

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL
MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA, ITALY**

AND

**INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION IN HEALTHCARE AND
MEDICAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
SCOTLAND**

The Institute of Education in Healthcare and Medical Sciences, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, U.K. (hereafter referred to as Aberdeen) and the Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, University of Foggia, Italy (hereafter referred to as Foggia), believing the extension and strengthening of scientific exchange and cooperation to be of mutual value to their institutions and to the development of understanding between our peoples, hereby record their intentions to promote academic and educational exchanges between their institutions through the following activities.

1- STAFF EXCHANGE

1-1 Exchange of Academic Staff

Foggia and appropriate academic and research units within Aberdeen may enter into agreements providing for the exchange and interaction of staff for academic purposes mutually beneficial to both institutions. Where appropriate the host institution will provide faculty appointment, library and research facilities and other assistance. However, the host University assists with obtaining visa.

1-2 Visiting Academic Staff

In addition to exchanges, Foggia and appropriate academic and research units within Aberdeen may agree to provide for visiting academic staff. The terms and conditions for visiting academic staff will be determined by the units involved within the framework of institutional policy.

1-3 Visiting Research Fellows

Foggia and appropriate academic and research units within Aberdeen may enter agreements providing that either institution may nominate one or more of its faculty to visit the other University for the purpose of advanced study or research. When this occurs the host institution will provide institutional courtesies, libraries and research facilities and an appropriate appointment. Visiting research fellows will not receive compensation from the host institution except by express agreement.

2- STUDENT EXCHANGES

In the interests of expanding educational opportunities and furthering of international understanding, the University of Aberdeen and the University of Foggia agree to facilitate the educational exchange of students.

1) **Duration of Exchanges**

Each institution agrees to exchange individual students for a time that will be determined in consultation with coordinators.

2) **Number of Students to be Exchanged**

Up to 5 qualified students can be exchanged annually, unless special permission is given by mutual agreement between the two institutions. Students will be accepted by each host institution by dates mutually agreed.

3) **Student Fees at Host Institution**

All travel costs will be the responsibility of the individual students. Miscellaneous fees such as special course fees, key deposits, books, etc., will be paid directly by each student participant.

4) **Insurance**

Both Institutions will require students to purchase the insurance policy to ensure adequate coverage. Proof of adequate insurance coverage must be provided to the international office of each institution.

5) **Dependents**

The obligations of each institution under this agreement are limited to the exchange of students and do not extend to spouses or dependents. Expenses of accompanying spouses and dependents are the responsibility of the exchange student.

6) **Academic Status of Students**

All students will remain enrolled as regular degree candidates at the home institution and will not be enrolled as candidates for degrees at the host institution. Students are free to decide whether to attend classes or take part in laboratory activities, as decided by the coordinators.

3- OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION

In addition to the afore-cited forms of cooperation, Universities take part in:

- a) supporting joint methodological and technological research process, developing handbooks, materials for distant learning, creating and adapting teaching plans;
- b) arranging mutual scientific, practical conferences, seminars, schools, etc;

c) exchanging methodic documents, publications, handbooks and other materials.

4- EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

Each party to the agreement will appoint an officer who will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the exchange, including counseling to assist exchange participants.

The Foggia designates as the person in charge of this agreement, Professor Paolo Tucci.

The Aberdeen designates as the person in charge of this agreement, Dr. Pietro Marini.

5- EFFECTIVE DATA AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be in effect from 2024 to 2026 (2 years). This agreement may be extended by mutual consent of both institutions for a period beyond its original date of expiry. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by serving written notice to the other party. Such termination will take effect six months from the date of that written notice.

Agreement

For the Aberdeen University

For the University of Foggia

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Director

Date

Prof Lorenzo Lo Muzio

Date