MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

Between

ANTIQUITIES DEPARTMENT OF CYPRUS – T.A.C. AND THE ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL – CNR

The Department of Antiquities of Cyprus (referred to as TAC) and the Italian National Research Council (hereafter referred to as CNR),

desiring to further strengthen the scientific and technological cooperation between Cyprus and Italy,

have agreed to launch a program of scientific and technological cooperation (referred to as "program") as outlined in the following articles:

Article I. Framework of Cooperation

1. Role of T.A.C. and CNR

Through the programs, TAC and CNR shall promote scientific cooperation between the scientists of two institutions .

2. Field of cooperation

The program under this memorandum shall cover all fields of natural and applied sciences., priority shall be assigned to the following specific fields such as,

- a) Cultural Heritage
- b) Human Science.

3. Participants

Participants in the programs under this Memorandum shall be scientists belonging to the institutes of TAC and CNR respectively,

4. Research Institutes

Research institutes in the program under this memorandum shall be the institutes belonging to TAC and other scientific institution and CNR respectively.

Article II Types of Programs of Cooperation

The programs of cooperation shall consist of the following categories:

a) Joint research projects,

b) Joint seminars, workshops or other scientific meetings,

c) Scientists Exchange

- d) Exchange of scientific documentations.
- e) Exchange of knowledge concerning the restoration and protection of mosaic pavements

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Article III General principle cooperative activities

a) As a general principle, cooperative activities will be carried out on the basis of mutual benefit,

b) Joint workshops will be a maximum of two per year, one to be held in Cyprus and one in Italy their duration will be of 5-7 days including possible visits to institutes and laboratories, the maximum number of participants will be five on each side,

c) Exchange of delegations will be a maximum of two per year, one from Cyprus to Italy and viceversa, delegations will include a maximum of five representatives. The visits will last at least one week.

Article IV

As a general rule, the sending party will bear the expenses of international transportation to the principal city in the host country in which the visit/workshop will take place.

The domestic travel will be paid by the receiving party.

Emergency medical care of the scientists involved in the above cooperative activities will be paid by the party, following its own rules.

Article V

Officials of the parties shall correspond or meet when necessary to discuss the implementation of this MOU.

Article VI

This MOU should not prevent nor limit cooperative activities resulting from individual or institution to institution agreements, whether or not these activities are supported financially by either party. Duplication of funding will anyway be possibly avoided.

Article vii effectiveness of the Memorandum

This Memorandum is valid from the day it is signed and remains in force for a period of five years. This Memorandum will be automatically extended thereafter for successive periods of five years each, unless a written notice of termination has been given by either Party one year prior to the expiration of this Memorandum. This Memorandum may be amended with the mutual agreement of both by TAC and CNR.

This memorandum was executed in Nicosia on in two authentic originals in English.

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