



# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REGARDING COOPERATION BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA

**AND** 

THE EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY





The University of Messina - Italy, legally represented by the Prorector, Prof. Emanuele Scribano,

and

The Eastern Oregon University, legally represented by the President Thomas Insko

hereby "the Parties";

Considering the interest of the Parties to establish a cultural scientific and didactic cooperation in fields of mutual scientific interest;

Considering cultural diversity an incentive, rather than an obstacle, to innovation and international cooperation;

Agree under the following conditions:

#### 1st Article

The Parties are committed to promote joint didactic, research and cultural activities as well as scientific exchanges in the areas of mutual interest; to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research; to keep up with academic trends and to share innovations.

## 2nd Article

The cooperation between the Parties may consist in cultural and scientific activities such as:

- mobility of academics, researchers, technical-administrative staff and students;
- mobility of Ph.D. students for thesis co-tutorship whose terms and conditions will be defined in specific agreements
- joint research projects in areas of common interest;
- exchange of information, scientific works and other scientific and didactic materials of mutual interest:
- joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, symposia, etc.;
- access to IT and research equipment and other facilities of both Institutions.





## **3rd Article**

Scientific aims, implementation procedures as well as expected results of each specific cooperation activity will be defined in specific protocols annex to the present Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Cooperation. Within the limits of rules and regulations in force in each country, the Parties are engaged to find the necessary financial means to implement each specific cooperation activity.

### 4th Article

The parties agree that this Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Cooperation cannot be enforced by legal action. This Memorandum of Agreement creates no right, benefit, or responsibility – whether substantive or procedural – in any jurisdiction. Nothing in this MOU authorizes any of the parties to obligate or transfer anything of value.

#### 5th Article

The present Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Cooperation shall be in force for a period of 5 years from the date of the last signature. Any amendment shall be made in written by the Parties. At the end of the period of 5 years the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Cooperation may be renewed in written, unless 6 months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies to the other Party the decision not to renew it.

## 6th Article

The present Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Cooperation includes two equivalent texts in English language.

Date	Date
Prof. Emanuele Scribano	Thomas Insko
Prorector of the University of Messina,	President of the Eastern Oregon University,
Italy	United States of America