

**Memorandum of Understanding
for Scholarly and Scientific Co-operation
between
The Italian National Research Council
and
University College London
Faculty of the Built Environment
Centre for Sustainable Heritage**

Preamble

The Italian National Research Council (hereafter called 'CNR') and the Faculty of the Built Environment, Centre for Sustainable Heritage, UCL (hereafter called 'UCL'), both hereafter referred to as the 'Party' or 'Parties', desiring to further strengthen the scholarly, scientific and technological co-operation between Italy and the United Kingdom, have agreed to support a programme of scholarly, scientific and technical co-operation (hereafter the Programme), renewing the Memorandum signed between the Parties in 2005.

Framework of Co-operation

1. Scope

- i. Through the Programme, the CNR and UCL will aim to foster mutual understanding and promote co-operation between scholars of both Parties;
- ii. The CNR and UCL will maintain and develop co-operative scientific research in the protection of cultural heritage and related discipline areas;
- iii. Co-operative activities will be carried out based on mutual benefit.

2. Field of Co-operation

The Programme under this Memorandum shall cover scientific research in **Cultural Heritage**. Other areas may be added by mutual agreement between the Parties.

3. Participants

Under this Memorandum:

- (i) Individual participants in the Programme shall be scholars belonging to the Institutes of CNR on the Italian side and UCL on the UK side.
- (ii) Research institutes participating in the Programme shall be:
In Italy: The Institutes belonging to CNR
In the UK Departments of UCL
- (iii) Nothing in this Memorandum will be construed as limiting the participation of other parties in the specific activities, on a case by case basis, as considered appropriate by the signatories to this Memorandum.

4. Types of Co-operation

The Programme of co-operation shall include the following categories:

- Joint research projects;
- Joint seminars, workshops and other academic meetings;
- Exchange of academic staff and researchers;
- Exchange of research data;
- Mutual access to research resources;
- Dissemination of research output.

5. Roles of the Parties

The parties agree the following:

- (i) To identify priority areas for co-operation in consultation with each other and taking account of both academic and financial feasibility;
- (ii) To establish a framework of co-operation for each selected collaborative project through a separate agreement covering key participating institutions, forms of co-operation, financing, personnel and ownership of research output;
- (iii) To review on-going programmes and consult each other about the continuation, initiation or termination of co-operative programmes; this review and consultation will be carried out after two years;
- (iv) To maintain close mutual exchange of information;
- (v) To ensure that the co-operation will bring real benefits to both countries in the field of protection of cultural heritage.

6. Financial Arrangements

All co-operative activity under this Memorandum will be undertaken within the scientific remits and financial regulations of both Parties. The Parties will agree in writing on the funding arrangements for each activity prior to committing to undertake that activity.

7. Joint Workshops

The following are the general guidelines for joint workshops:

- (i) The joint workshops will be held alternately in Italy and the UK;
- (ii) The sending party will bear the expenses of international travel to the city of destination in the host country where the workshop will take place;
- (iii) The receiving party will cover the living costs (accommodation and per diem allowance) during the stay in the host country;
- (iv) The sending party will be responsible for the costs of any emergency medical care for its own scholars during their stay in the host country; appropriate medical insurance should be obtained prior to any visit.

8. Supervision of the Programme

The parties will each assign a person as the contact to co-ordinate and implement the programme outlined in this Memorandum:

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Officials of the parties shall correspond or meet whenever necessary to ensure the effective implementation of this programme.

Other Collaborative Opportunities

- (i) Nothing in this Memorandum will be construed as limiting collaboration between scholars of the countries in areas not previously identified;
- (ii) This Memorandum of Understanding should not prevent nor limit co-operative activities under individual or institutional agreements, irrespective of whether these activities are supported financially by either party. Duplication of funding should be avoided;
- (iii) Given the opportunities afforded through the European Union (e.g., Framework Programme, ERA NET) and through other international programmes, information will be shared between the Parties on planned participation in multinational co-ordination activities and consideration will be given to using these opportunities for future activities.

10 Intellectual Property and Publications

- (i.) Background (existing) Intellectual Property (IP) remains the property of the contributing Parties. IP generated as a result of jointly performed research shall be owned by both Parties. In such cases, the separate agreement covering joint research projects will determine relative ownership, patent expenses coverage, commercialisation rights and relative remunerations of each of the two Parties.
- (ii.) Publications resulting from joint research activity will be agreed by both Parties prior to submission; such agreement will not be withheld unreasonably. When a publication originates from one of the Parties, that party shall acknowledge the others in any publication arising from joint activities governed by this Memorandum.

11. Validity

This Memorandum is valid from the date of signature and will remain in force for a period of five years. This Memorandum will be reviewed after three years. The terms of this Memorandum may be amended by mutual written agreement prior to the date of review. This Memorandum may be terminated by either party by giving at least 6 months' written notice to the other party. In the event of such notice being given, all existing commitments, including those to students and/or staff on the programme, shall be fulfilled.

For the UCL Centre for Sustainable
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