

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

## **MoU**

### **BETWEEN**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE  
UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA, FOGGIA, ITALY**

### **AND**

**THE LABORATORY FOR THE STUDY OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY  
UNIVERSITY OF MALTA, MSIDA, MALTA**

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The Laboratory for the Study of Neurological Disorders of the University of Malta (hereafter referred as "UM") and the Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, University of Foggia, Italy (hereafter referred as "UF"), hereby agree to further strengthening of scientific exchange and cooperation between the Institutions with the intention to promote scientific collaborations, as well as academic and educational exchanges through the following activities:

#### **1- STAFF EXCHANGE**

##### **1-1 Exchange of Academic Staff**

UF and UM may enter into agreements providing for the exchange and interaction of staff for academic purposes mutually beneficial to both Institutions. Where appropriate, the host institution will provide faculty assistance, library and research facilities.

##### **1-2 Visiting Academic Staff**

In addition to exchanges, UF and UM may agree to provide for visiting academic staff. The terms and conditions for visiting academic staff will be determined within the framework of institutional policy.

##### **1-3 Visiting Research Fellows**

UF and UM may enter into agreements providing that either institution may nominate one or more of its faculty members to visit the other University for the purpose of advanced study or research. When this occurs the host institution will provide institutional courtesies, libraries and research facilities. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered from grants from the sending institution or from grants through joint research projects awarded to both institutions working on that particular project. Visiting research fellows will not receive compensation from the host institution except by express written agreement.

#### **2- SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATIONS AND OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION**

UF and UM may take part in:

- a) mutual scientific collaborations for ongoing and novel research projects, as well as participation to calls for research funds and international grants
- b) scientific conferences, lectures and seminars
- c) exchange of scientific protocols, publications, handbooks and other material

### 3- EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

Each party to the Memorandum of Understanding shall appoint an officer who will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the exchange, including facilities to assist exchange participants.

The University of Foggia designates as the person in charge of this Memorandum of Understanding, Professor Stefania Schiavone. The University of Malta designates as the person in charge of this Memorandum of Understanding, Professor Mario Valentino.

### 4- EFFECTIVE DATA AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

This MoU shall be in effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2027. This MoU may be extended by mutual consent in writing of both institutions for a period beyond its original date of expiry. Either party may terminate this MoU at any time by sending written notice to the other party. Such termination will take effect three months from the date of that written notice.

#### Agreement

For the UNIVERSITY OF MALTA, MSIDA, MALTA

*Mario Valentino 20/10/2025*

Professor Mario Valentino as the Principal Investigator  
Department of Physiology & Biochemistry

DATE AND SIGNATURE



The Rector  
Prof. Alfred J. Vella

DATE AND SIGNATURE

*17/10/2025*

**For the UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA**

Professor Stefania Schiavone as the Principal Investigator  
Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine

29/10/2025   
DATE AND SIGNATURE

The Rector  
Prof. Lorenzo Lo Muzio

DATE AND SIGNATURE