**AGREEMENT FRAMEWORK OF MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSIDAD DE SAN BUENAVENTURA SECCIONAL MEDELLIN (COLOMBIA) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Of the one part, the Universidad de San Buenaventura seccional Medellin, represented by its Rector Fray José Alirio Urbina Rodríguez OFM, and the University of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, represented by its Rector \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the other part, acting in function of their respective positions and in exercise of the faculties they are conferred, agree to subscribe the present agreement of cooperation which is developed, based on the following declarations and clauses.

**DECLARATIONS**

The Universidad de San Buenaventura seccional Medellín, declares:

1. That it is a Higher Education Institution, with its own legal status, duly bestowed and registered by the competent Colombian authorities.
2. That the offerings of high standards in the quality of teaching, research, extension, and the university wellbeing services, make part of its substantial functions.

1. That it is a Franciscan Catholic University, which develops and offers academic integrated services of excellent quality, to satisfy the needs of the society.
2. That Fray José Alirio Urbina Rodríguez OFM, in his quality of Rector of the Universidad de San Buenaventura seccional Medellín, is fully allowed to celebrate the present agreement in conformity with what was stipulated in the Organic Statute of the University.
3. That it points as its domicile for all the effects required, the one located at the headquarters of San Benito, located at Carrera 56C 51-110, Medellin Colombia and whose web page is [www.usbmed.edu.co](http://www.usbmed.edu.co), and telephone number (57+ 4) 514 56 00.

THE UNIVERSITY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_declares:

**(**This information must be filled out by the other UNIVERSITY)

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 **Both parts declare:**

1. That the mutual complementation is useful for the respective institutional development, increasing their teaching, research, technological and cultural capacity.
2. That in this way, they comply with the social responsibility of the knowledge of which both universities highly participate of.
3. That they recognize one another as people able to celebrate the present agreement which is bound to the following clauses:

**CLAUSES**

**FIRST:** This agreement is established to develop programs of joint studies, exchange and cooperation in the teaching, student formation and research fields according to the terms mentioned hereinafter.

**SECOND:** These activities will be specially focused on the following fields:

1. The facilitation of information from both parties or the obedience of this from one of them, concerning to study plans, administration and teaching planning.
2. Exchange of didactic and bibliographical material.
3. Professor stays for specific periods, in order to give conferences, take part in courses and in the development of common teaching.
4. Joint realization of studies and research projects about issues of common interest, being able, in such cases, to resort to external financial sources for the development of these, prior agreement of both parties
5. Collaboration in research and development projects the counterpart is executing, exchanging information, professors, researches, administrative and technical staff.
6. Attendance of professors and graduates to post grades and specialization courses, doctorates and extension courses
7. To offer facilities in the use of the lab equipment as well as the attendance in the use of it.
8. Academic orientation for the students, with the purpose of having them participate in seminars and others.
9. The arrangement of lectures, seminars and courses of issues that might be of interest for both parties or each university.
10. Elaboration of programs and plans of joint studies.
11. Other cooperation activities agreed by both parties.

**THIRD**: likewise, both universities undertake mutually to:

1. Offer access facilities to the academic, scientific, technological and cultural services to the professors, researchers, graduates, students and visitors of the counterpart.
2. The host institution will provide assistance in the accommodation search and the establishment of contacts with the faculty members of the corresponding program.
3. The students, who will make exchanges, will have the right to all the privileges that are normally given to the students of the host university.

**FOURTH:**  Both institutions agree to open the exchange fields to all the disciplines or study areas each one offers.

**FIFTH:** The technical, administrative and teaching personnel offered by both universities for the mentioned activities must be accepted by both parties under strict professional suitability for the alleged tasks.

**SIXTH:**  the participants of the exchanges provides in the present agreement will be appointed by the home university and accepted by the host university and each one will be responsible for each person welcomed to this exchange ,covering his accident and disease policies abroad.

**SEVENTH**: for each concrete program or project a specific contract must be developed.

This document must include the following information:

1. The origin, nature and the description of the program-project.
2. The names of the responsible ones and the participants of each institution.
3. The program- project duration.
4. The financial resources expected to cover the expenses related to the project and the money in question distribution.
5. The forecasts made for the accommodation and the participation of the guests in the university activities, etc.

These specific agreements must count with the approval of the Rectors of each university.

**EIGHTH**: In the case of joint study programs or of students mobility, the professors of the pertinent academic areas, will establish procedures for the credit transferences and the study recognition procedures, according to the valid law in both countries, to facilitate the validity in the home institution of the studies made in the targeted institution.

This system must be described in the corresponding specific exchange agreement and must be approved by the corresponding academic authorities of both universities.

**NINETH**: All the information resulting from the joint activities made under this agreement will be available to both parties, unless other rules are established. The patents susceptible to be developed will be tied to norms and laws about patents existing between each inventor and his institution. The established agreements about the use of patents must have the consent of all the co-inventors.

**TENTH:** The copy wrights originated from works made in the framework of this agreement, belong to both parties.

In those initiatives in which it is possible to obtain important economic results, both

parties will make the appropriate provisions respect to the property of the results obtained, as well as their protection.

**ELEVENTH**: Both parties are undertaken to perform the pertinent steps before the respective official institutions, such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of each country, scientific and technical research councils and so forth: International organisms, foundations, public good organizations or private associations, with the purpose of procuring their contribution for a better achievement of the objectives of the present agreement.

**TWELVETH**: Each Rector will appoint a committee, commission or a person responsible

to coordinate and revise the activities that are undertaken in the framework of the agreement, in a term no longer than three months. Each university will write an annual report of the activities which will be sent to the other contractor part.

All these activities must be approved by both Rectors, who will appoint the people responsible of executing the corresponding projects.

**THIRTEENTH**: The present agreement does not limit the right of the parts to celebrate similar agreements with other institutions.

All that it is not provided in this agreement will be solved by a common agreement between the parties.

**FOUTEENTH:**  The present agreement will have duration of five (5) years from the date

it is ratified by the corresponding authorities, and might be tacitly extended to annual periods. However, any of the parts will be able to give up the present agreement by giving

a written notice to the other one, six month in advance, without affecting the pending actions that are not expressly rescinded by the signatory universities. In such circumstances, the terms in which the agreements will be interrupted will have to be agreed; no claim, obligation or compensation will be admitted after such an agreement.

Such communication must be addressed to the domicile registered in the present agreement by certified mail.

**FIFTEENTH**: Any question resulting from the celebration, interpretation and execution of

the clauses of this agreement is bound to the principles of law valid in the legislation of both signatories.

For the record and as a sign of conformity, this agreement is subscribed in two copies of the same tenor. Both copies have the same validity.

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| **BY THE UNIVERSIDAD DE SAN BUENAVENTURA SECCIONAL MEDELLÍN** |  | **BY THE UNIVERSITY OF** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
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| Fray José Alirio Urbina Rodríguez OFM |  |  |
| Medellín, \_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_of 20\_\_  |  | (City), \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_ |