

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

Between
the Penza State University, represented by Rector
and
Bar-Ilan University, represented by the Vice President for Research

The following has been agreed:

Article 1. Purpose of this agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to further academic exchange and cooperation between the participating institutions, i.e. the Penza State University and Bar-Ilan University.

Article 2. Forms of cooperation

The forms of cooperation which are envisaged are:

1. Student exchange
2. Post-doctoral exchange
3. Staff exchange
4. Scientific cooperation
5. Joint conferences and workshops

Article 2.1. Student exchange

The participating institutions agree to exchange students at the level of master's or Ph.D. studies. They agree to mutually waive the admission fee for the students exchanged but do not accept other financial obligations in this regard such as tuition. The number of students exchanged will be determined by further agreement between the participating institutions, but will not exceed 10 per academic year. The implementation of this article depends on the conclusion of sub-agreements between the participating institutions' faculties, determining the mutual willingness to exchange students.

Article 2.2 Post-doctoral exchange

The participating institutions agree to facilitate post-doctorate exchanges. The participating institutions will attempt to grant the post-doctoral fellows an opportunity to contribute to teaching and research. The institutions do not accept any financial obligations in this regard.

Article 2.3. Staff exchange

The participating institutions will exchange staff members for short periods of time. The purpose of this exchange is to allow staff members to participate both in the teaching and the research projects of the other institution. To this end, the participating institutions will exchange lists of staff members who are interested in such exchanges. They agree to seek funding for the purpose of staff exchange.

Article 2.4. Scientific cooperation

a) The participating institutions will co-operate scientifically, inter alia by exchanging information concerning current research projects, by promoting contacts between researchers who are active in the same disciplines, and by promoting common research projects, including joint Ph.D. research projects. It should be understood that Bar Ilan University does not allow joint Ph.D. degrees

awarded by both institutions. As such, Ph.D. diplomas will be awarded by one university.

b) The participating institutions agree to seek funding for the purpose of scientific cooperation.

d) The participating institutions will each appoint one or two contact persons who will coordinate the implementation of article 2.4 and ensure smooth mutual contacts in that regard.

Article 2.5. Joint conferences and workshops

The participating institutions agree to consider with favour the organisation of joint scientific conferences and workshops.

Article 3. Financial arrangements

The participating institutions express the intention to contribute as much as possible to the successful implementation of the agreement and the setting-up of activities and exchanges as described in Article 2. They undertake no obligation to pay salaries nor to compensate the costs incurred by students, post-doctoral fellows and staff of the other institution and related to the activities which fall within the scope of this agreement.

Article 4. Concluding provisions

1. The present agreement will take effect when signed by both parties. The agreement will be valid for five (5) years and will automatically be renewed **unless it has been canceled twelve (12) months before the expiration date.**
2. This agreement may be complemented with annexes concerning specific forms of academic exchange and cooperation.
3. These annexes may be proposed and signed at a later date. Once they are signed by both parties, they are considered an integrated part of this agreement.
4. This agreement may be modified by mutual consent at the request of either party.
5. This agreement exists in two copies in English.

Executed on 1. 1. 2015 in

For the Penza State University

Professor **A. Guljajkov**
Rector of the University



For Bar-Ilan University

B. Ehrenberg
Professor B. Ehrenberg
Vice President for Research

Prof. Benjamin Ehrenberg
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