

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

Between

Istituto Superiore di Sanità, ITALY

And

Shanghai Hospital Development Center, People's Republic of China

**Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), ITALY and Shanghai Hospital Development Center, People's Republic of China (SHDC)**, (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties"),

guided by the willingness to develop fruitful cooperation in the areas of hospital management and clinical research within the areas of their own competence and in line with the Plan of Action for years 2016-2018 signed in Beijing on 28th January 2016 between the Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and the National Health and Family Planning Commission of People's Republic of China

AGREE as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the areas of hospital management and clinical research, on the basis of equality, gender parity, reciprocity and mutual benefits.

The specific areas of cooperation are mutually agreed upon, taking into account the interest of the both Parties, encompassing the areas listed below:

1. **Exchanges of academic knowledge and information:** To support activities that strengthen and/or establishes links between the Parties such as academic conferences, seminars, workshops, etc.);

2. **Personnel exchange:** To promote personnel exchange, education, and training for scientific researchers in the fields of mutual interest;
3. **Areas for development of the Parties:** Areas, mutually, agreed upon and considered to be necessary for the development of the Parties.

## ARTICLE 2

Cooperation under this MOU shall be subject to the following conditions and scope of joint initiatives:

- i. The collaboration will be reviewed by the parties in connection with meetings, annually or as appropriate.
- ii. This MOU will be evaluated every second year.
- iii. Information on events and activities that may be of common interest will be shared between the two Parties.
- iv. The Parties agree that they will not use the name, logo, registered trademarks or other symbols of the other party in any signatures, titles, headers, press releases or otherwise without the prior written consent of the other party.

## ARTICLE 3

The proposed cooperation under this MOU is non-exclusive and shall have an initial term of three years from the Effective Date of signature, unless terminated earlier by either Party upon three months' prior notice in writing to the other Party.

This MOU shall automatically be extended for additional period of three years unless terminated by either Party giving at least six months' prior written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate the MOU.

In the event of termination of the MOU, any subsequent agreements, concluded pursuant to this MOU, may also be terminated in accordance with the termination provision contained in

such agreements. In such case, the Parties shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the activities carried out under the MOU and the subsequent agreements are brought to a prompt and orderly conclusion.

This MOU may be amended only by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

#### ARTICLE 4

All activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU are to be conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations of both countries and are subject to the availability of personnel, resources, and appropriated funds.

All activities are to be conducted on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefits.

All the information relayed by the Parties under this MOU shall be considered strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed to third parties without the prior written consent of both parties.

#### ARTICLE 5

ISS nominate for the coordination of the activities envisaged in this MoU Dr. **Luca Rosi, Head of the International Affairs at the President's Cabinet**. The SHDC nominate for the coordination of the activities envisaged in this MoU Mr. **Guo Yongjin**.

Parties agree to establish a Joint Commission which will include up to three representatives of each of the parties, excluding the chief executives, and will be coordinated by the scientific coordinator mentioned on point 1 art 5 for each of the parties. The Joint Commission will meet on a regular basis and not less than once a year and will be independently able to consult with specific expert on thematic matters for mutual interest.

#### ARTICLE 6

This MOU This document is drawn up in English and Chinese languages, and the two

languages are equally authentic.

This MOU shall be signed in two counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. The MOU shall enter into force and effect on the date (“Effective Date”) on which it is duly signed by both Parties.

SIGNED IN ..... on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of ..... in two originals.

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SHANGHAI HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT  
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Head of international affairs

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