



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra e del Mare (DiSTeM)



AGREEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION

between

**Department of Earth and Marine Sciences of the UNIVERSITY of PALERMO (UNIPA)
90123 – PALERMO, Italy**

- hereinafter referred to as "DiSTeM" -

and

**Dept. of Zoology, St. Joseph's college for Women, Alappuzha
University of Kerala, India**

- hereinafter referred to as "SJCW" -

Hereinafter referred to as "Party" or collectively "Parties"

The Director of the Department DiSTeM of the Università degli Studi di Palermo and the Principal of the SJCW, Alappuzha, University of Kerala envisage in cultural and scientific relations among universities a necessary and important tool for mutual understanding of cultures and for the advancement of knowledge and its dissemination.

According to this belief and in the areas deemed of mutual interest for prospective cooperation, the parties intend therefore to foster one or more of the following actions which will be regulated from time to time in separate and specific agreements. The content of this agreement shall be considered by each party as a declaration of intents which commits the parties exclusively for those initiatives agreed in the specific agreements.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Objectives

Cooperation between the Parties in the conduct of training and research programs shall be directed toward finding solutions to mutually agreed problems and to exchanging information developed during the resolutions of these problems. This cooperation may include the exchange of experiences and results of theoretical, experimental and development projects, and the exchange of academic staff. Cooperation between the Parties shall be on the basis of mutual benefit, equating and reciprocity. Besides, the Parties recognise the importance of the joint participation in programmes promoted by the European Commission or by other bodies or foundation as well as in the coordination of proposals directed to the acquisition of funds for the realisation of structures and the implementation of research and training projects.

2. Scope of Cooperation

It is intended that **the Parties will cooperate in the common field of Marine Sciences, Taxonomy, Toxicology, Ecology** - as well as higher education training.

Prof. Sabrina Lo Brutto sabrina.lobrutto@unipa.it involved in the activities of the "National Biodiversity Future Center" and Dr. Philomina Joseph philomina@stjosephscollegeforwomen.ac.in will be responsible for this agreement at DiSTeM and SJCW, respectively. Other cooperation items can be added upon mutual agreement between the Parties.



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3. Specific Cooperation

The execution of any specific cooperation decided upon by both Parties shall be subject to a separate prior written agreement between the Parties (Specific Agreement). There is no obligation for any of the Parties of this document to conclude any agreements whatsoever. Each Specific Agreement shall contain all major details of the execution of the cooperation. These shall include provisions concerning:

- Delegation/exchange of staff as well as PhD students;
- User rights of patentable and non-patentable results of work, rights to intellectual property; Confidentiality and use of information;
- Publication rights.

4. General Provisions

The provisions of this Agreement shall be applied in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in each country.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a legal or financial relationship between DiSTeM and SJCW

This Agreement becomes effective on the date of the last signature and will be valid for an initial period of five (5) years and may be prolonged by written agreement after an internal evaluation six (6) months prior to the date of expiration. This letter may be revised after consultation and mutual agreements. Amendments shall be made by written agreement signed by both parties.

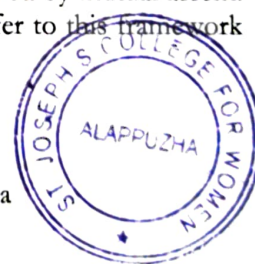
The terms and conditions of this agreement as well as those of the specific agreements related to it, must conform to the laws and statutes regulating both Institutions. The parties will not be obliged to respect those commitments resulting from the specific agreements which could contravene this principle. The Parties shall endeavour to resolve their disputes related to this agreement amicably.

This agreement is written in English. All misinterpretations will be settled by mutual assent. Specific agreements, although signed by decentralised bodies, shall refer to this framework agreement.

Signature and date

Dept. of Zoology, St. Joseph's college for Women, University of Kerala

Principal
St Joseph's College for Women
ALAPPUZHA



Signature and date

Director of the Department DiSTeM, Università degli Studi di Palermo