Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation Between

The National Library of Serbia

And

The Bibliotheca Alexandrina

The Parties

Mr. Sreten Ugricic, Director of the National Library of Serbia and Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina represent the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA) and the National Library of Serbia, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”.

Pursuant to the desire to strengthen the existing cordial and friendly relationship between the Parties; enhance their cooperation in the areas of culture, library and information science, dissemination of information, and introduction to the history of the two countries.

Having agreed to harmonize the interests and targets of the two libraries;

Now agree on the following:

The Parties confirm that the articles they drafted and the legal capacity of both of them are valid.

The Parties shall harmonize their interests and targets, and reflect their desire to draft this Agreement as follows:

Article (1)

This Agreement shall regulate the relations between the two Parties. Hereby, the programs, activities and specific activities will be carried out jointly by the two libraries; National Library of Serbia and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.
Article (2)

The cooperation between the two institutions shall be achieved according to the regulations set for each activity. The joint projects shall include but not limited to the following activities:

- Organize cooperative programs in the areas of cataloging, automation, digitization and interlibrary communications, according to the plans developed by both libraries in this respect.

- Conduct and develop joint research projects in the fields of bibliography, library science and archiving.

- Organize joint exhibitions of mutual interest to both Parties.

- Develop a library material exchange with the aim of enriching the contents of both libraries.

- Promote scientific research in the fields of heritage and book printing.

- Develop programs for manuscripts preservation and restoration.

- Organize joint conferences and seminars on subjects of interest.

- Develop a professional librarians exchange program between the two libraries.

Article (3)

The Parties shall draft a three-year plan of implementation in order to render this Agreement effective.
Article (4)

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature for a period of three years to be renewed automatically, unless one of the Parties provides a written notification with its request for termination, three months prior to its expiry.

Signed in _____________ on _____________ in three equally authentic copies in Arabic, English and Serbian. In case of divergence in the interpretation the English text shall prevail.

For the Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Ismail Serageldin
Director

For the National Library of Serbia

Sreten Ugricic
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