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FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT

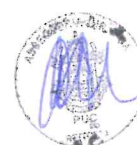
BETWEEN

UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA (ITALY)

AND

FACULDADES CATÓLICAS, SPONSOR OF

PONTIFÍCIA UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA DO RIO DE JANEIRO (BRAZIL)





Università degli Studi di Messina, Italian Public Institution of Higher Education, Fiscal Code number 80004070837, headquartered at Piazza Pugliatti 1, Messina, Italia, legally represented by the Rector Professor Giovanna Spatari, hereinafter referred as “**UNIME**”

And

Faculdades Católicas, a non-profit association, registered in the Civil Registry of Legal Entities under number 20081202-1626028, on January 9, 2009, CNPJ-MF number 33.555.921/0001-70, municipal registration number 00.819 .271, Sponsor of **Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro**, a Community Institution of Higher Education (ICES), headquartered at Rua Marquês de São Vicente, 225, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, herein represented according to its Bylaw by the Rector Prof. Fr. Anderson Antonio Pedroso, S.J., hereinafter referred as “**PUC-Rio**”.

hereby “the Parties”;

Considering the interest of the Parties to establish a cultural scientific and didactic cooperation in fields of mutual scientific interest;

Considering cultural diversity an incentive, rather than an obstacle, to innovation and international cooperation;

Agree under the following conditions:

1st Article

The Parties are committed to promote joint didactic, research and cultural activities as well as scientific exchanges in the areas of mutual interest; to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research; to keep up with academic trends and to share innovations.



2nd Article

The cooperation between the Parties may consist in cultural and scientific activities such as:

- Mobility of academics, researchers, technical-administrative staff and students;
- Mobility of Ph.D. students for thesis co-tutorship whose terms and conditions will be defined in specific agreements;
- Joint research projects in areas of common interest;
- Exchange of information, scientific works and other scientific and didactic materials of mutual interest;
- Joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, symposia etc.;
- Access to IT and research equipment and other facilities of both Institutions, provided there is prior consent from the respective departments or units in charge of the equipment or facilities.

3rd Article

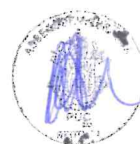
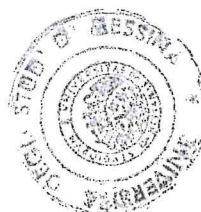
Scientific aims, implementation procedures as well as expected results and related Intellectual Property Rights of each specific cooperation activity will be defined in specific protocols annex to the present framework cooperation agreement, signed by the legal representatives of the involved Parties before any joint activities take place.

Within the limits of rules and regulations in force in each country, the Parties are engaged to find the necessary financial means to implement each specific cooperation activity.

4th Article

The present framework agreement shall be in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature. Any amendment shall be made in written by the Parties.

At the end of the period of five (5) years, the framework cooperation agreement may be renewed in written, unless six (6) months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies to the other Party the decision not to renew it.



Each university may terminate this agreement by giving the other at least a six (6) months advance written notice of its intention to terminate. The termination shall be without penalty.

5th Article

The Parties indicate as responsible for the administration of the activities carried out under this present framework agreement:

- a) For PUC-Rio, the Director of the Central Coordination for International Cooperation (CCCI). Email : directorccci@puc-rio.br
- b) For University of Messina, prof. Giovanni Finocchio, Dipartimento di Scienze matematiche e informatiche, scienze fisiche e scienze della terra. Email : giovanni.finocchio@unime.it

6th Article

Without prejudice to the provisions, of the following paragraph in respect to its performance in Brazil, this present framework agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Brazil and will submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Brazil. In respect to its performance in Italy, this present framework agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Italy and will submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Italy.

The Parties shall settle any dispute between them concerning the interpretation or application of this present framework agreement through negotiation or other jointly-agreed peaceful means. If the Parties are unable to resolve their dispute by an out-of-court settlement, the matter will be sent to the appropriate judicial powers so that all disputes may be settled accordingly.

Each Party agrees to continue performing its obligations under this present framework agreement while any dispute is being resolved unless and until such obligations are terminated by the termination or expiration of this present framework agreement.





7th Article

Both Parties mutually agree to honor the information gathered in documents, system, app, know-how acquired, methods, knowledge and shall not under any circumstance make the results of existing projects public without consent by the other Party, except in cases where the processing is established by law or by an order of judicial authority.

Personal Data, defined as any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person, shall be considered Confidential Information and afforded all of the protections set forth in these terms and conditions. In addition to and without limiting the terms generally applicable to Confidential Information, the Parties agree that each shall process, apply, view and use Personal Data only to the extent necessary to perform under this present framework agreement. Neither Party shall transfer or otherwise allow the use of Personal Data of the other Party unless expressly instructed or authorized by the other Party, except in cases where the processing is established by law or by an order of judicial authority.

Both Parties shall comply with applicable laws and best practices relating to data privacy and data security.

PUC-Rio complies with the Federal Law No. 13,709/2018 (“General Personal Data Protection Law” or “LGPD”) regarding the protection of personal data processed in the Brazilian territory.

The processing of personal data related to this agreement is carried out by Università degli Studi di Messina in accordance with the European General Regulation No. 679/2016 for the protection of personal data and the Code regarding the protection of personal data, Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and additions.





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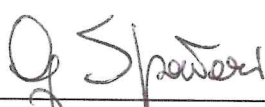


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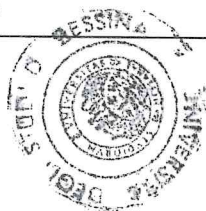
The present framework agreement includes equivalent texts, in English language, consisting of two original copies.

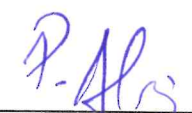
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Prof Giovanna Spatarì
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