

## **LETTER OF INTENT**

The Ministry of Health, Tivlisi, Georgia, hereinafter called the Georgian Ministry, and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, hereinafter called the Austrian Ministry

- having a common interest in scientific cooperation as a part of a wider co-operation between Georgia and Austria, particularly
- with a view towards establishing stronger ties between the Austrian scientific community and the scientific community in Georgia
- expecting to obtain mutual benefit from this cooperation

have agreed as follows:

### Article 1

This Framework-Cooperation between the Georgian Ministry and the Austrian Ministry shall help to supplement the cooperation between institutions of higher education and research in Georgia and Austrian universities and scientific research institutions already taking place on a bilateral level and in the framework of EU programmes such as TEMPUS-TACIS.

### Article 2

In order to deepen cooperation in the fields of medicine and natural sciences, 7 three-month stays and 3 one-month stays will be financed. These scholarships are to be consumed in the period between January 2004 and December 2005.

*Applicants* will be highly qualified junior university or research staff.

The program is open to *medicine* and *natural sciences*.

The *selection* of the person holding the scholarships will be made jointly by Georgian Ministry and the Austrian Ministry.

*Duration*: scholarship appointments will be for one month or for three months

*Scholarship*: provided by the Austrian Ministry according to the Austrian scholarship scheme

### Article 3

To facilitate a deepening of the cooperation and to work out a detailed program each party nominates a contact person in charge of the administration of the program. The costs for the administration will be borne by each side for its respective coordination/administration unit.

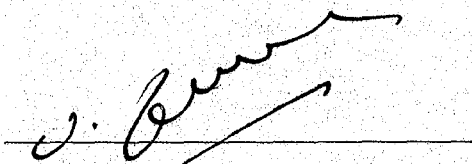
### Article 4

Additional support (e.g. scholarships for students, travel grants) for cooperation between individual Austrian institutions and institutions of higher education and scientific research in Georgia may be obtained through the regular channels of financial support for international cooperation on both sides. Besides, special efforts will be undertaken to cooperate in the framework of European Union Programs for higher education and the 6<sup>th</sup> European Union Framework Program for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration.

Applications for the Medical Seminars of the American Austrian Foundation are encouraged.

## Article 5

The present letter of intent shall be approved by the contracting parties in accordance with their existing procedures. Subject to the contracting parties having notified each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose, the letter of intent shall enter into force on the first day of the month following this notification.



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