



Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (Mo) is made and entered in to on this 1st June, 2018 between Nirma University (NU) Sarkej-Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad – 382 481, India, and the Paisii Hilendarski Plovdiv University (PU), 24 Tzar Assen str., Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

1. Objective

The objective of this MoU is to build the common interest in the development of research and teaching through joint research projects, organizing joint Seminar, Workshop, Student and Faculty Exchange Programmes. NU and Plovdiv University will endevour to contribute in enriching development of pharmacy and jointly work for enhancement of the quality of education imparted to students in pharmacy discipline.

2. Nature of Relationship

Both NU and PU intend to co-operate in the following areas of work, jointly to bring closer the two organizations

- 2.1 To plan and implement joint research projects;
- 2.2 To jointly organize workshops, seminars and Programmes on subjects of contemporary and mutual interest;
 - 2.3 Exchange of students and teachers;
- 2.4 Reciprocal invitations of scholars for the purpose of talks, lectures and research;
- 2.5 Sharing of infrastructure facilities including laboratories, equipments and library for research with mutual consent;
- 2.6 Work jointly and participate in research activities happening at either side with mutual consent and in common areas of interest. NU and PU shall mutually support the above referred activities.

3. Obligations:

- 3.1 The Memorandum of Understanding between NU and PU shall not be exclusive to both Institutions and shall not disallow each Institution from having similar understanding with others.
- 3.2 The parties will look own and external resource to support joint programs. Main resources European and other funds are considered.
- 3.3 Each Institution shall respect the other's intellectual property and shall not use trade name, trade mark, symbol of designation belonging to the other without prior written approval: No Institution shall hold out an agent or representative of the other or create any liability for the other. The Institution shall indemnity the other for breach of this clause.
- 3.4 Both parties shall maintain confidentially about any information, course material, plans, discussions, strategies of any material which shall be deemed to be confidential and marked accordingly. Any information, course material or the like in the public domain shall not be part of this commitment.

4. Limitations and Warranties

- 4.1 Each Institution shall ensure that the other is not put to any liability for any act of the respective Institution.
- 4.2 Each Institution shall ensure that the other does not actively solicit the faculty of the respective Institution during the period of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

5. Validity

- 5.1 This MoU shall be valid for five years from the date and each Institution shall be at full liberty to terminate to the co-operation with a notice period of 3 months.
- 5.2 The present MoU shall take effect on the date of signing. After the concluded period and signing a new protocol on academic cooperation, the set agreement shall be extended for five further years.
 - 5.3 Legal claims of one party against the other are herewith excluded.

6. General

- 6.1 Each Institution will designate a representative from its side who will be the primary points of contact on behalf of that party.
- 6.2 Neither of the Institutions shall use the name of the other in any advertisement or any public announcement without the prior written approval of the other.

6.3 The following persons are appointed as representatives of the parties to facilitate cooperation between Plovdiv University and Nirma University

Dean of the Faculty of Chemistry assumes responsibility for coordinating collaboration on behalf of Plovdiv University

Director of the Institute of Pharmacy assumes responsibility for coordinating the collaboration on behalf of Nirma University.

The representatives shall assist and advise President/Rector of their Universities and other persons, involved in the activity, in all matters, related to the cooperation of the two Universities. As a rule they shall meet twice a year (if possible) to discuss the future program and any problems that have arisen.

- 6.4 Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as creating any legal or financial relationships between the Institutions. This agreement will be construed as statements of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial academic collaboration.
- 6.5 By signing below the Institutions acting by their duly authorized officers, have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed, effective as of the date and year first above written.

On behalf of Faculty

of Chemistry

Dean:

(Assoc. Prof. Veselin Kmetov, PhD)

On behalf of Ploydiv University

Rector

(Prof. Zapryan Kozludzhov, PhD)

Date: 1st June, 2018

On behalf of Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University

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⊬e Director:

(Prof. Manjunath D. Ghate, PhD)

On behalf of Nirma University

Director General: (Dr Anup K. Singh)