



University of Firenze



University of Teheran

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Department of Biology, University of Firenze, Firenze, Italy

and

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Tehran, Iran

The Department of Biology of the University of Firenze (hereinafter referred to as UNIFI) and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the University of Tehran (hereinafter referred to as UTCAN) will endeavor to promote and develop academic and research co-operation, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article 1. Participating parties

The participating parties will be UNIFI and UTCAN

Article 2. Areas of co-operation

Each part will, subject to the national laws, policies and availability of funds will attempt to take necessary steps to encourage and boost co-operation in the following areas:

1. Exchange of faculty members to carry out research, teaching or giving lectures
2. Exchange of students for education or research activities
3. Co-Supervision of MSc. and Ph.D. thesis
4. Joint research projects
5. Special short-term academic programs (e.g. courses, workshops, internships, seminars, and summer schools)
6. Joint education programs (e.g. dual MSc/ PhD degree, online courses)
7. Exchange of academic materials and other information
8. Any other academic activities as deemed mutually appropriate

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each program and activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation.

Article 3. Intellectual Property

Ownership. Any "Intellectual Property" generated as a result of this MoU shall be owned by both parties.

Right to Use. Each participating party will have a non-exclusive, royalty- free license to use the other participating party's Intellectual Property (a) in performance of the MoU

activities, and (b) for research and teaching use. Any other use will be subject to the negotiation of a license agreement with the owners of the subject Intellectual Property.

Article 4. Principles

The UNIFI and UTCAN will each accept the participants selected by the other party if mutually acceptable academic and /or professional qualifications and standards are met. All participants will be treated in the same non-discriminatory manner in carrying out the provisions of this MoU, subject to the provision of the policies and requirements of each of the institutions.

All activities shall be in accordance with the regulations and policies of The UNIFI and UTCAN.

Article 5. Effective Date and Length of MoU

This MoU will remain in force for a period of **five** years. Any amendment and/or modification of the MoU will require written approval of both sides and shall be appended hereto. After the initial five-year period, this MoU shall be renewed automatically unless one of the parties notifies the other of its desire to conclude it. Either party reserves the right to terminate this MoU upon six months prior written notice to the other.

This MoU shall take effect when signed by each side

Signed in Firenze Date: 22/01/2020

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