



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### BETWEEN

University of Bari Aldo Moro, (fiscal code n. 80002170720) piazza Umberto I, n.1 - 70121 Bari - Italy, represented by the University Rector Professor Stefano Bronzini, born in Roma on January 3, 1959, authorized for the following provisions by the University Senate

### AND

Hebei Normal University represented by the University Rector Prof. Jiang Chunlan born in ..... on ....., authorized for the following provisions by the .....

### THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### Art. 1

1. It is both parties intention to develop the scientific co-operation by means of the mobility of students enrolled in doctoral (PhD) programmes. It is the expressed intent of both parties to actively seek to engage visiting doctoral students in courses as well as research projects.

#### Art. 2

1. Both parties should actively seek to invite doctoral students from the other party with suitable study subjects for visits, and to participate in courses and collaborative research.

#### Art. 3

1. Visits should be planned to encompass a minimum of six months for each doctoral student participating in the mobility effort in order to foster a close and long-standing collaboration. The time could be spent during one or several visits.
2. Each doctoral student participating in the mobility effort should have a well-documented plan for his / her visits, signed by the supervisors and the doctoral student jointly.
3. The visits should be planned to maximize the doctoral student's benefits in terms of progress in his / her doctoral studies.

#### Art. 4

1. A plan for a doctoral student's mobility effort and visit to the other party's university (see Art. 3.2) must be submitted to the hosting party at least 2 months in advance of the (first) visit.
2. An executive representative of the relevant department at the hosting party where the visit will take place, must approve the doctoral student's mobility-, visitation- and activity plan (see Art 3.2) before the (first) visit.

#### Art. 5

1. Each party is bound by this agreement to provide - free of charge - every visiting doctoral student under this agreement with access to courses, equipment and other relevant resources in accordance with the approved plan for the doctoral student's visits, see Art 3 and 4.
2. Art. 5. 1. is not valid unless Art 4.2 is fulfilled.



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#### **Art. 6**

1. Every doctoral student participating in the mobility effort between the parties, completing the with the hosting party in accordance with his her plan (see Art 3.2) will be given a certificate of the hosting party detailing his/ her efforts at the hosting party under this agreement. Both parties' logos should be included in such a certificate.

2. Both parties should have the right to inform third parties of the existence and the contents of this agreement in their information material such as web, catalogues, pdfs and brochures.

Any publication or disclosure of information by one Party or the other regarding the results of the programme established by this Agreement shall require the written consent of the other party. In the event of failure to respond or delay in responding the consent to publication may be obtained.

#### **Art. 7**

1. This agreement will only be valid for doctoral students enrolled on a doctoral programme at one of the two parties.

#### **Art. 8**

1. This agreement will not affect the status of any doctoral student's enrolment. Each doctoral student will remain exclusively enrolled at either party, under the respective national and local regulations applicable in each case.

2. This agreement does not guarantee that it will be possible to include the activities of any doctoral students during a visit to either party in their formal doctoral studies.

#### **Art. 9**

1. It is the hosting party's obligation to ensure that the visiting doctoral student is made aware of applicable national laws and ordinances as well as project specific agreements in connection with their visits.

2. It is the hosting party's obligation to approve the suggested visit plan (see Art 3.2 and Art 4.2) with respect to the legal aspects of the plan's feasibility.

#### **Art. 10**

This agreement does not encompass any financial compensations or exchange of funds between the parties. Each party will carry its own respective costs for activities in its own organisation (including costs relative to the activities and resources mentioned in Art 5. 1) as well as the travel expenses for any staff visiting the other party.

#### **Art. 11**

Doctoral students participating in the mobility programme which is the object of this agreement, will be covered by the health insurance of the university at which they are enrolled. Any supplementary insurance costs related to the doctoral student activity during the visit shall be covered by the host institute. Before travelling to the host university, all participants of the mobility programme must demonstrate that they have stipulated a health insurance policy.

#### **Art. 12**

This agreement is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of signing, with the possibility of renewal for a further 5 years by written communication between Parties

#### **Art. 13**

The parties agree to negotiate amicably any disputes, which may arise from the interpretation of this agreement. In case of impossibility of an agreement between the parties, an arbitration panel will be nominated, composed of one member designated by each of the parties and a third member chosen by common accord.



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