



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

Between

RAJAIE CARDIOVASCULAR, MEDICAL AND RESEARCH CENTER UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

& [Department of Medical Sciences and
Department of Surgical Sciences]





Rajaie Cardiovascular Medical, and Research Center, (Rajaie), represented by the President Feridoun Noohi, on one side

and

Università di Torino (UniTO), Department of Medical Sciences and Department of Surgical Sciences, represented by the Rector Prof. Stefano Geuna, on the other

# Have reached the following understanding:

#### Purposes

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the basis for joint didactic and/or scientific activities within the following health and medical sciences disciplinary fields according to the following general principles:

- 1. The Parties intend to conduct all activities in the spirit of partnership and the pursuit of scientific excellence.
- 2. The cooperation provided for in this MOU does not affect relations already established between institutions or individuals of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Italy. It merely stipulates the Parties' intention to identify new areas for joint activities.

#### Subject of collaboration

The Institutions, for this purpose, decide to enhance the collaboration by implementing joint and coordinated didactic and research programs, including:

- 1. Research projects and initiatives of common interest
- 2. Teachers, researchers, PhD students, students, administrative and technical staff mobility
- 3. Joint use of laboratories, infrastructure, libraries, etc.
- 4. Joint participation in meetings, conferences, and symposia
- 5. Sharing of information, scientific publications, and other didactic and scientific tools of common interest
- 6. Dissemination of scientific results obtained from the collaboration
- Collaboration through any other means that may be useful to achieve common purposes
- 8. Exchanging and training scientists and delegates
- 9. Twinning programs
- 10. Enhancing participation of these scientists III congresses, symposia, and workshops





11. Arrangement and agreement to send consultant physicians and accompanying teams upon availability and possibility

For each area of cooperation, the Parties or their designees intend to take the lead in overseeing the practical implementation of activities. The appropriate entities of the two parties shall be responsible for coordinating communications and activities with their counterparts and should be responsible for fulfilling mutually decided responsibilities.

Provision of accommodation for scientists for the duration of their stay depends upon the availability and prior arrangements with the least possible rate.

The parties and appropriate entities intend to consult with each other on a regular basis so as to:

- 1) reach consensus on proposals for joint research.
- 2) develop projects under this MOU.
- 3) evaluate completed projects.

The Parties and appropriate entities may hold meetings to discuss issues arising from the implementation of this MOU if necessary. Such meetings shall he held in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Italy, alliteratively.

The projects under this MOU shall be implemented based on consultations between the Parties and project managements signed by relevant participants.

#### **Financial commitments**

All activities undertaken, pursuant to this MOU, shall be conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations of the two countries and shall be subject to the availability of personnel, resources, and appropriated funds.

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

Both Parties decide that all financial commitments should be negotiate in advance and will depend on funding availability.

Financial burden related to the activities covered by this MOU shall be charged on the single department directly involved in the initiative, unless othelwise decide.

#### Insurance coverage

Each person involved in the activities set out in this MOU 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 MOU does not provide coverage for medical and health costs. Each person involved must assume the related financial burdens.

# Intellectual property

Technical and scientific results obtained within this MOU and the related rights shall be owned by the Party generating them. Should the Parties reach such results jointly, the royalties shall be co-owned. Each Pally shall grant a free 11011-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 MOU 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 designated scientific person in charge in the MOU.

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.

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

# Dispute resolution

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

### Term, amendments, renewal

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

Any amendment or the termination of this MOU shall not affect the validity and period of time of any ongoing programs or activities made under this MOU





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# **Drafting and signature**

This MOU is five (5) pages and signed in two (2) originals in English, both texts being equally valid. Each Institution will keep at least one copy.

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