



ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI GENOVA

AND



COMSATS INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, PAKISTAN

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, *Islamabad, Pakistan*, represented by the pro tempore Rector, Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi, S.I, H.I, and Università degli Studi di Genova, Genova – Italia, represented by the pro tempore Rector, Prof. Paolo Comanducci, 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

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology and Università degli Studi di Genova agree, through this agreement:

- to organise joint study programs, destined for the development of study courses at the various levels, including for purposes of awarding a joint degree;
- to promote scholarship for research / training development in partner University, for brief periods;
- to increase the exchange of professors, researchers, students and technical and administrative personnel;
- to enhance co-operation in the field of scientific research, through collaboration in activities of particular scientific interest, as well through the possibility of exchange of experiences in the use of particularly complex technical and scientific equipment;

as indicated in the general program (Annex 1), which forms an integral part of this document.

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 co-ordinators 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.).

Article three: Intellectual property rights

Intellectual property rights on the results of joint activities will belong to both Parties, unless agreed otherwise.

Article four: Exchange of personnel

In order to achieve the contents of article one and the general co-operation program (Annex 1), exchanges of university personnel may be planned, according to the terms and within 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 five: Exchange of students

During the exchange period the students, under condition of reciprocity, are exempted from tuition fees and contribution in 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 six: Assistance

Health insurance coverage will be paid by the individuals involved in the program and/or their home university.

Article seven: Duration

This agreement will come into effect upon signing thereof and has a duration of five years. The present agreement remains valid unless renunciation is explicitly given.

Article eight: Additions and/or Modifications

The request for renewal, extension and/or modification, must be submitted for the approval of the competent academic bodies.

Article nine: Disputes

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

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For the Università degli Studi di Genova

Islamabad, 3rd June 2015

For the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology

Prof. Paolo Comanducci
Rector

Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi
Rector

GENERAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAM

The Universities activities to be developed are:

1. Integrated didactic and scientific activities. Development of Teachers Mobility for brief and intensive lessons period, with integrated courses into existing teachings in host University.
2. Integrated Study Programmes:
 - a) mobility development, in particular for students, graduated and PhD students to enroll study periods, training and specialization courses into both Athenaeum's excellence structures.
 - b) starting up:
 - new joint study courses
 - degree and PhD degree with double value, which provide at least one year period of study at the host institution
 - master and specialization courses, which provide a suitable period of study at the host institution
3. Increase of joint research activities among scientific areas work groups of both Universities.