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Shahid Beheshti  
University of Medical Sciences

**AGREEMENT OF CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE  
AND  
THE SHAHID BEHESTI UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES**

*General Provisions*

- Given that cultural and scientific exchange is indispensable to academic institutions to develop their educational and research activities;
- given that, for the above-stated purpose, it is necessary to promote and encourage direct cultural agreements between institutions of higher learning in different countries;
- having verified the mutual interest that the University of Florence (Italy) and the Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences (Iran) share in establishing an appropriate form of exchange program in the fields of neuroscience and neurosurgery;
- in agreement with the laws of the two countries;
- in agreement with the Statute of the University of Florence
- in agreement with the Statute of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences

**BETWEEN**

the University of Florence, represented by the Senior Vice President, Prof. Andrea Arnone residing in Florence, Piazza San Marco, 4

**AND**

Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, represented by the Chancellor, Prof. Alireza Zali. MD, residing in Tehran, Iran

**THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF AGREEMENT ARE STIPULATED**

*Art. 1 - Units and Fields of Study and Research*

The two Universities intend to establish an exchange program initially in the fields of: neuroscience and neurosurgery.

The above-stated cooperation includes the following units of the University of Florence:

- Department of Neurosciences, Psychology, Drug Research and Child Health (NEUROFARBA)
- and the following units of the Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences:
- Department of Neurosurgery



The two Universities have the right to pursue, when they both deem it appropriate, other areas of cooperation. In this case, the parties will approve specific addenda to be attached to this agreement.

#### *Art. 2 - Purpose of the Agreement and Types of Collaboration*

The form of cooperation specified in art. 1, based on strictly-observed criteria of equality and mutual interests, includes the following activities:

- 1) Exchange visits of members of teaching and research staff of the units mentioned in art.1. Visits are intended to promote seminars, courses, conferences, lectures, to carry out joint research projects, to discuss experiences in fields of common interest, and so forth;
- 2) Circulation of publications and information on the specific fields of study and research included in this agreement and on any other subject of relevant interest;
- 3) Student exchanges for periods of study and research and other educational activities;
- 4) Exchange visits of members of technical or administrative staff when considered a profitable experience.

Promoting units can specify in specific protocols the different forms of implementation of such exchanges (i.e. visitor's length of stay and obligations, application selection procedure, detailed explanation of the fields for which the agreement is stipulated, etc.).

The universities subscribing this agreement intend to encourage student mobility according to a principle of reciprocity. According to the exchange programs, the host institution will make available to the guest students their educational facilities and tutorial services.

Upon the approval by the appropriate administrative bodies, exchange students will be given academic credits for the work done at the foreign institution.

All students participating in the exchange program will be exempt from the payment of registration or any other fees levied by the host university.

#### *Art. 3 - Supporting Activities*

The two Universities subscribing this agreement will exchange all relevant information - by supplying catalogues and other materials - to promote greater and mutual knowledge on their institutional structure and organization.

In conformity with laws and regulations of their respective countries, the parties of this agreement will provide to visitors from the partner institution all possible assistance and access to facilities to enable them to carry out the activities they agreed upon.

#### *Art. 4 - Insurance Procedure*

The participants to the exchanges, while exercising the activities provided for in the agreement, must have both accident insurance and third-party liability insurance for unintentional damage, hereby releasing the host university from any liability to this regard.

Such insurance coverage may be either provided by the home institutions, according to their own regulations, or contained in a policy covering the above-mentioned risks obtained by the interested person from an insurance company.

For what concerns health insurance (coverage for medical expenses and/or hospitalization) the participants must provide their own insurance according to the rules of the host country.

For specific needs related to insurance coverage for civil liability in the medical-health field, special supplementary agreements will be drawn up between the parties.





#### *Art. 5 – Funding*

Each of the parties commit, through their participating units, to provide funds to carry out the activities foreseen by this agreement.

As a general rule, the institution sending its members to the foreign partner is responsible for covering their travel, room and board expenses. The departments of the University of Florence participating in the exchange will be in charge of covering travel, room and board expenses of their members.

In case institutional funds are not available for these purposes, student and staff mobility will still be possible; in this case exchange visitors will be directly responsible to fully cover their own expenses for travel, room and board, at no cost to the two Universities.

#### *Art. 6 – Coordinators*

The implementation of the activities foreseen by the agreement will be promoted, initially, by the following Coordinators, appointed by each University:

University of Florence  
*Prof. Fabrizio Giansanti*  
Dept of Neurosciences, Psychology,  
Drug Research and Child Health (NEUROFARBA)

Shahid Behesti University of Medical Sciences  
*Prof. Alireza Zali, MD*  
Chairman of Department of Neurosurgery

#### *Art. 7 - Duration of the Agreement*

This Memorandum of Understanding is three (3) pages and signed in two (2) originals in English, both texts being equally valid.

Any modification to the present agreement shall be undertaken by mutual decision in writing and any new changes will start on a date agreed by both Parties. Should any disputes arise, the problem will be entrusted to a board of arbitrators made up of one member selected by each partner and one chosen by common consent.

This agreement will become effective from the date it is signed and will be valid for 7 years thereafter, unless notice of its termination is given by one of the two parties at least six months before expiration.

The Senior Vice President  
of the University of Florence

*Prof. Andrea Arnone*

Date.....

24 AGO 2021

Chancellor  
of Shahid Behesti University of Medical Sciences

*Prof. Alireza Zali, MD*

Date.....





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To Shahid Behesti University of Medical  
Sciences  
Office of the Chancellor

c.c. *To the Coordinator of the Agreement:*

Prof. Fabrizio Giansanti

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e Salute del Bambino (NEUROFARBA)

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Subject: Agreement of cultural and scientific cooperation between the University of  
Florence and Shahid Behesti University of Medical Sciences

Dear Sirs,

We have pleasure in enclosing two originals (in English) of the Agreement  
between our Universities signed by our Senior Vice President, Prof. Andrea Arnone.

Please submit them to the signature of your Chancellor, keep one original for  
your records and return the other one to the University of Florence, Internationalization  
and European Programmes Office.

We are looking forward to a successful collaboration with you.

Yours sincerely

*Dr. Silvia Villa*

Head of Internationalization and European  
Programmes Office