



**CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTO
AND
SHOTA MESKHIA STATE TEACHING UNIVERSITY OF ZUGDIDI**

The University of Porto, Porto, Portugal, represented by its Rector, Professor José Marques dos Santos, with official address at Praça Gomes Teixeira, 4099-002 Porto, Portugal,

and

The Shota Meskhia State Teaching University of Zugdidi, Georgia, Zugdidi, represented by its Rector, Professor Teona Khupenia, with official address at 14 Janashia, 2100, Zugdidi, Georgia

considering the importance of establishing cultural and scientific exchanges, which could contribute to the progress and encounter to different cultures;

considering that both universities are bound with the same interests and objectives in the academic and cultural fields;

considering that universities are institutions called by the essence, goals and objectives, to establish communication channels, which would allow to exchange cultural and scientific knowledge;

agree to establish the following formal cultural and scientific agreement.

ARTICLE 1

The two universities agree to the following objectives:

1. Increase the scientific and cultural relationship;
2. Further the development of mutual collaboration;
3. Exchange of information, materials and scientific information in those fields which are of interest to both universities;
4. Promote teaching and researching in fields of mutual interest;
5. Promote the mobility of students between both universities;
6. Curriculum development;
7. Preparation of joint research projects;
8. Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
9. Exchange of accreditation procedures and standards.

ARTICLE 2

The two universities agree to identify specific areas of collaboration and to design projects of academic collaboration that shall be determined by mutual accord in writing (addendums) and will not exceed the validity of the present agreement.

ARTICLE 3

Matters arising in relation to the implementation of the joint academic projects shall be negotiated and dealt with between the two universities on a case-by-case basis.

All the expenses in executing the agreement will be negotiated and subject to the approval of the involved faculties, schools, institutes or departments of both Universities.

ARTICLE 4

The present agreement becomes effective on the date of its signature and is valid for the period of five (5) years after which it will be automatically terminated.

The agreement may be renewed upon mutual written consent by both universities at least six (6) months prior to the date of termination.

ARTICLE 5

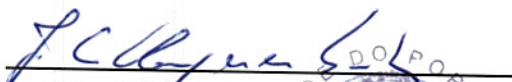
Any modification to the present agreement shall be undertaken by mutual decision in writing and any new changes will start on a date agreed by both universities.

ARTICLE 6

Either university may terminate this agreement by giving six (6) months notice in writing. Termination of the agreement is subject to finalisation of decided common projects and activities.

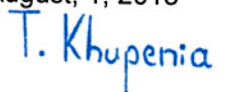
Fully accepting the articles stated above, the parties hereby sign this agreement in two (2) equally dated copies, in English language, with a copy to each part.

Porto, August, 27, 2013


Prof. José Carlos D. Marques dos Santos
Rector
University of Porto



Zugdidi, August, 1, 2013


Prof. Teona Khupenia
Rector
Shota Meskhia State Teaching
University of Zugdidi



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

DATE: 04.09.2013

SUBJECT: Cultural and Scientific Agreement between the University of Porto
and Shota Meskhia State Teaching University of Zugdidi

Ms. Bela Mosia
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Shota Meskhia State Teaching University
of Zugdidi
14 Jonashia
Zugdidi 2100
Georgia



Dear Ms. Bela Mosia,

I am very pleased to send you enclosed one original of the Cultural and Scientific Agreement between the University of Porto and Shota Meskhia State Teaching University of Zugdidi, duly signed by the Rector of the University of Porto.

I am certain that this agreement will contribute for the development of a fruitful cooperation between our Universities.

Yours sincerely,

ANGELA CARVALHO
INTERNATIONAL OFFICER