



### MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT

### BETWEEN

THE SCUOLA INTERNAZIONALE SUPERIORE DI STUDI AVANZATI (SISSA), TRIESTE, ITALY

### AND

THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF CHINA (USTC), HEFEI

In accordance with a mutual desire to promote academic exchange and cooperation in science and technology between UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF CHINA (hereafter refer to "USTC") and SCUOLA INTERNAZIONALE SUPERIORE DI STUDI AVANZATI (hereafter refer to "SISSA"), the undersigned parties agree to cooperate through research and study in furtherance of the advancement of learning as stated below:

### ARTICLE 1

USTC and SISSA agree to promote the following activities in order to enhance each other's educational, academic and research activities:

- 1. Exchange of faculty members and researchers,
- 2. Exchange of students (graduate and PhD students)
- 3. Co-tutoring of PhD students
- 4. Exchange of information on joint research projects and appropriate non-confidential academic resources that are of mutual interest,
- 5. Activities such as collaborative research, joint symposia and exchange lectures.

# ARTICLE 2

Matters pertaining to the implementation of the exchange and co-tutoring on this agreement shall be negotiated and agreed upon by representatives of the two Parties.

# ARTICLE 3

It is understood that the scope of activities under this Agreement will be determined by funds regularly







available at each party for the types of collaboration undertaken and by such other financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution from external sources. However, each side will make its best efforts to make available university accommodation or housing service upon its accommodation capacity to hosting faculty members, researchers and students.

### ARTICLE 4

Both Parties will encourage exchange of their faculties, researches, and graduate and PhD students. The acceptance of any participants will be at the discretion of the host institution. The host institution will provide Visiting Scholar or Researcher status for exchange faculties and researchers. The host institution will provide appropriate working space upon availability and access to library, computer, and related facilities.

### ARTICLE 5

Both parties shall make reasonable efforts to facilitate the exchange of graduate and PhD students in accordance with the objectives of this agreement. Admission to degree programmes will be subject to regular admission requirements and the approval of faculty in charge of the intended programme of study.

### ARTICLE 6

Both parties agree to exchange non-confidential, publicly available scientific information on research projects of mutual interest. Neither institution is obligated to furnish specific documents or a predetermined quantity of documents to the other. Each party agrees that faculties and students participating in the exchange shall be free to publish the results of their research. In principle, the parties shall jointly publish the results of the Activities. In the event of sole publication by either Party, the written consent of the other party shall be obtained prior to such publication; such consent shall not unreasonably be withheld. In such a case, the contribution of the other party shall be acknowledged in accordance with internationally accepted practice.

### ARTICLE 7

Both Parties understand that this Memorandum is not intended to create binding or legal obligations on either party. As and when details related to the above develop, such details will be set forth in agreements and terms







separate and supplemental to this Memorandum.

### **ARTICLE 8**

The exchange of students, researchers, and faculties outlined in this agreement shall be subject to all applicable laws, regulations and guidelines of China and Italy and any limitations and/or restrictions related thereto, as determined by host institution.

## ARTICLE 9

Both Parties agree to review this Memorandum Agreement after five years following the date of signing, and acknowledge that this Agreement is subject to revision and termination at any time by mutual consent or by six months' notice by either party.

SCUOLA INTERNAZIONALE SUPERIORE DI STUDI AVANZATI (SISSA) UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF CHINA (USTC)

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