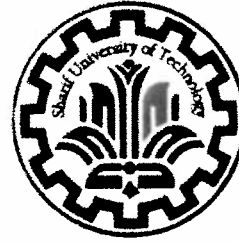




Consiglio Nazionale Ricerche

**ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH
COUNCIL (CNR)**



**SHARIF UNIVERSITY OF
TECHNOLOGY**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (CNR), ITALY
AND
SHARIF UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, I.R. IRAN**

In order to facilitate international academic exchange, to develop academic and scientific relationships, and in support of collaborative research **Italy Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche** (The National Research Council) based in Rome, ITALY and **Sharif University of Technology** ("SUT") based in Tehran, I.R. IRAN enter into this Agreement for Academic Cooperation between the two Institutions as follows:

I. The two parties agree to explore:

- Exchange of research scientists and faculty members
- Exchange of students
- Exchange of academic materials and other information
- Joint research activities
- Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- Organization of bilateral seminars, conferences and workshops
- Special short-term training programs
- Development of joint degree programs

II. This Memorandum does not, in and of itself, obligate either CNR or SUT to any financial expenditure, unless otherwise expressed explicitly in this Memorandum or to be indicated as an amendment to this MoU.

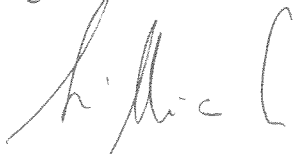
- III. Every effort will be made to encourage productive relationships and exchanges in all related fields identified by interested members of collaborating institutions. The two institutes agree to cooperate in discussions to identify areas where staff and students of both institutes can work together to promote international excellence in research and higher education.
- IV. Each institute will share information with the other to help promote mutual understanding, and each will respect the confidentiality and intellectual ownership of this information.
- V. Each institute will seek to promote cooperation to mutual benefit, and will be responsible for its own actions and its own costs associated with this MoU.
- VI. Each institute will respect the name and high reputation of the other, and will consult with the other regarding any publicity or external reference to this Memorandum.
- VII. Memorandum signed by the two parties will remain valid for five (5) years. The MoU can change if both parties desire but at least six (6) months notice must be given before the expiry date. The renewal will be expressly possible after assessment by the parties.
- VIII. The parties agree to solve in a friendly manner any controversy rising from the interpretation of the present agreement. In the event that the disagreement cannot be resolved, the issue(s) will be submitted for arbitration; each party will appoint a member of the arbitration panel, and one member will be chosen by mutual consent.
- IX. In witness whereof the undersigned, representing their respective institutions, hereby sign and approve this MoU in duplicate, one copy for every signing party.

Signed on behalf of their respective institutions:

For Italy Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche
(The National Research Council)

Date: March 3rd, 2014

Signature:

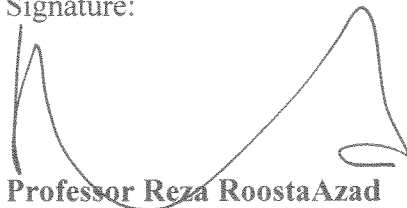


Professor Luigi Nicolais
President

For Sharif University of Technology

Date: March 3rd, 2014

Signature:



Professor Reza RoostaAzad
President