

ACADEMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

SOUTH-WEST UNIVERSITY "NEOFIT RILSKI"
(66, Ivan Mihailov Str., Blagoevgrad 2700, Bulgaria)
Represented by the Rector Assoc. Prof. Borislav Yurukov, PhD

And

CHEREPOVETS STATE UNIVERSITY
(5, Lunacharsky Ave., 162600 Cherepovets, Vologda region, Russian Federation)
Represented by the Rector Assoc. Prof. Dmitry Afanasiev, PhD

Preamble

Recognizing the mutual benefits through a cooperative programme promoting scholarly activities, scientific co-operation and international understanding, **Cherepovets State University, Cherepovets, RUSSIAN FEDERATION** and **South-West University "Neofit Rilski", Blagoevgrad, BULGARIA**, will enter into this academic cooperation agreement and agree to the following:

1. SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT

The Parties have agreed to establish a mutually advantageous cooperation in field of higher education and research. Activities may include any of the following activities:

- Development of collaborative research projects;
- Organization of joint academic and scientific activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures;
- Preparation and translation of textbooks manuals and curricula;
- Exchange of research, teaching and administrative personnel;
- Exchange of students, and post graduates;
- Exchange of publications, covering all the aspects of co-operation and other materials of common interest.

Under this agreement, the partner institution will be able to keep its students informed about the International Master's Degree Programmes for foreigners, provided in both universities and to facilitate their application to these programmes.

Implementation

In order to carry out and fulfill the aims of this agreement, each of the partner institutions shall appoint a Coordinator, who shall manage the development and conduct of joint activities.

Either party may initiate proposals for activities under this agreement.

Specific details of any activity shall be set forth in a Supplemental Letter of Agreement, which shall become an integral part of the general Agreement upon signing by the leaders at each institution. The addendum shall include such items as number and period of student and staff

exchange, budgets, and sources of financing, the responsibilities of each party and other items necessary for the efficient achievement of the activity.

Duration and termination of the Agreement

This Agreement shall become effective on the date it is signed by both parties and shall be valid for a period of three (3) years, but may be renewed or extended by mutual consent.

Any changes to this Agreement shall be subject to the written consent of both parties.

Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time if the terminating party gives written notice of its intention at least three months prior to termination.

Any dispute arising under the terms of this Agreement shall be referred to an independent mediator as agreed by both Parties.

In the spirit of international academic friendship and cooperation, we hereby set our signatures.

Signed on behalf of:

**CHEREP OVETS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



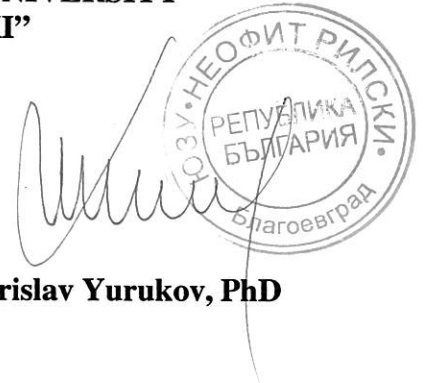
Assoc. Prof. Dmitry Afanasiev, PhD
Rector

Date:

Signed on behalf of:

**SOUTH-WEST UNIVERSITY
“NEOFIT RILSKI”**

BULGARIA



Assoc. Prof. Borislav Yurukov, PhD
Rector

Date: