



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Between

The Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS, having its registered office in via M. Negri, 2 in Milano (Italy), herein represented by its Director, Professor Giuseppe Remuzzi (hereinafter, the "Host Institution")

And

Institute of Cellular Biology and Pathology " Nicolae Simionescu", having its registered office at 8, BP Hasdeu Street, 050568 Bucharest, Romania, herein represented by Academician Maya Simionescu, Director (hereinafter, the "Home Institution").

The agreement aims to promote academic cooperation through the exchange of students and research staff. The parties have mutually agreed and covenanted as set forth in the terms and conditions hereinbelow:

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote academic cooperation in the field of health and pharmaceutical sciences, by means of the exchange of researchers and students of each institution.

SECTION 2 – GOALS AND FORMS OF COOPERATION

Forms of cooperation in the exchange of:

2.1. Research staff

2.1.1. Visiting researchers shall take part in conference, teaching and/or research activities, under stays which shall not exceed the extent of one academic year (two semesters).

2.1.2. Health insurance coverage must be arranged by the researcher in his/her country of origin.

2.1.3. Salaries shall be paid by the home institution.

2.2. Students:

2.2.1. Students shall be pre-selected by their home institution based on their academic excellence. The host institution shall be responsible for the final acceptance.

2.2.2. Students accepted by the host institution shall be deemed to be exchange students and shall be subject to all the rules and regulations of the host institution, and shall comply with them in the same manner as the regular students thereof.

2.2.3. Students participating in the exchange program shall be encouraged to acquire knowledge of the language of the country of the

host institution, at a level compatible with the activities they are to carry out.

2.2.4. Each student shall follow a course of studies jointly agreed between the two institutions.

2.2.5. The student's stay shall not exceed one academic year, except in the case of double degree programs.

2.2.6. Undergraduate double accreditation programs and co-supervision of theses and dissertations shall be the object of a specific instrument to be executed between the concerned parties.

2.2.7. The institutions shall mutually agree to the number of students to be involved in the exchange program.

2.2.8. Health insurance coverage must be arranged by the student in his/her country of origin before his/her arrival at the host institution.

SECTION 3 – FINANCIAL SUPPORT

3.1. The researchers involved in the exchange programs hereunder shall not pay fees to the host institution. The remaining expenses (travel, accommodation and the like) shall be borne by the faculty member/researcher, who may seek funding from external agencies.

3.2. The students involved in the exchange programs hereunder shall pay the academic fees, if any, at their institution of origin. The remaining expenses (travel, accommodation and the like) shall be borne by the student. The existence of this Agreement shall not imply any obligation of the host institutions to provide financial support.

SECTION 4 – OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

4.1. Both institutions shall attempt to achieve reciprocity under the activities covered by this Agreement.

4.2. The home institution shall acknowledge the academic results obtained by the student at the host institution, based on the work program previously agreed to between the institutions and the respective credits and/or hours.

4.3. Both institutions agree in a binding form to promote the integration of the students in the academic life of the host institution.

4.4. The host institution shall provide such adequate research conditions and locations for the work of the visiting researcher as are within its reach.

4.5. The home institution shall remain the affiliated institution of the student/researcher for the entire duration of the mobility period and shall be solely responsible for providing adequate insurance coverage for accidents, occupational injuries and health-related risks for them during their stay at the host institution.

4.6. The host Institution shall not be liable for any injury, accident or damage suffered by the student/researcher, except in cases of gross negligence or wilful misconduct attributable to the host institution.

SECTION 5 – COORDINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

5.1. To ensure the technical-administrative coordination of this Agreement, Institute of Cellular Biology and Pathology " Nicolae Simionescu" hereby

appoints Dr. Manuela Calin, Head of the "Medical and Pharmaceutical BioNanoTechnologies" (BioNanoMed) Laboratory, and the **Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS** hereby appoints Dr. Francesca Fumagalli, Head of the Unit of Cardiovascular Pathophysiology, Laboratory of Experimental Cardiovascular Injury.

5.2. It is incumbent on the coordinators to provide solutions and to forward all academic and administrative issues that may occur during the effective term hereof, as well as to ensure supervision of the activities.

SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE TERM

This Agreement shall be effective for a period of **three (3) years**, as from the date it is executed by the representatives of both Parties. Any changes herein shall be implemented in the form of an Amendment duly agreed to between the Parties.

SECTION 7 - TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated at any time, by either party, by means of a 180-day prior written termination notice. In the event of any outstanding issues, the parties shall define, in a written termination agreement, the responsibilities for the closing of each of the programs affected by the termination, and all other outstanding issues, the activities in course to be continued with until completion.

SECTION 8 – SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

In order to settle any doubts that may arise under the performance or in the construction of this Agreement, the Parties shall exert their best efforts to arrive at a solution by mutual consent. In the event such consent is found to be impossible, the Parties shall jointly appoint a third party natural person, to act as mediator.

This Agreement is executed in the English language, which shall be the sole authentic and legally binding version. Any translation into another language is provided for convenience only and shall have no legal effect.

Institute of Cellular Biology and
Pathology " Nicolae Simionescu"

Academician Maya Simionescu
Director



Date:

23.07.2026

Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche
Mario Negri IRCCS

Professor Giuseppe Remuzzi
Director

Date:

28.07.2026