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Agreement of Cooperation

Whereas, the Balkan History Association (BHA), located in Romania, is a non-profit, apolitical, and independent organization that aims to develop and promote at both national and international levels the interdisciplinary and comparative study of the Balkan region, and, more generally, of South-East Europe;

Whereas, the Department of History at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (DH-FHSS), Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Croatia, specialized in educational and scientific work in the field of history. The Department contributes to the education of future professionals, who apply and direct their acquired knowledge and skills to the national and regional prosperity;

Now therefore BHA and DH-FHSS enter into an Agreement of Cooperation to establish a program of exchange and collaboration in areas of benefit to both organizations.

I.

The purpose of the cooperation between the two is as follows:

- To deepen the understanding of the historical, cultural, political, economic, and social issues environment of Balkans;
- To facilitate the formation of a community of scholars specialized in the study of the region, as well as to engage in the formation and professional development of their younger peers;
- To create a platform for cooperation between researchers and the general audience, designed to facilitate a peaceful dialogue between the states in the area.

II.

To achieve these goals, the two organizations will, insofar as the means of each allow:

- Organize conferences, symposiums, lectures and other meetings on different research issues (including virtual events). The information related to these, as well as any research output generated on these occasions are advertised and published primarily through *Hiperboreea* or other journal/publisher;
- Promote organizational exchanges by inviting own members as well as scholars of the partner institutions or organizations to participate in a variety of research activities;
- Carry out joint research programs in order to contribute to a better understanding of the communities in the area, and their shared cultural heritage;
- Publish edited volumes and monographs;
- Promoting the Balkans as a region intrinsically linked to the larger European cultural, political, economic and social space;
- Exchange information pertaining to developments in research at each organization;
- Add a Logo & Link Exchange on the official websites.

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III.

This Agreement will be identified as the parent document of any program agreement executed between the parties. No modification, alteration or amendment of this Agreement will be effective unless in writing and signed by the Parties.

Further agreements concerning any program will provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each party and will not become effective until they have been put down in writing and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties. The scope of the activities under this agreement will be determined by the funds regularly available at both institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken and by financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution from external sources.

IV.

This Agreement is not a contract. This Agreement serves only as a statement of the general intention of the Parties and is not intended to be legally binding nor to be construed as an agreement on any matters mentioned. No oral agreement or conduct of the two Parties (including partial performance) in respect of matters stated in this Agreement shall be deemed to impose any obligation or liability on either Party.

This Agreement is not intended to constitute, create, give effect to, or otherwise form a joint venture, or other business entity of any kind. Neither Party shall act as an agent for, or partner of, the other Party. There are neither any rights nor obligations of the two Parties established under this Agreement.

V.

Although the intention of this Agreement is to discuss and negotiate issues with respect to a possible definitive agreement between the Parties, the relationship is non-exclusive, and the Parties shall have the ability to form similar or different relationships with other companies or entities of their choice.

VI.

All publications resulting from the collaboration between the two institutions must give recognition to the Agreement. Likewise, the Agreement must also be mentioned in all courses and formal presentations that result from collaboration under the terms hereof.

Should any faculty collaboration result in any potential for intellectual property, the parties will immediately meet through designated representatives and seek an equitable and fair understanding as to ownership and other property interests that may arise. Any such discussions will at all times strive to preserve a harmonious and continuing relationship between the parties.

VII.

The Parties intend to discuss with each other press releases in connection with this Agreement prior to publication of any press release.

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VIII.

The Parties understand that they are proceeding at their own risk and they understand that costs regarding the subject matter under this Agreement are to be paid for by the Party who incurs the cost. Nothing contained in this Agreement is to be construed as providing for the sharing of profits or losses arising out of the efforts of either or both Parties. Neither Party will be liable to the other for any costs, expenses, risks or liabilities arising out of the other Parties efforts in connection with this Agreement.

IX.

Upon approval by each organization, this Agreement will remain in effect for a period of four (4) years unless terminated earlier by either organization. Such termination by one organization shall be effected by giving the other organization at least six (6) months advance written notice of its intention to terminate. If this Agreement is terminated, neither organization will be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses which may result.

Notwithstanding the above, the period of this Agreement of Cooperation will, if necessary, be extended with consent in writing from the Parties.

Executed by the Balkan History Association and the Department of History from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in duplicate copies, each of which will be deemed an original.

BHA



By _____
(Signature)

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Title: President

Date: 15.12.2020

DH-FHSS

By _____
(Signature)

Name: Anđelko Vlašić

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