MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
AND STATE UNIVERSITY
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

AND

POLITECNICO DI MILANO
MILANO, ITALY

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (hereafter referred to as Virginia Tech), with legal domicile at 210 Burruss Hall Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061 U.S.A. and represented by its President Charles W. Steger and the Politecnico di Milano, with legal domicile at Piazza Leonardo da Vinci 32, 20133 Milano (Italy) and represented by its Rector, Prof. Adriano De Maio, have agreed to the following terms:

1. That this MOU is intended to facilitate all exchanges and cooperative initiatives between the universities in the area of instruction, exchange, development, research, and community service.

2. That the parties recognize that implementation of any agreement will depend upon the academic interest and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources.

3. A variety of cooperative approaches shall be employed, such as:

   Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students
   Exchange of faculty members
   Exchange of research personnel
   Technical assistance and/or training
   Exchange of scholarly and pedagogical materials
Joint Research

Other cooperative efforts set forth in separate Implementing Agreements. (IA)

4. That financial and/or funding considerations shall become the subject of specific discussion and agreement within the framework of a separate Implementing Agreement negotiated at the College/Departmental level. No financial commitment whatever on the part of either signatory to this general document is intended or implied.

5. That specific projects to which this MOU may lead will be subject to joint and periodic evaluations by appropriate authorities within the respective universities.

6. That this MOU will be in effect for a period of five years following the date of the signature of both parties and is subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It may be renewed by mutual written consent of the parties after verification of the activities developed during its duration and previously defined by specific executive agreements.

It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement upon one year's written notice. It is assumed that such action would be taken only after mutual consultation in order to minimize potential inconvenience to the other party to the agreement.

7. That such Memoranda of Understanding are not intended to be legally binding documents. Rather, they are meant to describe the nature and cooperative intentions of those institutions involved, and to suggest guidelines for cooperation. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor may any constraints be imposed by either upon the other.

8. The parties agree to solve in a friendly manner any controversy rising from the interpretation of the present agreement.

9. This agreement has been written both in Italian and in English with the same content.

Charles W. Steger
President
Virginia Tech

Prof. Adriano De Maio
Rector
Politecnico di Milano

Date

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