MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN

AMMAN, JORDAN

In accordance with a desire to promote cooperation in areas of mutual interest for the benefit of both institutions, the University of Maryland, an agency of the State of Maryland, located in College Park, Maryland, and The University of Jordan, located in Amman, Jordan hereby enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a period of five (5) years from the date this MoU has been executed by both parties ("Term"): 

Article 1. The University of Maryland at College Park and The University of Jordan shall engage in cooperation in fields of common interest and shall develop joint projects in these fields.

Article 2. Joint activities will be established by mutual agreement of both parties. These projects are undertaken to enhance the exchange of scientific knowledge and cultural traditions at the global level, in keeping with the commitment of both parties to international scientific and cultural exchanges.

Article 3. Subject to future specific implementing agreements signed by authorized officers of each institution, both parties may seek to engage in the following types of cooperation within agreed fields:

   a) Exchange of faculty and students for research, teaching and study;

   b) Joint research activities;

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c) Exchange of scholars for seminars, conferences and other academic meetings.

d) Subject to separate written agreements, exchange of scholarly publications and other information, including library collections and services, in areas of interest to both parties.

Article 4. The two parties will designate individuals with responsibility for the coordination and implementation of this MoU. Initial contact at the University of Maryland should be made with the Associate Director, Office of International Affairs, Email: Scholten@umd.edu. Initial contact at The University of Jordan should be made with Director, Office of International Relations, The University of Jordan, Amman 11942, Jordan; E-mail: oirp@ju.edu.jo.

Article 5. Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated separately and will depend on the availability of funds.

Article 6. Both parties agree to exercise their best efforts in securing outside funding for joint projects.

Article 7. Entry and Visa Requirements for Visiting Faculty and Students: Both parties acknowledge that visits by faculty and students from one institution to the other shall be subject to the entry and visa regulations of the United States and Jordan, and also shall comply with the regulations and policies of the University of Maryland and The University of Jordan.

Article 8. Subsidiary Agreements: The parties understand this MoU cannot detail how each collaborative project will be implemented, administered, or funded. As a result, the parties agree they will need to enter into separate subsidiary agreements for each project they agree to undertake. Each subsidiary agreement will address the scope of work; each party’s contributions and obligations to the project; the administration, coordination and implementation of the project; the respective rights of each party to own, use and license intellectual property that is developed in the course of the project, and other issues the parties may mutually agree to address.

Article 9. Disclosure of Results of Academic and Research Activities: It is the policy of the University of Maryland that instruction, research, and services will be accomplished openly and without prohibitions on the publication and dissemination of the results of academic and research activities. As a result, the University of Maryland may not conduct classified or “sensitive but unclassified” work except with the prior written authorization of its President and the University System of Maryland Chancellor.

To assure compliance with University of Maryland policy and to protect the interests of both parties, if, in the course of conducting discussions or performing work under a separate subsidiary agreement, one party wishes to disclose information to the other party that the disclosing party considers to be proprietary, non-public, or confidential, the parties shall execute a nondisclosure agreement.

Article 10 Export Control Laws and Regulations: The export control laws and regulations of the United States, including the Export Administration Act and its implementing regulations, the Export Administration Regulations (15 CFR §§ 730 et seq.); and the Arms Export Control Act and
its implementing regulations, the International Traffic In Arms Regulations (22 CFR §§ 120 et seq.) ("Export Control Laws"), prohibit the disclosure to foreign countries and nationals of foreign countries of certain technical data under certain circumstances ("Controlled Information") without first obtaining a license from the appropriate U.S. government agency. Accordingly, the parties acknowledge that the evaluation, selection and funding of projects under this MoU must take into account and may be affected by the restriction of Export Control Laws.

**Article 11. Principles of Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination:** It is understood that both the University of Maryland and The University of Jordan subscribe to the principle of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, ethnicity, religion, or national origin. Both the University of Maryland and The University of Jordan shall abide by these principles in the administration and implementation of this MoU and individual undertakings and neither party shall impose criteria that violate principles of nondiscrimination on the selection of scholars or students.

**Article 12. Review and Renewal:** Both parties shall review the status of this MoU in the fourth year of the Term to determine any modifications that might be beneficial or necessary. The Term of this MoU may be renewed or extended by mutual written consent of authorized officials of both parties.

**Article 13. Termination:** The parties may terminate this MoU at any time by mutual agreement. Either party may terminate this MoU with written notification, signed by a designated official of the party initiating termination. Such notification must be given to the other party at least six months in advance of the effective date of termination. Undertakings still in progress at the time of termination shall continue until completion unless the parties agree otherwise in writing.

**Article 14. General:** The relationship between the University of Maryland and The University of Jordan is that of independent contractors. Neither institution is nor shall be deemed to be a partner or agent of the other, and neither institution shall represent itself as such. This MoU may be executed in multiple counterparts exchanged by facsimile or other electronic means of duly-signed duplicates, each of which shall be deemed an original but together shall constitute one and the same MoU.

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**University of Maryland, College Park**

Wallace D. Loh  
President

Date: April 24, 2013

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**The University of Jordan**

Ekhleif Tarawneh  
President

Date: Y-24-2013