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***SPECIFIC AGREEMENT OF ACADEMIC  
COOPERATION  
FOR THE MOBILITY OF TEACHING STAFF, RESEARCHERS  
AND STUDENTS  
BETWEEN  
UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO, ITALY  
Department of Surgical Sciences  
AND  
SHAHID BEHESHTI UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES,  
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN  
Department of Reconstructive Urology, Tajrish Hospital***

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Considered the Framework Agreement for scientific cooperation signed on 27th February 2019 Between UNITO AND SBUMS Chancellors and in accordance with quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education regulating organization and management of mobility,

Università degli Studi di Torino (UniTO), Department of Surgical Sciences, represented by the Rector Prof. Stefano Geuna, on one side

AND

Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences (SBUMS), Department of Reconstructive Urology, represented by the Chancellor Prof. Alireza Zali on the other

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The Institutions, for this purpose, agree to enhance the collaboration by implementing joint and coordinated didactic and research programs in the field of "Reconstructive Urology and Andrology".



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### **Article 1: Joint didactic programs**

- Internship/Apprenticeship/Fellowship clinical courses for postgraduate students affiliated to both involved institutes
- One joint annual seminar in reconstructive urology and andrology to be held at the mutually agreed venue (either via video-skype or meeting mode of presentation)

### **Article 2: Joint research project**

- Setting up annual scientific contest to be tailored for grant application (at least one per year) for research proposals
- Mutual clinical collaboration in postgraduate theses affiliated to both involved institutes
- Joint annual research projects in the field of reconstructive urology and andrology at the national, regional or international level

### **Article 3: Exchange of academic staff**

- Exchange of academic professors in the field of reconstructive urology and andrology.

#### ***3.1 Mobility flows***

For each academic year of validity of this agreement, the Parties agree to exchange a maximum number of one teaching staff/researchers from each Institution.

The maximum length of the stay for each teaching staff/researcher is settled in 6-12 months, as detailed in the technical annex (Table A).

The annex can be modified according to academic calendar or needs related to mobility expressed by the Parties.

#### ***3.2 Participant obligations and services***

The teaching staff /researchers involved in the mobility must comply with the rules in force at the Host Institution.

The Host Institution will provide any useful information in order to support teaching staff/researchers during the mobility period.

Costs related to expatriation procedures, accommodation and staying will be at the expense of teaching staff/researchers, unless otherwise agreed.

### **Article 4: Exchange of resources in education and research**

- Development of case-studies in the field of reconstructive urology and andrology





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- Corporation of reconstructive urologic data into the Reconstructive Urology Registry affiliated to the Department of Reconstructive Urology, SBUMS for pedagogical/research purposes (e.g. real-world case studies or educational modules)
- Daily workshops on reconstructive urology and andrology to be held online or in meeting mode of delivery

## **Article 5: Exchange of students**

### **5.1 Mobility flows**

Mobility flows will be defined for each academic year as shown in Table B on the technical annex of this agreement.

For each academic year of validity of this agreement, the Parties agree to exchange a maximum number of one postgraduate student in reconstructive urology and andrology from each Institution.

The maximum length of the stay for each student is settled in two months, as detailed in the technical annex, for clinical experience in corresponding hospital wards.

The annex can be modified according to academic calendar or needs related to mobility expressed by the Parties.

### **5.2 Selection procedures**

The home institution will be responsible for the selection of students, who must be authorized by the Host institution to start the mobility period. The dispatch of postgraduate students will be based on academic merits.

The Institutions must communicate candidates' data in accordance with modalities established and communicated yearly by the responsible Offices.

Students are required a good knowledge of the vehicular language used for courses. The assessment of linguistic knowledge will be detailed in the application calls or according to the internal regulations.

### **5.3 Students' enrolment, attendance and assessment. Academic recognition of didactic activities.**

Students in mobility can enrol to any course activated from Department of Surgical Sciences at UniTO and from [Reconstructive Urology Dept. Tajrish Hospital] at SBUMS, provided that they meet the minimum requirements for access, in accordance with the didactic regulations of each course.

Each student agrees with the Home Institution and the Host Institution a study program clearly defined through a Learning Agreement before the mobility starts. At the end of the period of study abroad, the Host Institution commits to provide the student with a Transcript of Records certifying the didactic activities carried out abroad.



