MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Yildiz Technical University
Istanbul, Turkey

And

American University of Sharjah
Sharjah, UAE

Dated: March 2, 2016
United Arab Emirates
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This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "MOU") is entered into by Yildiz Technical University (hereinafter "YTU") and the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates hereinafter collectively referred to as the "parties".

Whereas Yildiz Technical University is to become one of the most-preferred world universities with our educational, research and cultural environment;

Whereas American University of Sharjah aims to achieve and maintain pre-eminence as a coeducational institution based upon American models and grounded in the history and culture of the Arab Gulf region.

Now, therefore, the parties hereto agree to cooperate as follows:

I. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this MOU is to provide a framework of cooperation and facilitate collaboration between the parties, on a non-exclusive basis, in areas of mutual interest in the United Arab Emirates.

II. Areas of Cooperation

2.1 The parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:
- Joint research Projects and pilot projects;
- Exchange of research and teaching staff;
- Exchange of students;
- Exchange of scientific publications and other materials for research and educational purposes;
- Organisation of joint seminars, conferences, workshops and the like;
- Collaboration on ongoing research projects in the premises of each other utilizing research facilities and staff

III. Communication and Exchange of Information

3.1 The parties shall, on a regular basis, keep each other informed of and consult on matters of common interest, which in their opinion are likely to lead to mutual collaboration.

IV. Implementation Arrangements

4.1 When the parties wish to enter into a further specific co-operation (projects, special events etc.) within the framework of the MOU, the parties will sign a separate project-specific agreement, which will stipulate the obligations of the parties with respect to such co-operation. Any project-specific agreement will be concluded and carried out in accordance with this MOU, and will include a
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provision referring to the MOU, which is applicable to such agreements and the programs / projects resulting there-from.

4.2 In itself, this MOU will not carry any financial obligations for either party.

V. Use of Name and Logo

5.1 Neither party will use the name, logo or trademarks of the other party, or any abbreviation thereof, in connection with its business or otherwise without the express prior written approval of the other party in each case.

5.2 Each party acknowledges that it is familiar with ideals and objectives of the other party and recognizes that its name and logo may not be used in a manner inconsistent with the status and reputation of the other party.

5.3 The parties agree to recognize and acknowledge this partnership as appropriate. To this end, the parties shall consult with each other concerning the matter and the form of such recognition and acknowledgement.

5.4 Neither party shall speak or make public statements on behalf of the other or claim to represent the other, except in specific cases where express agreement is given in writing.

VI. Statutory Compliance

6.1 Each party will cooperate in the activities envisaged under this MOU in accordance with their own internal regulations, rules, and directives. Specific activities envisioned under this MOU that require financial commitments or liabilities of either party will be subject to separate written agreements.

VII. Duration of the Agreement, Termination and Modification

7.1 This agreement will enter into force for an initial period of 4 years, on the date of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the parties.

7.2 Either party may terminate the arrangements described in this MOU upon one month’s notice in writing to the other party. In the event of termination, the parties will take steps to bring the activities under the MOU to a prompt and orderly conclusion. Activities commenced under separate arrangements concluded under the MOU may also be terminated as agreed between the parties. In the event of breach of any terms of the MOU, it may be terminated without notice.
7.3 This agreement may be amended by mutual consent, provided that one of the parties notifies the other in writing of the proposed amendment.

VIII. Privileges

8.1 Nothing in or relating to this MOU shall be deemed a waiver, expressed, or implied of any of the privileges.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of YTU and AUS do affix their signatures:

American University of Sharjah
Name: Björn Kjerfve, Chancellor
Signature: [Signature]
Date: 24/03/2016

Yildiz Technical University
Name: Ismail Yuksel, Rector
Signature: [Signature]
Date: 24/03/2016

Communications in regards to any changes / renewal of this MOU should be done through:

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