## GENERAL AGREEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

#### between

the Department of Civil, Energy, Environmental, and Materials Engineering of Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria (ITALY), whose registered head office is located in via Graziella – Feo di Vito – 89122 Reggio Calabria, ITALY, and on whose behalf the Head, Prof. Nicola Moraci

#### and

the Department of Civil Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur (INDIA), whose registered head office is located in IIT Kanpur, Kalyanpur, U.P, INDIA, and on whose behalf the Associate Dean of International Relations, Prof. Abhijit Kushari;

# agree on the following clauses:

## Art. 1 – Fundamental principles of the agreement

The Department of Civil, Energy, Environmental, and Materials Engineering of Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria and the Department of Civil Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering of IIT of Kanpur consider the necessity of establishing cooperation and facilitating scientific and educational exchanges between Italy and India as a fundamental basis of the present agreement.

On this basis, the two parties believe that their respective university Institutions can implement crucial strategies aimed at encouraging profitable initiatives of cultural integration and exchange.

## Art. 2 - Fields involved

The Department of Civil, Energy, Environmental, and Materials Engineering of Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria and the Department of Civil Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering of IIT of Kanpur draw up an agreement of cooperation in all the fields related to:

- Civil Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Computer Science and Engineering

Both parties shall collaborate on the basis of equality and reciprocity, and can identify, by mutual consent, other disciplinary and research fields, not only in view of new perspectives but also to capitalise on the knowledge already acquired by the scholars from both Universities.

#### Art. 3 - Activities

In order to achieve the aims listed under Article 2 of the present Agreement, collaboration may be effected by means of:

- exchange of professors, researchers, technical staff and students;
- joint organization of study courses, advanced and graduate study programmes, summer schools, work experience, teaching modules and other initiatives like these;
- joint research projects;
- joint organization of meetings, conferences, seminars directed to exchanges of learning and practical knowledge;
- exchange of scientific publications, documents, teaching material, exhibitions;
- search for funding from other national and international institutions, aimed at joint projects.

# **Art. 4 – Operational modalities**

In order to achieve the agreed objectives, both contracting sides, by common consent, will draw up programmes and projects of collaboration within which further agreements specifying each Institution's commitments will be signed. The collaboration may also concern subunits from both universities with the permission of their regents or offices and subject to the regulations of their own Institution.

#### Art. 5 - Duration and evaluation of the activities

The present Agreement has a duration of 3 (three) years from the date it is signed, it can be renewed for an equal period of time with the common consent of both parties, after an evaluation of the activities already carried out.

The Agreement can be modified only by an explicit declaration of both Institutions.

#### Art. 6

Either University can withdraw from the Agreement at any time with notice of no less than 6 (six) months to the other party, after which the

Agreement will be cancelled. If one Institution terminates the agreement, both professors and students involved in activities still in course will maintain the rights defined by the present document.

#### Art. 7

The present Agreement does not obligate the parties to any financial expenditures.

The two parties agree to settle amicably any disputes concerning either the interpretation or the operational modalities of the present Agreement.

#### Art. 8

The present document is executed by the two contracting parties in four original copies, two in Italian and two in English, both being textually equivalent.

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