



**Scientific Co-operation Agreement
Between
The University of Al Baath
(Syrian Arab Republic, city of Homs
and
The North-Caucasus Federal University**

The University of AL Baath, situated at: Syrian Arab Republic, city of Homs, represented by its Rector, Dr. Abdul Bassit Al Khatib, in the Syrian Arab Republic and Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Education "North-Caucasus Federal University", situated at: city of Stavropol, 1 Pushkina Street, represented by its Rector, Bespalov Dmitry Nikolaevich, acting on the basis of the Charter, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties", aiming at further enhancement and development of scientific cooperation and student, academic exchange for the purpose of establishing a long-term mutual benefit, Have agreed as follows:

**Article -1-
Objective**

Promoting scientific and research cooperation between the Parties on the basis of mutual respect and sovereignty, in accordance with the related laws, regulations and national policies enforced in each country and within their respective available resources.

**Article -2-
Fields of Cooperation**

The Parties shall take all the necessary steps to promote cooperation in the following areas:

1. Exchange of academic staff, researchers, and/or students for the purposes of teaching, research or the development of course curricula or programs. Each exchange activity shall be approved in advance by both Parties.
2. Exchange of publications, scientific materials, scholarly papers, and available research information between the both Parties.
3. Development of joint co-operation projects and research programs between the both Parties.
4. Participation in meetings and scientific conferences held in each country.

**Article -3-
Implementation Mechanism**

In order to achieve the objectives of this Agreement, the Parties shall work on the following:

1. Sign Programs, which identify, according to the mutual desire and available resources of both Parties, the mechanisms and details of the implementation of this agreement.

2. Facilitate the entry to stay in, and leave from the host country for the participants in the programmes within the framework of this Agreement, in cooperation with the relevant authorities in both countries.
3. Provide access for the sending Party representatives to the host Party laboratories, research facilities, and libraries that may be necessary to perform the activities listed in Article -2- hereto under the provisions of Article -1-.
4. Affirm the commitment of the Parties to the principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination. Participation in the exchange activities referred to in this Agreement shall be based only on the level of scholarly or academic ability and performance of the candidates.

If in the process of implementing cooperation there is a need to organize specific events, perform specific work/provide services or settle any relationship between the Parties, the parties, upon reaching an appropriate agreement, will interact on the basis of separate contracts.

Article -4- Financial Arrangements

There are no financial (monetary) obligations under this Agreement. All obligations of the Parties relating to financial (monetary) settlements shall be governed by a separate contract or agreement between the Parties.

Article -5- Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

1. The Parties shall undertake to protect intellectual property rights in conformity with the respective national laws, rules and regulations of their countries, and as per the enforced Agreements between them.
2. The use of the name and official emblem of any of the Parties on any documents, publication and/or prints is prohibited without a prior written approval of other Party.

Article -6- Dispute Settlement

1. Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding to the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by direct consultations and negotiations between the Parties without referring to any third party.
2. All disputes between the Parties regarding the performance of obligations under this Agreement shall be governed by the laws currently in force at both Parties.

Article -7- Confidentiality

1. Each Party shall undertake to observe the confidentiality of all documents, information and other data, which are disclosed, in writing or orally, by the disclosing Party to the receiving Party.
2. Each Party shall undertake to not use any documents, information and data in any way except for the purposes of this Agreement or its annexes, each Party has no right to let a third party look at the Agreement without preliminary permission, and has to deal with it and respond confidentially.

- Both Parties shall abide by the continuation of the provisions of this Article after the termination of this Agreement.

**Article -8-
Final Provisions**

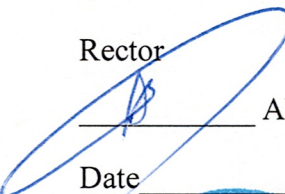
- This Agreement shall enter into force from the date of its signing, shall remain valid for six years, and may be renewed for similar period by a mutual written consent between the two Parties.
- Each Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by presenting to the other Party a written notification, expressing its wish to terminate it, six months prior to the date of termination. The ongoing activities and programs will still be valid until their accomplishment.
- Either Party may amend, change and add any item or article of this Agreement upon request of any of the Parties and by mutual written approval. These amendments and additions are made in the form of an additional agreement, signed by both Parties.
- The implementation of this Agreement is subject to the laws and regulations currently in force at both Parties.
- Details of the Parties:
 - Syrian Arab Republic, Homs - University of Al Baath
<http://albaath-univ.edu.sy> e-mail: president@albaath-univ.edu.sy
 - Russian Federation, 355017, city of Stavropol, 1 Pushkina Str.
<https://www.ncfu.ru> e-mail: info@ncfu.ru

This Agreement is prepared and signed in six copies (two – in Arabic, two - in Russian and two - in English), each of these copies being of equal legal effect, three copies (1 – in Arabic, 1 - in Russian and 1 - in English) for each Party. As witness to their consent to this Agreement, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signatures.

Signatures of Participants

University of Al Baath

Rector


_____ Abdul Bassit Al Khatib

Date _____



North-Caucasus Federal University

Rector


_____ D.N. Bespalov

Date _____

