



## Cooperation Among Italian & Lebanese Universities

he 2000 Agreement on cultural, scientific and technological cooperation between Italy and Lebanon expanded the teaching of Italian as a second language in Lebanese secondary schools.

The Agreement prompted an intensified cooperation among Italian and Lebanese universities to this day:

"La Sapienza" University of Rome has undertaken in 2005 an agreement for cultural and scientific collaboration with the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, in the sectors of civil engineering and architecture. The Memorandum of Understanding provides the legal framework for training initiatives, joint research projects and the mobility of researchers and professors.

"La Sapienza" University of Rome signed in 2013 an Executive protocol of a framework agreement for cultural and scientific collaboration with the Antonine University, in the field of economics and statistics. The agreement allowed the development of an exchange program for teachers and researchers and for joint research and study activities.

The partnership between "La Sapienza" University of Rome and the Antonine University was further

enriched in 2018 by the signing of the Framework agreement for cultural and scientific collaboration, a wide ranging document, providing for training, research and mobility in the following domains: mathematics and computer science; physical sciences; chemical sciences; earth sciences; biological sciences; medical sciences; agricultural veterinary sciences; engineering and architecture; industrial and information engineering; antiquity, philological-literary and historicalartistic sciences: historical. philosophical, pedagogical psychological sciences; legal sciences; economics and statistics; political and social sciences.

The University "Carlo Bo" of Urbino signed in 2008 a Framework Agreement for scientific collaboration with the American University of Science and Technology of Beirut, with

a focus on civil engineering and architecture; antiquity, philological-literary and historical-artistic sciences. The two universities launched joint research activities and courses.

The Urbino's University further deepened its engagement in Lebanon in 2016, by signing an Inter-university cooperation agreement with the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, launching soon after the first joint study program in conservation and restoration of cultural heritage in Lebanon, which was officially inaugurated in June 2018.

In 2011 the University of Sassari entered into a five-year partnership with the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, in the domain of agricultural and veterinary sciences, and later on with the Lebanese University, also in the field of agricultural and veterinary sciences.

