



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

#### **BETWEEN**

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA

#### **AND**

## **CHIANG MAI UNIVERSITY**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MoU) is made between the University of

Foggia, Italy (hereinafter referred to as "UNIFG"), an institution of higher learning founded by degree of the Ministry of University and Research, whose address is at Via Antonio Gramsci, 89, 71122 Foggia FG, Italy, and shall include its lawful representatives and permitted assigns;

#### And

Chiang Mai University, Thailand (hereinafter referred to as "CMU"), one of the most Thailand's foremost universities of higher education, whose address at 239, Huay Kaew Road, Muang District, Chiang Mai, 50200 Thailand, and shall include its lawful representatives and permitted assigns;

(hereinafter referred to as individually as "the Party" and collectively as "the Parties")

#### Whereas

CMU and UNIFG, 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.

THE PARTIES HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE FOLLOWING MATTER;

### **ARTICLE 1: OBJECTIVE**

Both parties agree to encourage the following activities, in particular to promote international cooperation in the following areas;

## 1. STAFF EXCHANGE

### 1) ExchangeofAcademicStaff

UNIFG and CMU may enter into agreements providing for the exchange and interaction of staff for academic purposes mutually beneficial to both parties. Where appropriate, the host institution will provide faculty appointment, library and research facilities and other assistance. However, the host institution assists with obtaining a visa.

#### 2)Visiting AcademicStaff

In addition to exchanges, UNIFG and CMU 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 the university policy.

### 3)VisitingResearch Fellows

UNIFG and CMU may enter agreements providing that either party may nominate one or more of its faculty

to visit the other institution 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.

### 4)Exchange of AdministrativeStaff

For the purpose of encouraging the exchange of administrative experience and knowledge in fields of common interest, the parties may select members of their technical-administrative staff to take part in the exchange program. Administrative Staff exchanging within this agreement is limited to two staff members per year.

All participants are responsible for covering their expenses and making all necessary arrangements. However, the host Institution assists with obtaining a visa.

Health and accident insurance coverage must be arranged by the staff member in his/her country of origin. Salaries shall be paid by the home institution.

The activities conducted during the exchange period shall be consistent with the professional activities of the staff member at his/her home institution, and shall generate a report, to be submitted to the host institution and to the home institution.

#### 2. STUDENT EXCHANGE

In the interests of expanding educational opportunities and furthering of international understanding, CMU and UNIFG agree to facilitate the educational exchange of students.

### 1)DurationofExchanges

Each party agrees to exchange individual students for a semester or an academic year, ideally on a one-forone basis.

## 2)Number ofStudentstobeExchanged

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 on dates mutually agreed.

## ${\bf 3) Student Program Fees, Benefits, and Accommodation}$

Each student will pay his/her regular tuition and fees to the home institution.

The host institution will assist students in identifying on-campus or off-campus housing for the duration of the Exchange on the understanding that the students will pay for all accommodation costs.

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.

Each participant will pay for his/her own health and accident 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.

## 4)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.

#### 5)StudentEligibility

It is understood that both institutions will strive to designate only well-qualified individuals for participation in the program and that academic backgrounds as well as letters of recommendation will be provided to the host institution. Students must meet language proficiency requirements as established by the host institution.

#### 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. Credits toward the student's degree are to be awarded by the home institution. Students are expected to maintain the equivalent of a full course load at the host institution. Students enrolled in the host institution will be subject to the same rules and regulations as local students.

#### 3. OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION

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

- 1) supporting joint research and development activities;
- 2) arranging mutual scientific, practical conferences, seminars, schools, etc;
- 3) exchanging methodic documents, publications, handbooks and other materials.
- 4) Other activities as may be mutually agreed by the two parties

This MoU is intended to reflect the mutual intentions of the Parties to cooperate, but does not constitute a legally binding agreement or create any legal obligations. Additionally, this agreement does not commit either party to provide funding or financial support unless otherwise agreed in writing in a separate document.

## **ARTICLE 2: 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.

#### **ARTICLE 3: EFFECTIVE DATA AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

This agreement shall be in effect from the date of the last signature and shall remain in effect from 2025 to 2030 (5 years). This MoU 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 Chiang Mai University

For the University of Foggia

Prof. Pongruk Sribanditmongkol,

M.D., Ph.D President

Date: August 22, 2025

Prof. Lorenzo Lo Muzio

President Date: