



Agreement of Joint Thesis Supervision



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Between

Messina University (Università degli Studi di Messina),
Piazza Pugliatti 1, 98121 Messina (Italy),
Here in after referred to as “UNIME” (**Host Institution**),
represented by Prof. **Salvatore Cuzzocrea, Rector,**

and

University of Sfax,
Route Matar, Km1, BP169, 3029 Sfax (Tunisia)
jointly referred to as “UoS” (**Home institution**),
represented by Prof. **Abdelwahed Mokni, President,**

and

Ms.
Herein after referred to as ‘the doctoral student’,

in which the aforementioned parties are jointly referred to as ‘*the parties*’,

Considering the Framework Cooperation Agreement of Culture and Scientific Cooperation between University of SFAX and University of Messina (Prot. UNIME 40515/2015);

- conforming to the regulations in force in Tunisia and Italy;
- the art. 4 of the Italian Law n. 210 of 03/07/1998, that provides for the Universities’ autonomy in setting up PhD courses within Universities’ governmental, educational and scientific autonomy, as modified by the Law n. 240 of 30/12/2010;
- the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research Regulation concerning PhD programmes, issued with D.M. n. 45 of 08/02/2013;
- the University of Messina Regulation concerning Research Doctorate course issued with the Rector’s Decree n. 1015/2016;

For University of SFAX (**Tunisia**) Tunisian Law regarding PhD course

- Vu le décret n° 2013-47 du 4 janvier 2013, fixant le cadre général du régime des études et les conditions d’obtention du diplôme national de doctorat dans le système "LMD

The following has been agreed:

Article 1 – JOINT THESIS SUPERVISION

The partner institutions hereby agree that they shall assume joint responsibility for the supervision of the doctoral student's doctoral research project, the organisation of the doctoral examination and the award of a doctoral degree.

Doctoral student's personal details:

Surname and first name: **Ichrak Ben Amor**
Official address (for correspondence): city zitouna agareb Sfax - Tunisia
Date of birth: **09/12/1994**
Place of birth: **SFAX/ Tunisia**
Nationality: **Tunisian**
Registered as a PhD student in **first year of doctorate in 2018/2019**

Article 2 – SUPERVISION OF THE DOCTORAL STUDENT

The doctoral student shall be supervised by the following thesis advisors:

- At UNIME:
 - Name: **Maria Teresa Sciortino**
 - Department: **Department of Chemical, Biological, Pharmaceutical and Environmental Sciences**
 - Position: **Professor**
- At the Université di Sfax
 - Name: **Saloua Lassoued**
 - Department: **Laboratory of analysis, valorization and safety of food, research group "Biotechnology etpathologies"**
 - Position : **Professor**

The thesis advisors undertake to fully assume their responsibilities as the doctoral student's supervisors, which includes holding consultations when required so as to be able to assess the progress being made in the research project.

- At the Doctoral School of UNIME:
 - The PhD student has to follow the rules as described in the Research Doctorate course issued with the Rector's Decree n. 1015/2016, with a particular focus the Art. 20 "Rights and obligations".
 - The PhD student should follow the official activities of the PhD program during her staying at UNIME as provided by the coordinator of the PhD program in **Applied Biology and Experimental Medicine XXXIV Ciclo**
- At the Université di Sfax
 - PhD program in **National Doctorate Degree (LMD System) in Biology**

Article 3 – ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL STUDIES – DOCTORAL THESIS SUBJECT

The doctoral student will be admitted at the first year of academic year 2018/2019 of the doctoral course in **Applied Biology and Experimental Medicine XXXIV Ciclo**. The doctoral program lasts three years and will end on September 30th, 2021.

- At Université de Sfax
The doctoral student is already registered at
 - “ Doctoral course in **first** ” year, academic year 2018/2019
 - The doctoral program for the student lasts three years and will end until 2021 (third academic year) in accordance with the duration of the Italian doctoral course,

The subject of the doctoral thesis is: ‘Study of the anti-viral activity of the essential oil of *citrus paradisi*: the herpes Simplex virus (HSV) and the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) as study models

Article 4 – ENROLMENT AND STUDENT SERVICE FEE

The enrolment fees will be paid only at Université de Sfax and the student will be exempted from the payment of fees at the UNI Messina.

Article 5 – AWARD OF THE DEGREE

If the doctoral student has passed the joint doctoral examination successfully, she shall be separately awarded a joint degree by the partner institutions conferring the following degrees:

- Doctor in **Biology** (Université de Sfax)
- Dottore di ricerca in: **Biology** (UNIME)

Article 6 – INSURANCE COVER

The two institution will guarantee Insurance coverage according to the institutional rules and the Italian legislation in force

In Italy, in addition to that, the doctoral student takes all necessary steps in order to arrange health insurance, insurance cover against physical injuries and third party liability whilst performing his or her duties within the framework of the doctoral research project at the two partner institutions, in accordance with the national and institutional rules and regulations in force.

Article 7 – Research at partner institution

The doctoral student shall spend the following alternate or consecutive research periods at both partner institutions. The period of the joint research activities will be organized as follow:

<i>Institution</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
<i>UNI SFAX (HOME Institution)</i>	01/09/2019	29/02/2020
<i>UNIME</i>	01/02/2020	30/07/2020
<i>UNI SFAX (HOME Institution)</i>	01/07/2020	28/02/2021
<i>UNIME</i>	01/02/2021	30/07/2021
<i>UNI SFAX (HOME Institution)</i>	01/09/2021	01/10/2021
<i>UNIME</i>	02/10/2021	03/12/2021

Article 8 – THESIS DEFENCE COMMITTEE

The only Examination Board shall be comprised of six members (professors in the same scientific area) including the two thesis advisors that don't evaluate the candidate.

According to the new Italian rules, before the final examination, the thesis will be evaluated by two reviewers that are professors that don't participate in the final evaluation.

The two institutions, by means of the Deans, exchange any piece of information and all documents relevant to the organization of the joint sponsorship described in the present agreement.

Article 9 – DOCTORAL THESIS DEFENCE (PUBLIC DISCUSSION)

The public defence of the doctoral thesis shall take place in **Sfax** following the deadline provided by the partners law.

The partners agree that the deadline for the final examination is until May 2022 according to the Italian law that doesn't provide an extension of the legal duration of the doctoral course but provides the postponement of the final discussion if the Italian external evaluators of the thesis ask for it.

The two institutions have to consider that the student has to publish a scientific publication to be admitted at the final examination according to the Tunisian regulation. The student will have to submit her scientific publication in due time to allow the final examination until May 2022.

Article 10 – LANGUAGE

The doctoral thesis shall be written **in English**

An abstract of the doctoral thesis shall be supplied in **English**.

Article 11 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Intellectual property ownership will be based on the principle of inventor owns in accordance with the respective policies of each of the partner institutions.

Therefore, the protection of the research results arising from the doctoral research project, as well as any matter related to filing them, making them accessible, their publication and exploitation shall be discussed and agreed by the partner institutions and be in accordance with the national and institutional regulations in force.

Article 12 – COMMENCEMENT AND VALIDITY OF THE AGREEMENT

The present agreement shall take as and from the date of its execution by the authorised representative of each contracting Institution and expires at the end of final examination procedure according to the Italian law.

Article 13 – VALIDITY OF THE AGREEMENT AND SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES

The stipulations of this agreement may not conflict with the provisions of the regulations at the UNIME, host institution.



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Drawn up in in six original copies, date: _____

For Université de Sfax (stamp and signature)

President

- Prof. **Abdelwahed Mokni**

The Professors

Thesis Advisor

- Prof. **Saloua Lassoued**

PhD Programme Coordinator

- Prof. **Hbaieb Mohamed**

The Doctoral Student

Ms. Ichrak Ben Amor



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For Università degli Studi di Messina (stamp and signature)

Rector

Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea

The Professors

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Prof. Maria Teresa Sciortino

PhD Programme Coordinator

Prof.