

In the Name of GOD



DIPARTIMENTO DI BENI CULTURALI

**Memorandum of Understanding on Joint
Research and Education Cooperation
Between**



SHIRAZ
UNIVERSITY OF ARTS

**the Shiraz University of Arts and
The Department of Cultural Heritage of the University of Bologna, Italy**

Introduction

The Islamic Republic of Iran and Italy have scientific-cultural relationships. The Shiraz University of Arts (hereafter called SUA) and the Department of Cultural Heritage of the University of Bologna, Italy (hereafter called UNIBO) sign this Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter called MoU) in order to cooperate in the research fields of archaeology, as well as to promote a strong interrelationship and exchange of didactic expertise in scientific education. The fields will encompass, *inter alia*, trainees in archaeo- and geo-informatics, residue analysis, geophysics, dating techniques and the study of cultural materials and their development. SUA and UNIBO also agree to cooperate on publication of the joint research results.

The MoU contracting parties will cooperate to fulfil the aims of the MoU from this moment forward during the validity of this MoU.

1 Research and Educational Collaboration

The MoU Contracting Parties will help one another in order to strengthen educational fields and consulting in the field of research in archaeology.

The MoU Contracting Parties will agree and cooperate in order to accomplish archaeological, anthropological and historical field projects (surveys, soundings, excavations, programs of material analysis on organic and inorganic remains) with the presence of members of the joint team (subject of article 5). Every project will attempt to train a number of eager, enthusiastic and talented team members of the MoU Contracting Parties in the field of analytical and field techniques. During the coming five-year period of field researches, The MoU Contracting Parties will concentrate on the studies and excavations in areas and properties in Iran chosen by Supervision Committee (subject of article 5). As the continuation of the previous MoU, a research project on the development of Achaemenid culture and chronology analysis in the Persepolis region is envisaged.

SUA will provide the necessary authorizations to field work according to the Islamic Republic of Iran laws and regulations.

UNIBO will facilitate the attendance of SUA researchers and archaeologists in educational and research programs at UNIBO.

The MoU Contracting Parties will cooperate in anthropological and human environmental studies related to the archaeology in areas of Iran appointed by the Supervision Committee (subject of article 5). These projects will also train team members from the MoU Contracting Parties.

UNIBO will provide facilities regarding archaeo-zoological, archaeo-botanic, chemistry, GIS, digital archaeological documentation and publication and other related laboratory studies, as far as its capacities allow doing so, and will provide access to laboratories for researchers of SUA.

Subject to the Islamic Republic of Iran laws and regulations, the SUA will endeavour to permit the analysis of archaeological samples from field projects in Iran at these laboratories.

UNIBO will not transfer any cultural properties originating from its archaeological fieldwork in the Islamic Republic of Iran out of the country. Excepted from this regulation will be samples from archaeological investigations within the joint Iranian-Italian project, which can be exported for analysis with a written permission from Iranian authorities.

Scientific-lab facilities and services required by the joint projects available in the Islamic Republic of Iran will be provided by SUA and those non-available in Iran will be provided by UNIBO, as far as its capacities allow so.

The MoU Contracting Parties will support scientific symposia on topics of Iranian archaeology in both countries.

2 Improvement of Research Collaboration

Every year, at each of the scientific symposia organized in Iran related to the area of joint research, the researchers of UNIBO and SUA will commit to present at least a lecture or an article, or both, as a report on the joint research programs of that year on condition that they be informed 6 months before organizing the symposia. In the absence of such a possibility, after consultation with the Iranian authorities, the MoU Contracting Parties may present the mentioned report at another time and place.

The MoU Contracting Parties will endeavour to provide possibilities to eligible scholars to attend to short-term research programs/visiting professorships/lectureships at their research institutes respectively. Admittance to the territory of the host countries is subject to the visa and entry regulation of the Islamic Republic of Iran and of the Republic of Italy, respectively.

UNIBO will endeavour to provide study facilities, attendance of traineeship-programs and postgraduate-programs for qualified scholars of SUA.

3 Publications

Reports of fieldwork and research will be prepared in close cooperation between the MoU Contracting Parties researchers and published by the two sides, preferably first in Iran, in at least English and Persian, in compliance with the MoU Contracting Parties intellectual property regulations and policies.

The parties have equal intellectual rights to scientific results of the joint project. SUA and UNIBO are committed to gain the approval of RCICHHTO in the field of publishing and presenting and taking benefits from the results. Scientific results will be published in the name of the MoU Contracting Parties.

The MoU Contracting Parties will exchange all data and documents generated by scientific research of the MoU. All information about comparative studies to the joint project will be shared.

4 Means of Financial Credit Providing

The MoU Contracting Parties will share the expenses of joint projects approved by the Supervision Committee (see article 5) according to agreed modalities. SUA ensures the granting of all Iranian permissions necessary for the implementation of the fieldwork and other researches.

The costs of UNIBO share will be bore through the acquisition of proper funds for the project from any public or private subject.

5 Supervision Committee

The implementation of this MoU will be overseen by a Supervision Committee comprising of members of the MoU Contracting Parties. The Supervision Committee meets regularly when required, in Shiraz. It can also hold meetings in electronic ways. Decisions will be taken upon consensus.

The Supervision committee will be Composed by:

1. The Iranian director of the joint expedition (SUA).
2. The Italian director of the joint expedition (UNIBO).

The modalities of the annual joint campaigns will be decided by the Supervision Committee.

The MoU Contracting Parties present their excavation teams and scientific aims yearly before the beginning of the annual campaign.

6 Compensation

In case of any damage to the architectural structure(s) or object(s), subject-matter of this MoU, by any member of SUA or UNIBO, the said Universities undertakes to compensate the incurred damage.

7 Controversy Settlement

7.1 In any case of a dispute between the Contracting Parties, the issue will be settled amicably.

7.2 In case of disagreement between the MoU Contracting Parties, the case will be referred to arbitration, with each party nominating one arbiter and the four of them a fourth one (chair). The arbitration tribunal decides, upon consensus, on its procedures. The decision by the arbitration tribunal is final.

8 Validity and Conditions of Expiration and Termination of the MoU

8.1 This MoU will be valid for five years and can be extended upon written agreement of the MoU Contracting Parties for its continuation, six months before the expiration of this MoU, and once the viewpoints of the supervision committee (subject of paragraph 5) are included, it can be extended for identical periods (subject of paragraph 5)

8.2 In case of the MoU Contracting Parties, disagreement on cooperation continuation, each party may terminate the MoU provided that they inform the other party by a written notice six months prior to the termination.

8.3 After the expiration of this MoU, ongoing and unfinished projects will be completed by either side according to the terms of this MoU. The Contracting Parties will be held responsible for their completion.

This MoU consists of one introduction and eight articles and is done on 2014/01/11 in four original copies in English.

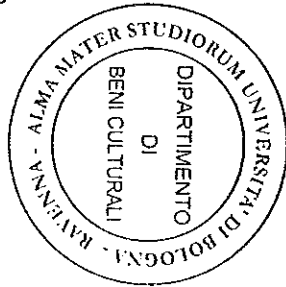
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