

*The Coordination*  
**Between the Islamic  
and European  
Universities**

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The Universities are considered organs for the profound research its main goals are:

Gaining science and knowledge through scientific research methods.

Serving the community that surrounds the University by presenting scientists, experts and people who are able to lead the society in different fields.

Leading the economic & social development in the society, & showing the community the means of ideal utilization of the human & material resources.

- Also from the university tasks nowadays, is the coordination with other universities & educational organizations to cooperate in a harmony to be useful to each other

The studies of the beliefs & laws of the countries has a great importance in many universities especially the Islamic ones; as one of the main tasks of these Univ. is the promotion of the religious studies, Islamic laws & the Arabic Language, and the developing of its teaching programs, and making it easy for the students and researchers to acknowledge. It teaches the bases of Islamic, & clarifies the Quraan, the prophets speeches & Islamic jurisprudence (Fikh) with its different branches: Asoul Elfikh that help the interpreter & Elmojtahideen to reach the right Islamic legal judgements.

In addition, the Islamic Universities are concerned with teaching the Islamic civilization and the its values and principles, like: the justice, equality, the charity for others, the patience, the altruism, the sincerity, the neighborhood goodness, the non-harming for the others, respecting parents, the kinship connection, the respect for the old, the charity for the children, the God-fearing, and the work and

Also studying what were the Islamic civilization provided in the fields of the sciences and the literature and the arts.

The Islamic universities are interested in recent the studies, which resulted from the social and economic development. It teaches the economic science from Islamic perspective, and its application, through same establishments such as old of the Wakf, Zakah and Hisba new ones, such as Islamic banks.

These studies presents the Islamic perspectives of: human rights, healthy environment & maneo mmunication to clarify the Islamic menage.

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he plans and programs of studies. It established new faculties such as: faculties of commerce, medicine, pharmacy etc. Together with the old faculties such as the faculties of the religion principles, the Arabic Language,

the Islamic and Arabic studies, Sharia and the Law. In addition, it developed programs of Sharia studies.

### **The Coordination between the Islamic Universities:**

The Islamic Universities League is concerned with the coordination of activities done by the Islamic Universities by its main bodies as its general assembly, the executive board and the scientific committees.

The executive board and the general assembly adopt the decisions and the recommendations in the different matters, which the committees discuss or the member universities offer it.

The league has been interested in prompting the scientific work between the member universities. It offered elaborate studies about the challenges that will race the Islamic world in the next century. The league put main and continual burden on the universities, to teach and discuss the challenges that face the Islamic world; political, economic, social, civilized, educational, technological and informational. And provide the world by the suggestions of the Moslem scientists about these problems and what are the ways and methods for solving these the challenges that were shown in Amman announcement were; underdevelopment, globalization.

The Coordination between Universities and the Non-members scientific foundations:

The Islamic Universities League drafted its philosophy in the cooperation with the non-member universities and foundations, especially with Europe on the basis of the relationships, the historical connections between the Islamic and European universities. This cooperation has been developed in the last years in the European field and especially with Italy, its results were:

**First:** Ratification of the continuation of many agreements for the scientific & cultural cooperation between the member universities and European universities like the agreement between Tor Vergata University and Al-Azhar University, Florence University and Al-Azhar University and Ain Shams University, and many other agreements.

**Second:** Organizing symposiums and conferences and scientific meetings between the Italian universities and the Islamic universities, and spreading the results of these symposiums and conferences in both of Italy and Egypt.

These scientific meetings started by initiative from the Istituto per oriente Studies Institute, managed by Professor Francisco Castro, who invited many scholars from the Islamic universities such as Egypt, Tunisia, Algiers, and Morocco. They discussed many problems in the field of the law economic studies; and

many conferences were in caliggvi, Sircusa, Modena, Bologna. Also they discussed important problems like the third world debts legitimacy, the cooperation between the north and the south after Barcelona, and

Florence University a great role in the cooperation between the Italian universities and the Islamic universities by Professor Dr. Mahmoud Salem El-Sekh, and by strong supporting from Professor Paolo Balzi

University discussed and spread many conferences about the relationship between Islam and West. The last conference was in Rome on May 2000, it discussed important sides in the relationship between Islamic and Christianity, like the common conception for the human rights, justice, equality the social joint liability, and the sufficiency in the Islamic and Christian conceptions. Also it discussed the family.

This conference was in Gerogeriana University, and many Catholics universities, which in relation with the Vatican participated in it.

Worthy of the mentioning that the Islamic Universities League established committee for the relationship between the Islamic universities and the European universities. Also, Florence University has issued a decision for establishing this committee.

These committees are concerned with developing between the Islamic universities and European universities to achieve the following goals:

- 1 - Promoting the common goals of the Islamic and Catholics universities, and promoting the religious notions in the studying programs.
- 2 - Performing common researches and studies between these universities especially in the field of the religious studies.
- 3 - Developing the modern scientific studies, the to cope with the religious concepts, & exclude the atheistical concepts.

The ways, which help in strengthening and developing the cooperation between the Islamic universities and European universities, are as follows:

- 1 - Increasing the agreements, related the cultural and scientific cooperation, which include exchange of the professors, students and university leaderships.
- 2 - Establishing common committee for the cooperation and the coordination between the Islamic and Catholic universities; for planning and achieving common cooperation between these universities, as follows:
  - A - Making plan for the conferences and symposiums and scientific meetings, that must be carried out by the universities from both of the two sides.

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- B - Making plan for the common researches between these universities.
  - C - Making plan for developing the studies and researches to carrying out the goals and the requirements of the member universities.
  - E - Encouraging the researches in the Islamic and Catholic civilization, and encouraging the investors and the businessmen for achieving the superior civilized modes in the civilizations of the Islamic and Christian.
- 3 - Supporting the establishment of Institutions for the Islamic studies and the Arabic language studies in the European societies, and supporting the establishment of colleges for the theological studies in the Islamic countries which have Catholic minorities.

world need true cooperation for establishing the religiousness edifice in this world, disturbed by problems and flamed by the cases. The Islamic and Christian universities must help for mastering the mission of religions and for the way for them, and return the morals for the material world.