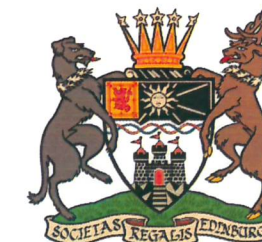


**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between**  
**THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH**  
**and**  
**THE CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE**



The Royal Society of Edinburgh ( "RSE"), and the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) of Italy (collectively hereinafter referred to as "the Participants"), seeking to build on the existing friendly and co-operative relationships between them, have reached the following understanding in order to facilitate collaboration between Scotland and Italy in areas of mutual interest.

## **SECTION 1**

### **Objective**

The Primary Objective of the collaboration pursued under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be to support research and innovation links between Italy and Scotland. This will be achieved through support of jointly agreed projects chosen by the Participants on a competitive basis every two years.

Collaboration under this MOU will build on existing Scotland-Italy science, research and innovation agreements. It will not preclude other bilateral or multilateral cooperation activities and agreements in research and innovation in which each Participant may take part.

## **SECTION 2**

### **Areas and Forms of Collaborative Activities**

Subject to the availability of funding and receiving applications of sufficient merit, 3 joint projects will be awarded on a competitive basis, with the intention of these being one in Physical and Engineering Sciences, one in Life Sciences, and one in Humanities and Cultural Heritage.

A joint call will be issued on a biennial basis and published in Scotland by RSE and in Italy by CNR. Applications will be examined

by peer review. A Selection Committee (not exceeding 10 members) and consisting of equal numbers of experts nominated by RSE and CNR will consider all the applications received, identify international reviewers (not operating either in Scotland or in Italy), and select the successful awardees based on the reviewers' reports.

## **SECTION 3**

### **Intellectual Property Rights**

The results of joint research projects are the common property of the researchers or their institutes (as agreed between the researcher and institute). They can be freely used by the researchers or their institutes (as appropriate) for further research work, but may be published only by common consent.

If the results of such a project or programme contain - according to the opinion of one Side - an invention, which could be registered as a patent, the institutes concerned will conclude the separate agreement(s) necessary to obtain legal protection for the invention on the territories of both countries as well as other states.

RSE and CNR will not expect to have a share of any intellectual property generated by any of the joint projects funded under this MOU.

## **SECTION 4**

### **Funding and Resources**

RSE and CNR would each contribute £6,000 per annum to each joint project. These would be 2 year projects.

## **SECTION 5**

### **Review and Monitoring**

The Participants agree to:

- Review biennially whether the number of agreed awards is appropriate.
- Provide a biennial summary of applications received and awards made by the programme

## **SECTION 6**

### **Duration, Effective Date and Termination**

This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature by the Participants and will remain valid for a period of five years. It may be terminated earlier by one Participant giving the other Participant a written notice at least 90 days before the date of termination.

The termination of the MOU will not affect any funds already disbursed or spent unless otherwise decided by the Participants. Such termination shall not affect co-operative projects already agreed to and existing activities will be brought to an orderly conclusion.

This MOU may be amended with the mutual written consent of the Participants.

## **SECTION 7**

### **Executing Authorities**

The Executing Authorities for the purposes of this MOU will be The Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche.

This MOU is a statement of intent, but is not a legally binding document and does not create legal obligations under international law.

Signed in London on the \_\_\_\_ of November 2016 in the name and on behalf of

Witnessed by



**Dr. William Duncan**  
RSE - Chief Executive

The Royal Society of Edinburgh



**Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell**  
President

The Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche



**Professor Massimo Inguscio**  
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Witnessed by



**Dr. Virginia Coda Nunziante**  
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