



**National Institute of Genetic
Engineering & Biotechnology
(NIGEB)**



National Research Council of Italy

Memorandum of Understanding

between

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF ITALY

and

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENETIC ENGINEERING AND BIOTECHNOLOGY OF IRAN

The National Research Council of Italy (hereinafter referred to as CNR) and the National Institute of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology of I.R. Iran (hereinafter referred to as NIGEB), Desirous of strengthening cooperation in the fields of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Objectives

The Parties shall encourage and promote cooperation in the fields of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering between CNR and NIGEB on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. The cooperation may be effected through such means as:

- a) Organization of joint research projects in the mutual priority fields of biotechnology;
- b) Exchange of scientists and Ph.D. students in the above fields;
- c) Organization of joint seminars, workshops, webinars and training courses;
- d) Collaboration in the fields of technology transfer and commercialization;
- e) Exchange of expertise between knowledge-based companies affiliated with either side.

It must be noted that each Party will designate a coordinator who will be responsible to follow up the activities related to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2

Sharing Costs

The implementation of this MoU will be through a separate Cooperation Program in which the contribution of each Party is declared.

It is agreed that each Party will cover the cost of their own participants. The number of projects, workshops and any other cooperation activity under this Agreement will be contingent upon finding availability in each Party's budget, which will be established in the Cooperation Program.

ARTICLE 3

Intellectual Property Right and Material Transfer Agreement

Scientific outputs in the framework of this MoU will be subject to mutual Intellectual Property Right and patenting. All of the benefits resulting from co-operations in the framework of this MoU will be shared and negotiated through a separate agreement. Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) would be required for any biological transfers.

ARTICLE 4

Duration

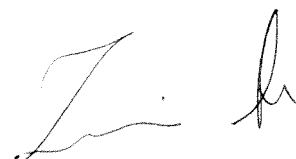
This collaboration agreement shall come into effect when signed by both parties and have duration of 5 years, after which extension, modification or other changes may be made as agreed to by both parties. Within the initial five-year period, the terms of the collaboration agreement may be altered or terminated as required, subject to approval by each party.

ARTICLE 5

Procedure

The administration of this collaboration agreement will be the joint responsibility of CNR and NIGEB.

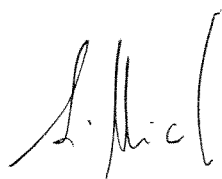
Dr Virginia Coda Nunziante, Responsible of the International Relations Office, CNR, will serve as the primary contact at CNR and Dr. Amir Mousavi, Director of Scientific and International Relations Office, NIGEB, will serve as the primary contact at NIGEB.

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Executed in Rome, on May the 16th, 2014 in English, one (1) copy for every signing party.

SIGNED

For CNR

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Prof. Luigi Nicolais
President

For NIGEB

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Prof. Mohammadreza Zamani
Director General