

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

**the School of Public Health, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran**

**and**

**the University of Tartu, Estonia**

## **Preamble**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between the University of Tartu and the School of Public Health, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, hereafter referred to as "SPH-TUMS", both entities hereafter referred to as "the Parties", to establish and develop academic cooperation and scientific collaboration in common research projects and research-based training.

The University of Tartu hereby declares that the Institute of Genomics, hereafter referred to as "IG-UT" will be the executive institution of this memorandum (contact person: Dr. Marcel Keller).

## **Types of Cooperative Activities**

All collaborative activities must be of high scientific standard and beneficial to the advancement of science, technology and higher education. Each collaborative activity should be based on mutuality and equality insofar as possible. Upon mutual agreement, additional research groups can be included in the common research projects. The scope of the cooperative activities between the Parties includes the following:

- Development of mutual research projects
- Support in applications for third-party funding concerning mutual projects
- Exchange of students and researchers
- Organization of symposia, seminars, workshops or conferences
- Organization of joint short courses of mutual interest
- Joint publication of research findings.



### **Research-Based Training**

Both Parties will facilitate collaborative research through:

- Laboratory and computational training
- Access to laboratory and computational infrastructure for joint research projects in discretion and capability of the providing Party
- Efforts to exchange the required technology in each agreed project, and joint exploitation of the achieved results by the both parties
- Guest lectures and seminars
- Both parties agree to do their utmost to provide the training needed by the students and to support their short stay as agreed in a separate agreement between parties.

### **Coordination of the Research Partnership**

Both Parties shall endeavor to facilitate all formalities in connection with the preparation, negotiation and implementation of activities within the framework of this MOU and shall maintain close and direct contact.

The individual measures of the scientific collaborations are coordinated and carried out by the researchers involved. The Parties will designate a contact person to implement the MOU in a systematic manner.

For IG-UT, the contact person is Marcel Keller.

For SPH-TUMS, the contact person is Prof. Gholamreza Mowlavi.

Terms and budget for each specific project under this MOU shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular specific project.

### **Conditionality**

As all Parties involved are autonomous units in terms of their research activities and their use of their own financial and infrastructure resources, the envisaged activities are subject to the budgetary appropriations of the Parties. Neither Party shall have any legal obligation to the other Party with respect to any matter referred to in this MOU, unless and until a separate written formal agreement implementing the principle herein specified has been executed by authorized representatives of the Parties. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the formal agreement mentioned above, any and all costs and expenses incurred by any Party in connection with the preparation and negotiation of this MOU shall be borne by said Party.



### Disputes

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved amicably and expeditiously by consultation or negotiation between the Parties or such other means as they may mutually decide.

### Intellectual Property

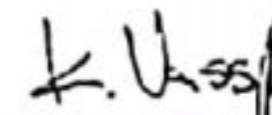
Each Party shall respect the intellectual property rights of its counterparts related to the intellectual property used or developed within the frame of this MOU. The intellectual property rights regarding a common work shall be agreed by the Parties before its execution. Each Party shall not use the name or trademark of its counterparts without consent.

### General Terms

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for a period of 3 years starting from the date of signature. By mutual consent, it may be extended for a further period, as agreed by the Parties. It may be terminated by either Party giving the other Party written notice at least 30 days in advance.

This MOU has been executed in two (2) identical copies, one for each Party, the date and year above written.

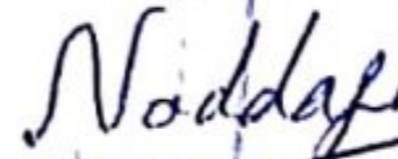
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