higher education institutions in both countries, sign the following Memorandum of Understanding.

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## **ARTICLE 1**

### **Purpose**

(1) The partners to this Memorandum of Understanding intend to promote cooperation in the areas of teaching and study, research and development, exchange of students, placement of doctoral students, exchange of senior and junior teaching staff and researchers.

(2) This Memorandum of Understanding shall be supplemented by details of partnership arrangements negotiated bilaterally between cooperating institutions in each country. While universities are expected to promote cooperation, no one is expected to enter into partnership obligations beyond its resources.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Fields of Cooperation**

Cooperation is to be sought especially:

- in the exchange of undergraduate and graduate students on both sides;
- in the placement of Greek and German graduates and doctoral students respectively, and placement of researchers;
- in the fostering and implementing of joint research projects;
- in the fostering and implementation of cooperation in the curricular design and implementation of programmes of study where applicable;
- through participation in joint academic events such as symposia, conferences, colloquia, etc.; and
- in establishing contacts in research and teaching, and in exchanging research information via publications, teaching materials, and electronic networks.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **Students**

(1) Greek and German students on direct exchange on the basis of pertinent agreements for periods of a semester or more, and who remain validly enrolled for a degree, or provide evidence of a formal leave of absence by the home institution as participants of the exchange agreement (*Exmatrikulation* or *Beurlaubung*), and have paid any compulsory fees and charges in the home institution, will not be required to pay additional tuition fees in the host institutions.

(2) Exchanges will be arranged at the individual institutional level, each participating institution will be responsible for managing its reciprocity requirements.

(3) The host institutions will provide to the home institution a statement/transcript of study undertaken and/or credit point achievements of each exchange student, in an agreed form.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**Access**

(1) The basis for entry for students will be agreed between each home and host institution, with each taking into account applicants' records of achievement, goals and the comparability of courses to be undertaken.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**Staff**

(1) Proposals regarding the attachment of academic staff or researchers to a host institution shall be agreed in writing between the departments and institutes concerned well in advance of the period of stay.

(2) The parties to the agreement share the view that due consideration should be given to the wishes of both parties regarding the exchange of personnel and connected matters.

**ARTICLE 6**  
**Arrangements and Support**

(1) The partner institutions, agreeing on exchanges and attachments, shall attempt to provide every necessary support to participants in the exchange during their stay. They shall allow the participants to use - as far as possible - the host institution's academic resources and amenities on the same terms as members of the host institution in the same category.

(2) The host institution shall endeavour to help participants gain access also to necessary facilities such as archives, libraries, museums, and laboratories, including computer facilities which are required for the successful completion of their academic programme or research in the host institution.

(3) Participating students will enjoy the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same regulations and discipline as students of the host institution.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**Finance**

(1) Parties to the agreement shall endeavour to finance the programme envisaged. They shall inform each other in good time about the availability and allocation of funding. The availability of funding shall determine the scope of the programme in any period.

(2) Details of the implementation of programmes in partner institutions shall be jointly worked out by the appropriate academic institutes and departments and approved by appropriate authorities in those institutions. Specific work programmes of this kind do not rule out additional academic contacts.

(3) The Greek Rectors' Conference on the one side and the German Rectors' Conference on the other side may facilitate broad national academic contact and exchange programmes with

varying patterns of voluntary involvement of institutions in the two countries, utilising the good offices of allied bodies.

**ARTICLE 8  
Consultation**

Representatives of the Greek Rectors' Conference on the one side and the German Rectors' Conference on the other side shall consult at regular intervals to consider the progress of cooperation and to investigate further projects.

**ARTICLE 9**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into operation after each party has gone through the appropriate procedure of assent and authorisation and after the signed texts of agreements have been exchanged.

Rhodes, 05 June 2014

Professor Paris Tsartas, Chair

Professor Horst Hippler, President

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