MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

SHARIF UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, I.R. IRAN

AND

UNIVERSITY OF BAGHDAD, IRAQ

In order to facilitate international academic exchange, to develop academic and scientific relationships, and in support of collaborative research activities Sharif University of Technology ("SUT") based in Tehran, I.R. IRAN and University of Baghdad ("UB") based in Baghdad, IRAQ enter into this Agreement for Academic Cooperation between the two Institutions as follows:

I. The two parties agree to explore:

1- Exchange of researchers, academic staff, and graduate students.
2- Holding of joint workshops, seminars, and conferences.
3- Exchange of information, publications, and research materials.
4- Engaging in joint research project.
5- Co-operative teaching and research.
6- Visiting of faculty staff, research fellows and students.

II. This Memorandum does not, in and of itself, obligate either SUT or UB to any financial expenditure, unless otherwise expressed explicitly in this Memorandum or to be indicated as an amendment to this MOU.
III. Financial expenditure:

1. In the case of visiting faculty staff and students, especially when an invitation is made for delivering a talk or running a workshop, depending on the case either of the institutions may pay the financial expenditure.

2. In the case of non-degree student exchange (Ph.D. students’ sabbatical leave) or faculty members’ sabbatical leave, the sending institute will be responsible for the financial expenditure.

IV. Every effort will be made to encourage productive relationships and exchanges in all related fields identified by interested members of collaborating institutions. The two institutes agree to co-operate in discussions to identify areas where staff and students of both universities can work together to promote international excellence in higher education.

V. Each university will share information with the other to help promote mutual understanding, and each will respect the confidentiality and intellectual ownership of this information.

VI. Each university will seek to promote co-operation to mutual benefit, and will be responsible for its own actions and its own costs associated with this MOU.

VII. Each university will respect the name and high reputation of the other, and will consult with the other regarding any publicity or external reference to this Memorandum.

VIII. Memorandum signed by the two parties will remain valid for five (5) years. The MOU can change if both parties desire but at least six (6) months notice must be given before the expiry date. The renewal will be expressly possible after assessment by the parties.

IX. In witness whereof the undersigned, representing their respective institutions, hereby sign and approve this MOU in duplicate, one copy for every signing party.

Signed on behalf of their respective institutions:

For Sharif University of Technology
Date: Sept. 30, 2012
Signature: [Signature]
Professor Reza Roostaazad
President

For University of Baghdad
Date: 10/10/2012
Signature: [Signature]
Professor Mosa Al-Mosawe
President