THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE YUZUNCU YIL UNIVERSITY (VAN- TURKEY) AND HAWLER MEDICAL UNIVERSTY (KURDISTAN REGION-F.R .IRAQ) ON CULTURE, EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

PART I

THE SHAREHOLDRS AND COMMON GOALS OF THE MOU

1-The full text of the MOU presented here has been prepared and agreed by two contractors: Yuzuncu Yil University (Van – Turkey) and Hawler Medical University (Kurdistan Region - F.R. Iraq). Within the text, the two universities are to be addressed as "contractor universities".

2- The aim of this MOU is to encourage two universities, have similar socio-cultural and environmental backgrounds, to develop and run cooperative projects on education, culture and activities of art; besides agricultural, environmental, hydrological researches, animal breeding, health, basic medical sciences, engineering; and to collaboratively maintain the literary and experimental background for scientific investigations and publications and exchange university students of different levels as well as teaching staff, and to inaugurate scientific and technical tours, sportive facilities, old scientific seminars, discussions and to present advertising activities for both universities.

PART II EDUCATION AND TRAINING, SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

The two contractor universities have agreed to run collaborative projects and practices on the following items.

- 3 The faculties, institutes and colleges of higher education within the constitution of both contractor universities have collaborative studies to develop the quality of education and training to achieve the international standards.
- 4- The two contractor universities have cooperative scientific investigations, projects and publications on the following topics:
- Plant and Animal Production.
- Fisheries and aquacultures.
- Geological aspects of the area; earthquake ability, lakes and volcanoes.

- The natural flora fauna and zoological structure of the area.
- Processing and evaluation of plant and animal products.
- Control of plant and animal diseases.
- Control of environmental pollution and management of water sources.
- Art, literature, history, archeology, and the history of art.
- Basic sciences: (physics, mathematics, chemistry, biology, geology)
- Social sciences and humanities.
- Natural sciences and engineering studies.

PART III FINANCIAL FUNDS AND RUNING OF THE RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 5 The research topics agreed on are to be projected cooperatively and presented to the responsible funding institutions. The projects are going to be put into practice after they are approved by the universities.
- 6 A coordinator is going to be appointed for projects by both sides. The expenditures of the projects are to be paid by the governments, common system. The project coordinators are responsible for the expenses of the projects.
- 7 The same agreed method is going to be applied for the shared projects with European Union or third countries.
- 8 Both of the contractor universities agree to use the background knowledge that they need for the research and practice of the projects.
- 9 Both of the contractor universities agree to obey the international ecological principles for the safety and health of human beings and of the animals, during the research and application of the scientific project.
- 10 The duration of the co-projects is planed not to take less than a year and more than three years. The coordinators of the projects are to give internal reports of briefing about the process every six months. At the last phase of the project the last valid report is to be prepared. The last valid reports (including the internal reports) are to be presented to two universities in Turkish and Persian.
- 11 Both of the contractor universities agree to obey the principle that the project coordinators are responsible for the appointment and dismiss of the personnel taking part during the research process of the co-projects.
- 12- When the projects are concluded, the project coordinators are responsible to decide about where and how the research projects results are to be published.

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PART IV TEACHING STAFF AND STUDENT MATTERS

- 13- The two contractor universities agree on the scientific area(s) to be investigated before they are confirmed to be put into a project, and have the authority for selection and exchange of the teaching staff. The teaching staff will be appointed for teaching and training ends staying loyal to the education system of both of the countries. It is agreed that the accommodation conditions for the guest staff will be fixed by the host universities. The contractor universities are not responsible for the extra stay of the guest teaching staff.
- 14- The two contractor universities are to declare the probable number of the students to be exchanged beforehand; the determined numbers of students are to be exchanged for training courses and the accommodation conditions are to be met by hosting universities. The contractor universities are not to be responsible for the extra stay of the guest students.

PART V

SCIENTIFIC DISCUSSION MEETINGS AND PROMOTION FECILITIES

- 15- The contractor universities agree to conduct scientific congresses, conferences, symposiums and atelier courses and sport competitions and confirm to take apart in promotion activities.
- 16- Both of the contractor universities agree that all the expenses of the above mentioned organizations will be met by hosting university.
- 17- Both of the contractor universities agree that all the promotion facilities of coordinative organizations must include both of the universities.

PART VI SOLUTION FOR PROBABLE COMPLICATIONS

18- Both of the contractor universities agree to solve any probable complication with goodwill and negotiations of the responsible persons from both sides.

PART VII DURATION AND VALIDITY OF THE PROTOCOL

19- This signed MOU is valid for five (5) years. At the end of this period, if there is not any disapproval from both sides, the duration of the protocol is to be extended for five more years once. At the end of the extended 5 years the protocol period ends automatically.

- 20- Both of the contractor universities agree that they may inform the contractor university six months before offering to bring the project to an end.
- 21- Both of the contactor universities agree to write the text of the MOU in their official language Turkish and English (two copies each), and should include the official address of both universities.
- 22- The prepared MOU and the probable sub-MOU are to be put into practice after they are confirmed by the responsible governmental authorities: Higher Education committee of Turkey.

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