

## **INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between the

**Ralph M. Parsons Laboratory for Environmental Science and Engineering  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Cambridge, MA, USA**

and the

**CIMA Research Foundation  
International Centre on Environmental Monitoring  
Savona, Italy**




In recognition of their mutual research, technology innovation and scholarly interests CIMA Research Foundation - International Centre on Environmental Monitoring with address at the University of Genova Campus – Savona (Italy), and the MIT Ralph M. Parsons Laboratory for Environmental Science and Engineering (USA) propose to further their interests in accordance with this International Memorandum Of Understanding (IMOU).

1. The purpose of this IMOU is to encourage voluntary interaction and cooperation between the two partners and to promote friendship between the two parties for their mutual benefit. CIMA Research Foundation and the MIT Parsons Laboratory recognise the value of the cooperative research experiences that integrate theory and practice, promote technology innovation and enhance international linkages. This relationship may include the exchange of educational and research materials, publications and data sets, as resources permit and on a no-exchange-of-funds basis.
2. CIMA Research Foundation and the MIT Parsons Lab. may encourage researchers and Ph.D. students to pursue collaborative research that is jointly beneficial to their professional development and will lead to increased understanding between the parties and their respective countries. This cooperation may include, but will not be limited to, training, research and technical assistance in the areas of hydrological sciences, hydrometeorology, flash floods, civil protection and hydrological hazards reduction and mitigation. This cooperation may also include the formation of consortia and grants proposals in order to implement projects of mutual interest.

3. Neither party is obligated to expend any funds in connection with this IMOU. The implementation of any cooperative project shall be conditional upon the availability of sufficient funding acceptable to each of the participants and the execution of a written agreement signed by authorized official of the parties. CIMA Research Foundation and MIT Parsons Lab. will each designate a Department or Unit and a representative who is to be responsible for the management and possibly updating of this IMOU.
4. This IMOU takes effects when signed by authorized representative of both parties. The agreement will continue in force and effect for a period of six (6) years from such date. It may be renewed. Either party may request termination of the agreement upon such terms as are mutually agreeable to the parties at the time, or with six (6) months advance notice.

On April the 24<sup>th</sup> 2008

Signatures

For the CIMA Research Foundation, Italy	For MIT Parsons Laboratory, USA
Title: President Name: <b>Franco Siccardi</b>  	Title: Director Name: <b>Dara Entekhabi</b>  
Designated Representative Title: Scientific Director Name: <b>Giorgio Boni</b>  	Designated Representative Title: Director Name: <b>Dara Entekhabi</b>  