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In compliance with the Learning Agreement, the Home Institution will recognize the studies accomplished at the Host Institution as an integral part of students' career. Recognition can be denied only if students do not achieve the level required by the Host Institution or do not satisfy the conditions required by the participating Institutions.

Academic recognition of didactic activities carried out abroad will occur in compliance with the credit converting system adopted by the signing Institutions.

#### ***5.4 Participant obligations and student services***

Mobile students must comply with the rules in force at the Host Institution.

The Host Institution will provide any useful information in order to support students during the mobility period.

Costs related to expatriation procedures, accommodation and staying will be at the expense of students, unless otherwise agreed.

#### ***5.5 Fees and other costs***

Mobile students are exempt from paying enrolment fees at the Host Institution and must pay fees exclusively at the Home Institution.

### **Article 6: Exchange of information and intellectual property**

- Setting up a joint database of clinical data in reconstructive urology and andrology for utilization in future research collaborations
- Building an online platform of reconstructive urology data to be applied by both parties for educational or research practices
- Setting up online journal clubs for postgraduate students of reconstructive urology and andrology

Technical and scientific results obtained within this agreement and the related rights will be owned by the Party generating them. Should the Parties reach such results jointly, the royalties will be co-owned. Each Party shall grant a free non-exclusive license to the other Party for the non-commercial use of the joint results.

A Party intending to publish any results generated in the framework of this agreement shall duly mention the name and participation of the other Party. Publication activities shall be compatible with the protection of intellectual property rights, confidentiality obligations and the legitimate interests of the owner(s) of the results.

At least 30 days prior notice of any publication activity shall be given to the other Party concerned, including sufficient information concerning the planned publication activity. The notification shall be given, via email, to the scientific Responsible of the Agreement.

Within 15 days of the notification the other Party may object to the envisaged publication activity if it considers that it can damage its legitimate interests.





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In such cases, the publication activity may not take place unless appropriate steps are taken to safeguard these legitimate interests.

#### **Article 7: Faculty member visit**

Short-term visits (3-7 days) of faculty members to advance educational projects or contribute to clinical procedures in the host institute.

#### **Article 8: Financial obligations**

The Institutions commit to find, whether necessary, the financial resources in order to achieve the abovementioned purposes.

Both Parties agree that all financial obligations should be negotiated in advance and will depend on funding availability.

Financial burden related to the activities covered by this cooperation agreement will be charged on the single Department directly involved in the initiative, unless otherwise agreed.

#### **Article 9: Insurance coverage**

Each person involved in the activities set out in this agreement must be covered by insurance for civil liability, usually paid by the home Institution.

Within the limits of the policy general and specific conditions, the insurance provides protection for accidents connected to institutional activities and duties previously authorized, in accordance with internal existing regulations, and carried out inside the university premises or third parties' premises.

This agreement does not provide coverage for medical and health costs. Each person involved must assume the related financial burdens.

#### **Article 10: Dispute resolution**

Any conflict that may arise between the signing Institutions, regarding interpretation, non-validity, execution, modification, termination of this agreement, will be settled amicably and by negotiation.

If the parties cannot achieve an agreed solution, the dispute should be submitted to the unappealable decision of an Arbitration Committee. This will be appointed ad hoc and it will be composed by at least three members. Each Party will appoint one of the members; these, in turn, will appoint by mutual agreement a third member acting as President.

#### **Article 11: Contacts**

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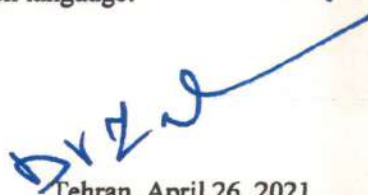
#### Article 12: Term, amendments, extension

This agreement is valid for five years starting from the date of last signature by the Legal representatives of the contracting Institutions and upon approval of competent Academic Bodies. Any amendment to this agreement must be approved in writing by both Institutions. This agreement can be renewed for an equal period, by mutual written approval.

#### Article 13: Drafting and signature

This agreement, written in English and Italian, is signed in four equivalent texts. Each Institution will keep at least one copy in each language.

Torino, [Date] 15/09/2021  
Università degli Studi di Torino  
Rector  
Prof. Stefano Geuna

Tehran, April 26, 2021  
Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Science  
Chancellor  
Prof. Alireza Zali