GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Engineering
East Lansing, Michigan, U.S.A.

AND

UNIVERSITY OF BAGHDAD
College of Engineering
College of Science
Al-Khawarizme College of Engineering
College of Science for women
Laser institute for graduate studies
Development and continuous education center
Jadriya, Baghdad, Iraq

The College of Engineering at Michigan State University and the College of Engineering, College of science, Al-Khawarizme College of Engineering, College of Science for women, Laser institute for graduate studies, and Development and continuous education center at university of Baghdad establish this General Agreement to foster international cooperation in education and research.

1. Both parties agree to encourage the following activities, in particular to promote international academic cooperation:

   (a) Exchange of materials in education and research, publications, and academic information;
   (b) Exchange of faculty and research scholars;
   (c) Exchange of students;
   (d) Joint research and meetings for education and research;
   (e) Technical assistance;

Before these activities can be implemented, both parties shall discuss the problems involved to the satisfaction of each party and enter into specific activity agreements based on the mutually agreed objectives and outcomes of the relationship.

2. This General Agreement shall be applicable to educational and research organizations attached to each party.

3. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, is merged in this agreement.

4. This Agreement is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial relationships between the parties. Rather, it is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial exchange process/research relationship, and so forth.
5. This General Agreement shall become effective as of the date of signatures of both parties. The Agreement may be amended by the written consent of the parties.

6. This Agreement should be reviewed every five years to evaluate the progress and the quality of the mutual cooperation. The Agreement may be extended for additional five-year periods upon the written consent of both parties. If the Agreement is not renewed by mutual consent, the Agreement will conclude at the end of the specified time period, or after activities in progress have concluded.

7. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with a minimum of 120 days written notice. Activities in progress at the time of termination of this Agreement shall be permitted to conclude as planned unless otherwise agreed.

8. Both institutions subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, height, weight, marital or familial status, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability.

9. Each party shall designate a person or office to serve as liaison for implementing this Agreement. For Michigan State University, the contact person will be Dr. Manoochehr Koochesfahani, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, College of Engineering, 3410 Engineering Building, 517-432-2464, adgs@egr.msu.edu. For University of Baghdad, the contact person will be Dr. Bahaal I Kazem, Director of Development and continuous education center, Jadriya, Baghdad University, Baghdad, IRAQ, mobile: 009647901676075, Fax: 0096417783592, drbahaal@gmail.com, bkaeem@uobaghdad.edu.iq, bahaak@hcfd.org.

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Date

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Date 17th Oct. 2010