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Scientific Working Visit of the President and Fellow Scientists of the University of Dohuk / Kurdistan / Iraq

In the framework of the DAAD-program "University Partnerships with Iraq" my staff and I work together in a cooperation project between our University and the Kurdish / Iraqi University of Dohuk to put the guidelines of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into practice, aiming on the implementation of inclusion in the educational system of the territory of the Kurdish regional government in Erbil.

This scientific cooperation has been existing since August 2013 and is funded by DAAD since April 1st, 2014.

Following two working visits in Dohuk / Kurdistan in November 2013 and April 2014, which for our part served to gain subject knowledge and develop the perennial laid out project conjointly with the Dohuk scientists as well as for mutual information and the alignment of interests, a return visit of the President of Dohuk University Prof. Dr. Mosleh Duhoky, the Dean of the Dohuk Faculty for Education and Sports Science Prof. Dr. Odeat Essi and of the Director of the Institute for European Studies Dr. Mamou Othman took place from May 25th to 31st, 2014.

The visit primarily served two goals: On the one hand the development and strengthening of the international relations of both universities Dohuk and Oldenburg, on the other hand the practice-oriented information of the Kurdish / Iraqi delegation about the educational opportunities, the offers of medical, social and occupational rehabilitation and the care of people with disabilities in the Federal Republic of Germany.

The expert discussions focused on implementation issues regarding the United Nations „Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities“ in both states, Kurdistan / Iraq and Germany.

Highlights of the work program consisted of a reception at the presidium of the University of Oldenburg by Vice President Prof. Dr. Gunilla Budde and two meetings - salutatory and leave-taking - with the Dean of Faculty 1, Prof. Dr. Manfred Wittrock.

Auf Präsidialebene sowie auf Fakultätsebene wurde ein „Memorandum of Understanding/ Agreement of Cooperation“ vereinbart und unterzeichnet.

At both faculty and presidential levels a „Memorandum of Understanding / Agreement of Cooperation“ was agreed on and signed.