

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**on Academic Cooperation between**  
**Department Di.Chir.On.S. -University of Palermo (Italy)**  
**and**  
**the Department of Surgery, Institute of Clinical Sciences, Sahlgrenska**  
**Academy, University of Gothenburg**

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The Department Di.Chir.On.S. of the University of Palermo (Italy) and the Department of Surgery, Institute of Clinical Sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg, herein after referred to as Parties, agree to support scientific collaboration in common research projects with specific relevance to joint researcher training initiatives for Ph.D. students and young scientists.

**Article 1**

The cooperation will support the following joint research and training initiatives to be conducted by scientific partners *inter alia*:

- **Exchange of PhD-students**, researchers and Post-Doctoral students within the joint research projects.  
In case of dual doctoral degree, the Parties shall strictly observe their roles, and they will consider singularly every eventual request of co-tutoring and of release of dual degree.
- Joint research and educational projects
- Joint seminars and workshops
- Planning and coordination of joint activities

**Article 2**

Faculty members/researchers involved in the exchange programme shall not pay fees to the Host Institution. The remaining expenses including *inter alia* travel, travel insurance including repatriation, health insurance, third party liability insurance and civil liability, and accommodation shall be borne by the faculty member/researcher, who may seek funding from external sources. It is to be noted that Faculty members/researchers does not include students engaged in research. In the latter case, bench fees and other fees may be applicable.

In the event of technical-administrative staff exchange, the expenses shall be borne by the Home Institution, subject to the availability of funds for such purpose.

**Article 3**

The following details of implementation are agreed:

- The eventual proposals will not be accepted automatically but after reviewing by both Parties
- Parties will make their funding decisions according to their own specific laws, rules, regulations, and practices.

**Article 4**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is drawn up in English and all documents and notices and meetings pertaining to this MoU shall be in English. This Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted and signed in duplicate, both copies being equally authentic.

**Article 5**

All questions or disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be settled by amicable agreement between the Parties.

**Article 6**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for a period of three years and shall subsequently be renewed for further periods of the same duration, unless a written notice of termination has been given by either side six months in advance.

Termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect activities already approved jointly or in progress.

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