

# **Memorandum of Understanding on Academic and Research Cooperation**

BETWEEN

**University of Messina**

AND

**Institute of Physics of Materials AS CR**

AS PARTIES OF THIS MEMORANDUM

On the one hand, Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea, rector of the University of Messina, Piazza Pugliatti 1, 98122 Messina, Italy.

On the other hand, prof. Mgr. Tomáš Kruml, CSc., director of Institute of Physics of Materials AS CR, Žižkova 513/22, 616 00 Brno, Czech Republic

AS SIGNATORIES OF THIS MEMORANDUM

Both parties, in accordance with the positions they occupy, as representatives of their respective institutions/universities, recognise their mutual capacity to sign contracts and assume obligations within the terms of this Memorandum, and hence

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They have common objectives with regards to the execution of research and teaching projects, the training of new teaching staff and research staff in scientific and technological fields, and to the exchange of students and research staff. They consider it proper to set up a Memorandum of Understanding on Academic and Research Cooperation, and hereby agree as follows:

## **Article 1. Representations and Warranties**

a) University of Messina represents and warrants that it is a duly organized public institution in good standing under the laws of Italy; that it has the corporate authority to enter into the Memorandum; and that entering into and performing the Memorandum with Institute of Physics of Materials AS CR does not violate any law, rule, or regulation governing universities/research institutions operating within Italy.

b) Institute of Physics of Materials AS CR represents and warrants that it is a duly organized public research institution in good standing under the laws of Czech Republic; that it has the corporate authority to enter into the Memorandum; and that entering into and performing the Memorandum with the University of Messina does not violate any law, rule, or regulation governing universities/research institutions operating within Czech Republic.

## Article 2. Scope of the Memorandum

On the basis of friendship, the Parties wish to cooperate and support mutual activities in the following fields:

- a) **Research** – to establish joint research projects and research programs;
- b) **Exchange of Students, Teaching and Academic Staff** – to support mobility of students, teaching and academic staff
- c) **Social and Cultural** – to strengthen and to develop social and cultural contacts and understanding of national cultures of the Parties

## Article 3. Finance

- a) This Memorandum does not give rise to any financial obligation.
- b) The Parties will extend to each other the most favorable treatment.

## Article 4. Term of the Memorandum

The present framework agreement 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 framework cooperation agreement 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.

## Article 5. Notices and Contacts

- a) Any notices shall be properly delivered by registered mail or an express delivery service to:

University of Messina  
Piazza Pugliatti, 1  
98122 Messina, Italy  
[rettorato@unime.it](mailto:rettorato@unime.it)

Institute of Physics of Materials AS CR  
Žižkova 513/22  
616 00 Brno, Czech Republic  
[secretar@ipm.cz](mailto:secretar@ipm.cz)

- b) Each Party will appoint a contact person and will inform the other Party about it. Should there be any change in the contact person, the Party of change will inform the other Party without hesitation.

## Article 6. Amendments

All amendments will be made in writing and signed by both Parties.

## Article 7. Miscellaneous

This Memorandum is prepared in English language and signed in four prints; each party will receive two of them.

In witness thereof, each of the undersigned has executed this Memorandum on his/her free will.

Messina, date

Brno, date

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea  
rector

By \_\_\_\_\_  
prof. Mgr. Tomáš Kruml, CSc.  
director