

# LETTER OF INTENT FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

between

THE ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

and

THE GEOMAR HELMHOLTZ CENTRE FOR OCEAN RESEARCH KIEL

The Italian National Research Council (hereafter called "CNR") and the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel (hereafter called "GEOMAR"), both hereafter referred to as "party" or "the parties", desiring to further strengthen the scientific and technological cooperation between CNR and GEOMAR, have agreed to cooperate and to promote a programme of scholarly, scientific and technological cooperation (hereafter called "Programme") as outlined in the field of atmospheric composition changes; air pollution and climate in coastal environment; aerosol-cloud interaction and air pollution dynamics in the Marine and Coastal Boundary Layer (MCBL).

Through this cooperation, CNR and GEOMAR aim at fostering mutual understanding and promoting cooperation between scholars of both parties; they will maintain and develop cooperative research activities in those research areas of most interest for both parties.

As a general principle, cooperative activities will be carried out through

- a) Joint laboratories,
- b) Joint research projects
- c) Joint workshops
- d) Other cooperative activities

Other specific areas may be agreed by mutual agreement between the parties.

The two parties maintain close mutual exchange of information and ensure that the cooperation will bring real benefits to the development of scientific research in both countries.

The cooperative activity will be undertaken within the scientific remits and budgetary appropriations of both parties.

While implementing a specific cooperative activity, the parties shall agree as necessary by mutual consultation, upon details including the field locations, logistics, data- & information exchange, confidentiality, issues of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), sharing of expenses, the publication of research results, the ownership of research output and other relevant matters.

This cooperation should not prevent nor limit cooperative activities under individual or institutional agreements, irrespective whether these activities are supported financially by either party or not. Duplication of funding should anyway be avoided.

Given the opportunities afforded through the European Union and through other national and international programs, information will be shared between the parties on planned participation in multinational coordination activities and consideration will be given to using these opportunities for future activities.

This letter of intent is valid from the day it is signed and will remain in force for a period of five years. This Agreement will be automatically extended thereafter for successive periods of one year each, unless revoked in writing by either Party in reasonable advanced time prior to the expiration of the respective period. No such early termination shall be allowed to affect investigations already initiated or underway. These shall be allowed to reach their logical conclusion.

This letter of intent shall not create binding obligations under either domestic or international law and collaborative activity contemplated by this Letter is subject to the availability of respective funding programs.

Agreed and signed on April 19th, 2016 in two originals in English.

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