# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE and POLITECNICO DI BARI

# **1.0 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MOU is to develop academic and educational cooperation on the basis of equality and reciprocity and to promote sustainable partnerships and mutual understanding between the University of Tennessee on behalf of its Knoxville campus (hereinafter referred to as "UT") in the United States of America and Politecnico di Bari with legal address in Italy, Via E. Orabona, 4 - 70125 Bari - Italy, represented by its Rector Prof. Francesco Cupertino (hereinafter referred to as "POLIBA") in Bari, Italy. Both UT and POLIBA may be referred to individually as the "party" or collectively as the "parties".

### 2.0 SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

UT and POLIBA aim to undertake cooperation in areas that may include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- a) Student exchange for research and study
- b) Exchange of faculty, staff and research scholars
- c) Joint research activities
- d) English as a Second Language programs
- e) Continuing education programs
- f) Organization and participation in seminars, symposia, short-term academic programs and academic meetings
- g) Exchange of research and educational materials, publications and academic information
- h) Technical assistance
- i) Creation and marketing of electronic instruction media, including credit and non-credit courses
- j) Dual degree and joint degree programs

### 3.0 ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS

Before any activities may be implemented, the parties shall discuss the relevant issues to the satisfaction of each party and enter into specific activity agreements based on the mutually agreed objectives and outcomes of the activity. Activity agreements will include such terms as the following:

- a) Elaboration of the responsibilities of each institution for the agreed upon activity
- b) Specific schedules for the activity
- c) Participation in research calls for possible financing of the activities of this agreement
- d) Detailed management of intellectual property rights and publications
- e) Any other items deemed necessary for the efficient management of the activity

# **4.0 COORDINATORS**

Coordinators shall be named by each institution to serve as liaisons for implementing this MOU. All activities conducted under the auspices of this MOU must have the endorsement of the coordinators. At UT, the coordinator will be Dr. Ozlem Kilic of Tickle College of Engineering and at POLIBA, the coordinator will be Prof. Michele Mossa, professor of Hydraulics. Coordinators shall notify their counterparts should a new person be named to the position.

# 5.0 RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

- 5.1 This MOU shall remain in force for a period of five years from the date of the last signature. This MOU may be extended by the written consent of the parties.
- 5.2 This MOU may be terminated by either party giving written notice to the other party at least 30 days in advance of the stated termination date. Termination of this MOU shall not affect activities in progress pursuant to specific activity agreements, which shall continue until concluded by the parties in accordance with their terms or as otherwise agreed to by the parties in writing.
- 5.3 This MOU may be amended only by the written consent of the parties.

In witness thereof, the parties have offered their signatures hereto:

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David Miller	Date	Prof. Francesco Cupertino	Date
Chief Financial Officer		Rector Politecnico di Bari	
The University of Tennessee,			
Knoxville			

The Parties/institutions undertake to process all personal data solely for the purpose connected to the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding and in accordance with European Regulation (GDPR 2016/676).