

Memorandum of Understanding
between
University of Isfahan (Iran I.R.)
and
University of Rijeka (Republic of Croatia)

University of Isfahan, hereinafter referred to as UI, located at Hezar Jarib Street, Isfahan 81746-73441, Iran, represented by its President, Prof. Hossein Harsij, and the **University of Rijeka**, hereinafter referred to as UNIRI, located at Trg brace Mazuranica 10, HR-51000 Rijeka, Croatia, represented by its Rector, Prof. Snjezana Prijic Samarzija, Ph.D., agree to establish/continue/expand scientific collaborations upon the present Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) under the following terms:

Paragraph 1. Areas of common interest

Upon the consent of the Parties, including the relevant regulations within the two countries, scientific collaboration may be carried out between the Parties and/or their relevant faculties/departments/institutes/centers/units on the following subjects of scientific research, training, student exchange, student admission, and other common activities in the related fields of common interest. Each Party will endeavor to take necessary steps to encourage and promote cooperation in the areas of common interest with priority of:

Paragraph 2. Scientific research

Both Parties agree to cooperate in:

- 2.1. Organizing and handling joint seminars, webinars, workshops, and conferences.
- 2.2. Establishing joint international scientific journals.
- 2.3. Establishing and developing research institutes/centers/units via mutual scientific cooperation.
- 2.4. Carrying out joint research projects.
- 2.5. Publishing joint research articles in international journals.
- 2.6. Publishing joint books/textbooks by either Party's university press or international publishers.
- 2.7. Providing laboratory facilities/services from either Party to another.

- 2.8. Admission of postdoctoral researchers by either Party.
- 2.9. Co-supervising postgraduate dissertations/theses and associated examinations.
- 2.10. Reviewing dissertations/theses at the postgraduate level.
- 2.11. Exchange of materials in education and research, publications, library, and academic information.
- 2.12. Providing research funding opportunities and grants.
- 2.13. Providing and facilitating sabbatical leave programs for postgraduate students.
- 2.14. Providing and facilitating sabbatical leave programs for faculties.

Paragraph 3. Training

Both Parties agree to cooperate in:

- 3.1. Teaching the academic courses related to the areas of common interest in either all or specific parts of a course, either online or in-person classes.
- 3.2. Visiting institutions by the faculties to deliver lectures at the request of either institution.
- 3.3. Exploring opportunities for the admission of international students at the Persian Language Learning Center of UI.
- 3.4. Organizing and handling joint academic courses and programs.
- 3.5. Establishing and handling joint/dual degree programs.
- 3.6. Collaborating on designing joint courses and associated syllabuses.
- 3.7. Organizing and handling international skill enhancement programs for faculties, students, and alumni.
- 3.8. Organizing and handling international internship, empowerment, and skill training programs for students.
- 3.9. Organizing and handling summer/winter schools.
- 3.10. Exploring opportunities for establishing and organizing the Persian Language Learning Center by UI at UNIRI.

Paragraph 4. Other common activities

- 4.1. Exchanging administration staff.
- 4.2. Exchanging arts, cultural, and sports programs.
- 4.3. Exchanging information, advice, and expertise.

- 4.4. Exchanging news and events.
- 4.5. Visiting either institution by faculties and students.
- 4.6. Organizing and handling joint benchmarking seminars and webinars on the subject of best practices in study and research approaches and methods.
- 4.7. Exploring opportunities for establishing and organizing representative centers of either Party in the host institution.
- 4.8. Organizing and handling international joint international exhibitions.
- 4.9. Attempting to offer discounts on tuition fees and scholarships based on the regulations of both parties.
- 4.10. Seeking and inviting outstanding scientists of one Party in another Party's country to contribute to the enhancement of joint scientific collaborations under this MOU.

Paragraph 5. General considerations

- 5.1. The two Parties agree to facilitate the visa application process of the visiting scholars, researchers, students, and faculty members from either Party and assist them in finding appropriate accommodation.
- 5.2. The financial support of the activities of common interest should be agreed upon based on mutual consent or either Party's approval.
- 5.3. For implementing each of the activities included in this MOU, the Parties should draft and sign a separate agreement.
- 5.4. Any collaborative project, activity, or program not specified within the framework of this agreement can be developed in the form of an addendum signed by both Parties.
- 5.5. Any changes, modifications, and amendments to this MOU should be done based on mutual consent and agreement and will be effective from the time the changes, modifications, and amendments are made.
- 5.6. Neither Party may assign any Paragraph of this MOU, partially or wholly to a third party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is acknowledged that the University of Rijeka comprises Faculties, of which some possess their legal personality. For this agreement, these faculties are expressly not considered to be third parties.
- 5.7. The protection of intellectual property rights shall be enforced in conformity with the laws and regulations of the two countries and the respective institutional policies and procedures.
- 5.8. Signing this MOU does not imply any financial commitment from either Party.
- 5.9. The Parties agree to first attempt to resolve any differences or disputes concerning the

interpretation, implementation, or application of any provisions of this agreement amicably through mutual consultation or negotiation through diplomatic channels. If a dispute cannot be resolved amicably within a reasonable period, the Parties agree to submit the issue(s) for arbitration. Each Party will appoint one member to the arbitration panel, and a third member will be chosen by mutual consent of the Parties. This arbitration process shall be the final step in the dispute resolution mechanism under this agreement, excluding any reference to third parties or international tribunals.

- 5.10. To ensure the good management of this MOU, each Party will appoint a person to be in charge of its day-to-day activation and progress.
- 5.11. This MOU shall be effective for three (3) years from the date of signing and shall be subject to change, renewal, and termination by mutual consent. A Party may terminate this MOU for convenience and at any time and for any reason by giving six (6) months' notice in writing to the other Party.
- 5.12. The termination of this MOU shall not affect the implementation of the activities that have been undertaken before such termination unless an agreement is achieved in this regard.
- 5.13. This MOU shall be construed and governed under the laws and regulations of the two countries.
- 5.14. This MOU is not legally binding and does not intend to create any obligation. Domestic laws and regulations of the Parties remain superior to any commitments created by this MOU.
- 5.15. The contact person for this MOU from the UI will be Prof. Mehrdad Hejazi (m.hejazi@eng.ui.ac.ir) and the contact person from UNIRI will be Assoc. Prof. Nino Krvavica, Ph.D. (nino.krvavica@gradri.uniri.hr), serving as Vice-dean for Projects and Cooperation at the Faculty of Civil Engineering at the moment of signing.
- 5.16. This MOU was signed by the Parties on the date indicated below, in two (2) original copies in English language, one copy for each party.

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University of Isfahan



Prof. Hossein Harsij

President

Date: 23/6/2024

University of Rijeka



Prof. Snjezana Prijic Samarzija, Ph.D.

Rector

Date: 20/6/2024