## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PACE UNIVERSITY AND SELECTED ITALIAN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT SECOND-LEVEL ITALIAN LAUREA AND A MASTER DEGREE FROM PACE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, THE PARTICIPATING PARTIES BELIEVE THAT INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR STUDENTS AND WOULD BE ENHANCED BY INTERNATIONAL, ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND AN AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AS THE PARENT DOCUMENT OF ANY SPECIFIC PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

THIS PARENT AGREEMENT ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES FOR A PROGRAM OF STUDIES AT PACE UNIVERSITY THAT WILL ACCEPT STUDENTS FROM ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES IN INDICATED FIELDS OF STUDIES.

THIS PROGRAM IS IN ACCORDANCE TO COLLABORATE IN TEACHING IN FIELDS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, THUS ENCOURAGING THE EXCHANGE OF DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES AND POINTS OF VIEW BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITIES.

THE UNDERSIGNED EXPRESS THEIR DESIRE TO DEVELOP A MECHANISM THROUGH WHICH SELECTED ITALIAN STUDENTS COULD OBTAIN A JOINT SECOND-LEVEL LAUREA DEGREE FROM ITALY AND A MASTERS DEGREE FROM PACE UNIVERSITY.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM WILL DEPEND ON DETAILS TO BE DEVELOPED BETWEEN PARTICIPATING ITALIAN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND PARTICULAR MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMS AT PACE UNIVERSITY. AT THE TIME OF THE MOU, INTEREST EXISTS IN DEVELOPING PROGRAMS IN:

- 1. BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC STUDIES
- 2. SOCIAL AND URBAN STUDIES
- 3. ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
- 4. GEOSCIENCES AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SCIENCES (GIS)
- 5. ESTUARINE/RIVER STUDIES
- 6. COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS MUST BE SPECIFIED IN DEVELOPING EACH PROGRAM DETAIL:

- DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND AND CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION, INCLUDING LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.
- PROCESS FOR PRE-SELECTION AND SCREENING OF CANDIDATES IN ITALY AND FOR ADMISSION TO PACE UNIVERSITY.

- Number of students who can enter each program of study at any one time.
- 4. MECHANISM FOR PAYMENT OF TUITION AND STIPEND FOR ITALIAN STUDENTS WHILE AT PACE UNIVERSITY.
- AGREEMENT ON SUBJECTS TO BE ACCEPTED AND RECOGNIZED FOR PURPOSES OF THE ITALIAN LAUREA.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS PROGRAM IS INTENDED FOR STUDENTS IN THEIR FIFTH YEAR OF THEIR ITALIAN LAUREA.

THE COURSES TO BE OFFERED WILL BE MUTUALLY DECIDED IN THE FUTURE ACCORDING TO THE INTERESTS OF EACH SIDE. THE POSSIBILITY, TO HAVE THE ITALIAN STUDENTS EARN CREDITS COUNTED TOWARDS DEGREES AT BOTH THE ITALIAN AND U.S. UNIVERSITIES, CULMINATING IN TWO MASTERS DEGREES, IS TO BE NEGOTIATED SEPARATELY BY EACH UNIVERSITY.

PACE UNIVERSITY AND PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES AGREE TO APPOINT INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL MANAGE AND SUPERVISE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. THE PARTIES WILL COVER ANY LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND FACULTY SALARIES. THE PARTIES AGREE TO COOPERATE, IN GOOD WILL, IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPPORTING AGREEMENTS.

## ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

PACE UNIVERSITY

POLITECNICO DI BARI

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI BRESCIA

Università degli Studi "G. D'Annunzio" di Chieti

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI FIRENZE

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI GENOVA

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DELL'INSUBRIA

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DEL MOLISE

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI FEDERICO II

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PAVIA

UNIVERSITÀ DI PERUGIA

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI REGGIO CALABRIA

Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"

Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI SALERNO

CNR - ISTITUTO DI RICERCA PER LA PROTEZIONE IDROGEOLOGICA

CNR - ISTITUTO DI BIOLOGIA AGROALIMENTARE E FORESTALE

CNR - ISTITUTO PER L'AMBIENTE MARINO COSTIERO

CINIGEO- CONSORZIO INTERUNIVERSITARIO NAZIONALE PER L'INGEGNERIA DELLE GEORISORSE

## SIGNED:

PACE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DEL

MOLISE IL RETTORE

DATE:

Campobasso, 22 SET 2003