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## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION

### BETWEEN

The Faculty of Orthodox Theology from *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University* Iași, Str. Cloșca 9, Iași, 700066, jud. IAȘI, ROMANIA

### AND

The Institute for Peace Studies in Eastern Christianity, Inc. (US Employer Identification Number 26-4633958); Located at 21 Oak Ridge Drive, Ayer, MA 01432, USA; Mailing Address: Harvard Square, P.O. Box 380246, Cambridge, MA 02238-0246, USA

have concluded the following agreement:

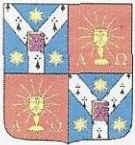
#### ***Article 1: Fields of Cooperation***

Cooperation between the two institutions will be undertaken from the perspective of promoting academic and cultural ties. That cooperation will include educational and research activities in all areas and disciplines offered at/or via the two institutions.

#### ***Article 2: Forms of Cooperation***

1. Both institutions agree that their cooperation will include, but not be limited to the following areas:
  - (i) The promotion of exchange of faculty members and/or researchers from/via both institutions;
  - (ii) Facilitation of the acceptance of faculty members and/or researchers from/via both institutions who are preparing for their doctoral or post-doctoral dissertations;
  - (iii) Promotion of collaborative research and collaborative publication of research results by faculty members and/or researchers from/via both institutions;
  - (iv) Promotion or facilitation of the exchange of students from/via both institutions;
  - (v) Promotion of the exchange of students in summer school programs;





- (vi) Promotion of the exchange of reference data, publications, and academic information and literature.
  - (vii) Facilitation of the mutual exchange of administrative and secretarial personnel attached to the academic departments and colleges, research laboratories and centers, libraries, and assorted administrative bodies of/via each institution.
2. Except for those provisions set forth explicitly in this document, any conditions related to implementing the activities referred to in this Memorandum will be negotiated by both institutions and the concerned parties and agreed to in a written document prior to commencing the activities.

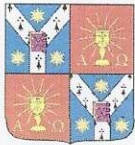
***Article 3: Exchange of Faculty Members and Researchers***

1. Each institution will endeavor to facilitate visits by faculty members and researchers from the other. Visiting faculty members and researchers will comply with administrative procedures required by and the regulations of the host institution.
2. Neither institution is expected to provide economic support for visiting faculty members or researchers from the other institution, but may do so at their own choice.
3. Each institution will assist visiting faculty members and researchers from the other institution in securing living accommodations, but are not required to provide such accommodations.
4. Each institution may grant or facilitate to visiting faculty members and researchers from the other institution the use of research space, libraries and other facilities, opportunities to audit lectures free of charge, and to the extent possible other common courtesies generally granted to visiting scholars.

***Article 4: Student Exchanges***

1. Both institutions will facilitate the exchange of graduate and undergraduate students.
2. Each institution shall be responsible for the selection of students participating in the exchange, subject to final approval by the host institution. The participating students from both institutions shall pay enrolment fee to their home institution and then study at the other institution without further charges for tuition fees.
3. Each institution shall help to arrange local accommodation for visiting students; provided, however, that cost of said local accommodation shall be the responsibility of and borne by the visiting students. Each participating student or his/her institution shall be solely responsible for travel arrangements and the costs thereof. Additional charges, such as passport, visa, telephone, books and any other kind of personal expenses will also be supported by the student.
4. Each institution can help its students by providing specific scholarships, and each institution will require participating students to maintain their own medical/health insurance to provide coverage while





participating in a student exchange program and all students shall be required to provide evidence of such insurance to the host institution.

**Article 5: Memorandum Administrators**

Ultimate responsibility for this memorandum lies with the academic authority of each institution, but responsibility for its administration will be delegated to the following officers at each institution.

**Article 6: Validity of the Memorandum**

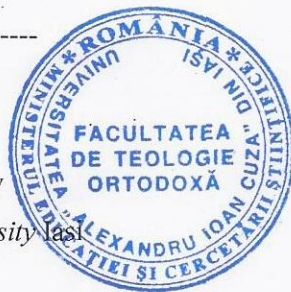
1. This Memorandum will come into force on the date that the governing bodies of both institutions give their formal approval and will remain in effect for a period of 3 (three) years after which it may be renewed.
2. Either party may terminate this Memorandum by officially notifying the other party of its intent to do so in writing by registered post six (6) months in advance.
3. The provisions of this Memorandum may be amended at any time by the mutual consent in writing of both institutions.

AS WITNESS the hands of the parties

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 Rev. Prof. **Ion Vicovan, PhD**

Dean

The Faculty of Orthodox Theology  
 from *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University Iași*



*July 24, 2015*

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**Marian Gheorghe Simion, MTS, PhD**

**Founder & President of the Board**

For and on behalf of the  
 Institute for Peace Studies in Eastern Christianity

*September 17, 2015*  
~~July 24, 2015~~