

# Collaboration Agreement

between

**THE INTERNATIONAL UNION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS AND LUNG  
DISEASE  
(The Union)**

And

**National Research Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (NRITLD)**

The "National Research Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease" (NRITLD) is recognized as a Collaborating Centre of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) from 1 November 2007 until 31 October 2009. During the course of this agreement, the Collaborating Centre will carry out the following activities:

1. Technical Assistance.

- a. Experts of The Iranian National Reference TB Laboratory will assist other countries in establishing TB laboratory networks;
- b. Special attention will be given to quality control and quality assurance;

2. Education and Training

- a. Experts of the Iranian National Reference TB Laboratory will offer regularly training and capacity building in smear microscopy, culture, drug sensitivity testing, and other laboratory methods;
- b. Experts of the Iranian Reference Laboratory will participate in the work of The Union Scientific Sections, in particular in the Section dealing with laboratory issues

3. Research

- a. Experts of the Iranian TB Reference Laboratory will engage in multicentre research with other countries
- b. The Iranian TB Reference Laboratory will, in collaboration with The Union, propose and coordinate research projects in laboratory methods.

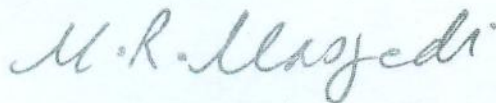
- c. The Iranian TB Reference Laboratory will, in collaboration with The Union participate in elaborating publications in the area of TB laboratory methods

#### 5. Advocacy and Publications

The NRITLD will not use the name of The Union, nor of any member of The Union's staff/consultants, in any publicity, advertising or news release without the prior written approval of an authorized representative of The Union. The Union will not use the name of the NRITLD, nor any employee of the NRITLD, in any publicity without prior written approval of the NRITLD.

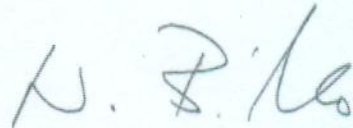
#### 6. Funding

Starting of any activity mentioned above is contingent having enough funds available. Funding will need to be obtained also from donors such as development agencies and foundations. The Union will make it a priority to assist in obtaining funds for collaborative activities.



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