MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING by and between the UNIVERSITY OF BATH (United Kingdom) and UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE COLOMBIA which aims at promoting academic cooperation between the Parties.

The UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE COLOMBIA, autonomous entity of the Colombian state, attached to the Ministry of National Education of Colombia, governed at the moment by Decree 1210 of 1993, located at Carrera 45 No 26 – 85 Edificio Uriel Gutiérrez in the city of Bogotá D. C. – Colombia and herein represented by Professor Dr. Ignacio Mantilla Prada, named Rector by means of Resolution No 032 of 2012 and Possession Certificate No. 001 of 2012, acting according to articles 15º of the Agreement 011 of 2005, article 13 of Decree 1210 of 1993 and the article 3 of the Agreements and Contracts Manual adopted by Resolution of Rectory No 1952 of 2008 and the UNIVERSITY OF BATH, located at Bath BA2 7AY, United Kingdom, herein represented by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell, based on the shared understanding that cooperation between both institutions will further research and other academic and cultural activities, do hereby resolve to execute this Memorandum of Understanding, which shall be governed by the following terms and conditions:

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

The UNIVERSITY OF BATH and UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE COLOMBIA agree to promote academic cooperation between both institutions, in areas of common interest, by means of:

1. Exchange of teaching staff and researchers;
2. Joint development of research projects;
3. Joint organization of scientific and cultural events;
4. Exchange of information;
SECTION 2 – IMPLEMENTATION

For the purpose of implementing each specific cooperation activity, both institutions shall prepare a work programme describing the forms, the means and the respective responsibilities, which shall thereupon be the object of a Specific Agreement, to be executed by the concerned parties.

SECTION 3 – FUNDING

Each institution shall exert its best efforts to procure funding from internal or external sources, so as to ensure the feasibility of the cooperation programmes.

SECTION 4 – REQUIREMENTS

The scholars taking part in the cooperation programmes hereunder shall comply with the immigration requirements of the country of the host university, and shall contract an international medical and hospital insurance covering the stay abroad.

SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE TERM

This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective on the date of its execution and shall remain effective for a period of three (3) years. Upon the completion of this term, the Memorandum of Understanding may be reedited, upon the assent of both institutions, and such renewal shall take the form of a new Memorandum of Understanding or of a Specific Agreement.

SECTION 6 - AMENDMENTS

Any changes to the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective by means of an Amendment mutually accepted by the signatory parties.

SECTION 7 – COORDINATION

As coordinators for this Memorandum of Understanding, the following are appointed: on behalf of UNIVERSITY OF BATH, the Director of International Partnerships, Ms Caroline Baylon, and on behalf of UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE COLOMBIA the Director of External Affairs, Professor Catalina Arévalo Ferro.

SECTION 8 – TERMINATION

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated at any time, by either party, by means of a 180-day prior written termination notice. In the event of any outstanding issues, the parties shall define, under an Agreement Termination Instrument, the responsibilities for the closing of each one of the programmes affected by the termination, provided however that
the activities in course at the time shall be completed before termination becomes effective, as well as any other reasonable commitments.

SECTION 9 – SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

In order to settle any doubts that may arise under the performance or in the construction of this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties shall exert their best efforts to reach a solution by mutual consent. In the event such consent is found to be impossible, the parties shall jointly appoint a third party natural person, to act as mediator.

And having thus agreed and covenanted, the parties execute this Memorandum of Understanding in two (2) identical copies to one and same effect.

UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE COLOMBIA

Ignacio Mantilla Prada
Rector

Date: 06 JUN 2014

UNIVERSITY OF BATH

Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell
Vice-Chancellor

Date: 22 April 2014