

# Cooperation Agreement

Between:

**Bar-Ilan University, Israel**, represented by Professor Haim Taitelbaum, Rector, and Professor Harold Basch, Vice President for Research

And:

**St-Kliment-Ohridski-University of Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria**, represented by Professor Ivan Ilchev, Dr. Habil. - Rector

Article 1:

## **The aim of the cooperation agreement**

This Agreement establishes the general principles for scientific, technical, educational and administrative cooperation between the two universities. The two universities will unite their efforts and coordinate their actions in order to contribute to and encourage the development of research at both institutions.

Article 2:

## **Methods of cooperation**

The cooperation between the two universities will comprise of the exchange of teachers, researchers, students, as well as administrative and technical staff.

In order for this cooperation to occur, the two universities will collaborate to the best of their abilities and will place into effect all or part of the following:

A - Representatives of teachers and researchers to:

- participate in the elaboration of technical and educational projects,
- contribute to the initial formation or continuation and organization of educational curriculum or the improvement of the existing curriculum.

B - Collaboration in program within the scientific domain:

- to establish a procedure to cooperatively supervise theses in accordance with the regulations of both of the universities,
- to establish scientific collaboration between laboratories and research centers,
- to collaborate in international research programs.

C - Delegations of administrative and technical staff to organize the management of the administrative and financial aspects of the cooperation.

D - Exchange of information, organization of conferences or other forms to facilitate the exchange of scientific and technical information.

E - Acceptance of students holding educational grants or fellowships will be considered relative to the fees of the local institution.

In order to fulfill the agreement, the two parties will make every effort to implement the above as stated or research way to implement the above in this accord.

Article 3:

### **Organization of the Cooperation Agreement.**

The two parties will consult when they feel it is necessary. They will present, on a yearly basis, a list of projects that have been completed are in process, or in the planning stages.

The two parties will be able, upon mutual agreement, to change this agreement as needed.

The two parties will be able to consult in order to subsequently establish a procedure to begin a program of jointly-issued diplomas.

Article 4:

### **Programming and evaluation**

Setting this agreement in motion will be the subject of annual meetings or more often if necessary with the agendas being set up by both universities.

The two universities will periodically address a list of issues that have been fulfilled or are in the process of being fulfilled. The concerning authorities will be kept up to date as requested or upon status changes.

Article 5:

### **Relations with third parties**

The cooperation, subject of this agreement, will be able extended to third parties that request admission. This will be done by a mutually accepted agreement issued by the two cooperating universities.

Article 6:

**Areas of cooperation**

The methodology, the nature and the content of the programs and projects that will stem from the present agreement will be specified and established by each of the signatories or the planning committee of the two universities.

Article 7:

**Costs**

Each University will bear all of its costs concerning the cooperation as described in Article 2.

Article 8

**Limitations**

Joint cooperation will be subject to the budgetary requirements of each institution.

Article 9:

**Validity of the Cooperation Agreement**

This signed agreement will be valid for five (5) years. The agreement will become effective from the date of signature by the two parties.

The agreement will automatically be renewed unless it has been canceled six (6) months before the expiration date.

The agreement can be modified upon the agreement of both of the parties concerned.

Signed in Ramat Gan, Israel by:

Haim Taitelbaum

Professor Haim Taitelbaum, Rector

Signed in Sofia, Bulgaria by:

Ivan Ilchev

Professor Ivan Ilchev, Dr. Habil. – Rector

Harold Basch

Professor Harold Basch,  
Vice President for Research

Date: 16.02.2011

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