

AGREEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

Between

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University of Bari Aldo Moro (Italy) represented by **Prof. Luigi Ricciardi**, addressed in via Amendola, 165/a – 70126 Bari, Italy, on position of Head of the Department of Science del Suolo, della Pianta e degli Alimenti, authorized by the Rector of the University of Bari Aldo Moro, with the Decree n. 4335 dated 19th of December 2018, in signing the present Agreement.

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The above-mentioned institutions/faculties of the belonging Universities (hereinafter referred to as "Parties") wishing to promote scientific, academic and educational cooperation among the Institutions, in the terms stated henceforth, have concluded the present Agreement of Scientific Cooperation.

This Agreement aims to facilitate a general framework for facilitating institutional collaboration and cooperation between the Parties in the area of establishment of the Diagnostic and Training Hubs (DTHs). The core of DTHs is the plant protection laboratories, which are already equipped with infrastructure suitable for the identification of plant pathogens/pests by advanced molecular methods, in the framework of project "Harmonization and Innovation in PhD Study Programs for Plant Health in Sustainable Agriculture" (HarISA), granted in the 2018 call of the European Programme Erasmus+ in the field of Strengthening Capacities in Higher Education on the European Movement politics and culture (EACEA), project number 598444-EPP-1-2018-1-HR-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP (2018-2472 / 001-001). DTHs will be established at PIs in partner countries and equipped with additional equipment in order to serve as the future regional centers of excellence in the selected specific fields.

Subject of the Agreement

Cooperation will be implemented through, but may not be limited to, the following activities:

- to identify capacity development of diagnostic laboratories of partner universities
- to establish Diagnostic and Training Hubs with high expertise in particular fields available to serve as regional centers for education and spreading of knowledge
- to establish a network of diagnostic laboratories of partner universities
- to foster networking to improve diagnostic efficiency in an organized system of laboratories and personnel communicating with one another and working together
- to introduce distance diagnostics and data management web portal
- to harmonize diagnostic protocols (Standard Operating Procedures - SOPs) to ensure that each laboratory will carry out the same way plant pest diagnosis by clearly defining and documenting the procedures and processes that are to be used to complete the task. SOPs are task-specific documents that clearly describe all actions that are required to complete the task clearly, concisely and completely and help in achieving



and maintaining high levels of accuracy and repeatability of experimental results regardless of changes in personnel or equipment or other operating conditions used

- to provide a system of diagnostic rules or governing principles
- to develop and test diagnostic assays
- to carry out joint diagnoses and publications with harmonized protocols
- to introduce inter-calibrations between laboratories and proficiency tests that are mandatory in future accreditations of plant diagnostics clinics
- to foster networking and mutual exchange of academic staff, research personnel, students, and other associates for lectures, visits, and transfer of knowledge
- to promote and conduct joint educational, training programs and research activities in plant disease diagnosis such as educational programs of doctoral and postdoctoral studies and projects
- to promote joint participation and applying for funds designated for research and education in plant disease diagnosis
- to jointly organize conferences, symposia, congresses, seminars, courses, summer schools, workshops, and other meetings in plant disease diagnosis
- to exchange professional literature, textbooks, and other university publications.

In the implementation of specific cooperative programs, a written agreement covering all relevant aspects including funding and other obligations to be undertaken by each party will be negotiated, mutually agreed and formalized in writing, prior to the commencement of the program.

Duration of the Agreement

This Agreement will become effective upon the date of signature of both institutions. It will be in force for five (5) year and may be renewed by the Parties for further period.

Amendments and changes will be possible only in case of written consent by all Parties and will be added to this Agreement.

This Agreement may be terminated before the expiry of the five (5) year period only upon written consent of all Parties. Either Party wishing to make changes or terminate the Agreement shall notify all other institutions in writing of such intention no later than six (6) months before the suggested changes or termination should come into effect. The Agreement cannot be terminated if this action will jeopardize the implementation of any of the agreed activities, or before the deadline set for completion of such activities.

Implementation of the Agreement

Each institution will appoint a contact person to coordinate the implementation of this Agreement. Both Parties have committed not to execute activities related to this Agreement without previous consultations.

All Parties agree that all financial agreements necessary to implement this Agreement must be negotiated and will depend upon availability of funds. Neither institution shall have any financial obligation to the other institution based on this Agreement.

In witness whereof, the parties here to affix their signatures below this



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Vladimira Preloga 1, 31 000 Osijek, Croatia

represented by:

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Date, place:

Osijek, 16.9.2022.

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Date, place:

27 September 2022, Bari:

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IL DIRETTORE
Prof. Luigi RICCIARDI



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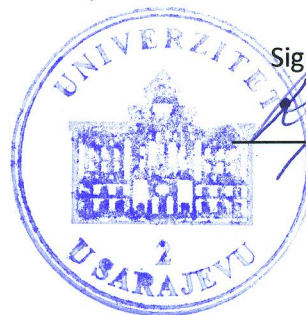
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Date, place:

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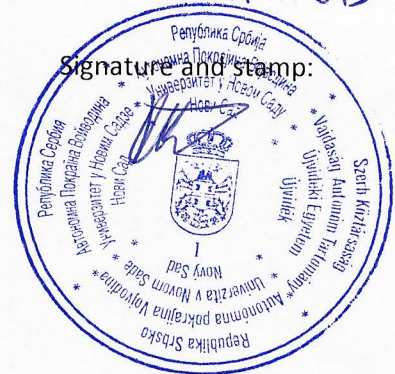
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