STATEMENT OF COLLABORATION

between

Università degli Studi di Brescia (Italy)

and

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (USA)

In accordance with a mutual wish to promote further cooperation between universities in Italy and the USA, Università degli Studi di Brescia with legal address at Piazza del Mercato 15, Brescia, Italy 25121, represented in this deed by its Rector, Prof. Sergio Pecorelli,

and

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with legal address at 210 Burruss Hall, Blacksburg, VA 24061, USA, represented in this deed by its President Charles W. Steger,

to enter into this formal

Statement of Collaboration for the purpose of scientific and cultural exchange.

The two institutions have found it mutually beneficial to carry out cooperative activities in all fields of Engineering and Medicine.

The cooperation will be realized through co-ordination of initiatives such as joint education and research activities and exchange of data, documentation, and research materials in fields of mutual interest.

It is understood that the details of joint activities, conditions for utilisation of the results obtained and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges and all other forms of co-operation will be negotiated for each case and will be regulated by specific agreements.

It is also understood that financial arrangements will be negotiated and activated depending upon the availability of properly addressed funds.

This agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both universities affix their signatures and seals, will be in force for a period of five (5) years, and is subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate this agreement at any time, although is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institution.

The contact persons for the present agreement are Prof. Gian Paolo Beretta for the Università degli Studi di Brescia and Prof. Michael von Spakowsky for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Brescia, ...................................................

Blackburg, ...................................................

Rector

Università degli Studi di Brescia

Prof. Sergio Pecorelli

Date: 29 Mar. 2011

President

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Dr. Charles W. Steger

Date: 19/11
Blackburg, ................................

Associate Vice President for International Affairs & Director, OIRED

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Dr. S. K. De Datta

Date: January 14, 2011