

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, USA**  
**AND**  
**CIMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL CENTRE ON ENVIRONMENTAL**  
**MONITORING**  
**IN**  
**SAVONA, ITALY**

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, acting on behalf of its Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, on its Urbana-Champaign campus, in Urbana, Illinois, U.S.A. ("ILLINOIS") and CIMA Research Foundation Internal Centre on Environmental Monitoring, in Savona, Italy ("CIMA"), wishing to establish cooperative relations between the Parties through mutual assistance in the areas of education, research and others, agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1: SCOPE OF THE COLLABORATION**

1.1 The areas of collaboration include activities or programs offered at either institution that will contribute to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationships between the two institutions.

1.2 Each Party may offer to the other Party opportunities for activities and programs, such as teaching, research, exchange of faculty and students, and staff development that will foster and develop the collaborative relationship.

**ARTICLE 2: GENERAL AREAS OF COOPERATION**

2.1 This MOU is not binding on either Party but is intended to facilitate discussions relative to, but not limited to, the general areas of cooperation specified herein. Collaborations implemented under this MOU shall be carried out, subject to availability of funds and the approval of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois and of CIMA Research Foundation International Centre on Environmental Monitoring, through such activities or programs as:

- 2.1.1 Joint educational, cultural, and research activities;
- 2.1.2 Exchange of faculty members for research, lectures, and discussions;
- 2.1.3 Exchange of advanced graduate and professional students for collaborative or independent research;

NOTE: This MOU does not provide for the exchange of undergraduate or graduate students who propose to enroll in classes and earn academic credit at the host institution. The Parties will enter into a separate agreement, which shall stipulate details of credit transfer, fees and participant qualifications prior to initiating the exchange of students or the acceptance of applicants as international non-degree students at either institution.

- 2.1.4 Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
- 2.1.5 Exchange of academic materials, publications, and other information.

2.2 Prior to initiating any specific activity or program contemplated by this MOU, the Parties will negotiate and enter into a separate agreement, signed by the Parties' authorized representatives, that describes the terms of the arrangement, including the budgets. Each Party will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programs.

### **ARTICLE 3: EXCHANGE OF RESEARCH PERSONNEL**

3.1 This MOU is intended, among other objectives, to foster increased interaction between faculty and advanced graduate students engaged in scientific and scholarly research in areas of mutual interest. In support of this effort, each Party will promote the exchange of research personnel, especially young faculty and advanced graduate students, for short periods of time so that they may become familiar with the facilities, methodologies, research culture and particular areas of focus of the other Party.

3.2 As a general principle, funding for the exchange of such personnel ("Participating Researchers") shall be based on a reciprocal sharing of costs:

- 3.2.1 Each Party will provide funding for roundtrip transportation to and from the host institution for its own Participating Researchers.
- 3.2.2 Each hosting Party will provide housing accommodations free of charge, as well as a modest living allowance in accordance with the standard per diem rates established by their governing bodies at the time of the exchange, to the Participating Researchers.
- 3.2.3 Each Party will provide assistances and/or the necessary letters of invitation or affiliation to facilitate the visa applications of Participating Researchers.
- 3.2.4 Individual Participating Researchers shall be responsible for ensuring adequate medical insurance coverage, applicable in the country of the host institution, for the duration of their visits.
- 3.2.5 Specific funding allocations for this exchange of Participating Researchers shall be subject to the approval of the Parties.

3.3 The Parties understand and acknowledge that the Participating Researchers may engage only in general, collaborative activities involving basic, non-proprietary research during exchange visits under this MOU. The Parties do not intend for the Participating Researchers to create or develop new intellectual property as a result of such visits. If intellectual property is created or developed by Participating Researchers under this MOU, the Parties will enter into good faith negotiation to determine issues including but not limited to ownership, responsibility for patent or other statutory protection, and licensing

3.4 If, during the visits, the Participating Researchers identify specific collaborative research projects that they wish to pursue, the Parties will enter into a separate written agreement ("Specific Collaborative Research Project Agreement") before commencing any research activity. Specific Collaborative Research Project Agreements will delineate the Parties' rights and obligations and will address, among other things, sources of funding and intellectual property rights. Each Party shall inform its Participating Researchers that they are responsible for reporting to their respective Liaison Officer regarding any proposed specific collaborative research projects that may arise from their initial visits and their interactions with one another under this MOU, prior to initiating these projects or applying jointly for external funding for such projects. Each Party also shall inform its Participating Researchers of their obligations to abide by all regulations, policies and procedures of their employing institutions regarding the disclosing and handling of intellectual property and developed technologies which may arise under this MOU or any Specific Collaborative Research Project Agreement.

**ARTICLE 4: RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT**

This MOU shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either Party providing sixty (60) days advance written notice to the other Party. This MOU may be extended or amended by mutual consent of the Parties, confirmed in a written amendment signed by an authorized representative of each Party.

**ARTICLE 5: GENERAL MATTERS**

5.1 **USE OF NAMES.** Neither Party will use the name of the other in any form of advertising or publicity without the express written permission of the other Party. CIMA must seek permission from ILLINOIS by submitting the proposed use, well in advance of any deadline, to the Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs, University of Illinois, Third Floor Swanlund Administration Building, 601 East John Street, Champaign, IL, 61820 USA; fax (217) 244-7124.

5.2 **COUNTERPARTS.** The Parties may sign this MOU in counterparts, all of which together constitute the MOU.

5.3 **NOTICES.** Any notice to given under this MOU must be in writing and will be effective upon receipt evidenced by: (a) confirmed facsimile transmission; (b) return receipt of postage prepaid registered or certified mail; or (c) delivery confirmation by commercial overnight carrier. All communications will be sent to the addresses set forth below or to such other address designated by the Parties by written notice to the other:


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5.4 AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES. Each Party represents that the individuals signing this MOU have the authority to sign in the capacity indicated.

**FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN**

  
Richard Herman, Chancellor

  
William I. Brustein, Associate Provost  
for International Affairs

**FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

  
Walter K. Knorr, Comptroller

Attest:

  
Michele M. Thompson, Secretary

Date: 9/15/08

**FOR CIMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING**

  
Franco Siccardi, President

  
Giorgio Boni, Scientific Director

Date: 03/19/08

