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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The International Institute of Geopsychiatry
Weinreben 9, 6300 Zug, Switzerland

And

The University of Foggia
Via Antonio Gramsci, 89/91 – 71122 Foggia, Italy

1. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes a framework for academic, scientific, and institutional collaboration between the International Institute of Geopsychiatry (hereinafter “IIG”) and the University of Foggia (hereinafter “UNIFG”), collectively referred to as “the Parties.”

The IIG is an international, network-based institute positioned at the intersection of geopolitics and mental health, with a growing global network of collaborative centres and fellows. It acts as a coordinating and integrative hub for interdisciplinary research, training, and policy-relevant work in geopsychiatry.

The Institute was officially founded as the institutional extension of the Special Interest Group (SIG) in Geopsychiatry of the World Psychiatric Association, positioning it at the centre of international efforts to advance and define the field.

The purpose of this MoU is to promote cooperation in research, education, and training in areas of mutual interest, with a particular focus on geopolitical determinants of mental health and their translation into academic and policy-relevant outputs.

2. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The Parties intend to collaborate in areas of mutual academic and scientific interest, including research, training, and knowledge exchange. Specific activities, including fellowships and joint initiatives, may be defined in separate agreements or addenda.

3. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND TRAINING

The Parties express their intention to establish a foundation for future **research fellowships** at the IIG, including but not limited to:

- Hosting PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, and visiting scholars
- Supporting mobility programs for research and training purposes
- Facilitating access to institutional resources, supervision, and expertise
- Developing joint supervision or cotutelle arrangements where applicable

These activities will be embedded within the broader international structure of the IIG, enabling access to global expertise, interdisciplinary collaboration, and participation in multi-site research and policy initiatives.



Detailed terms (duration, funding, supervision, intellectual property, etc.) shall be agreed upon in separate written agreements for each initiative.

4. IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION

Each Party shall designate a **contact person or coordinator** responsible for:

- Facilitating communication
- Identifying collaboration opportunities
- Monitoring progress of joint activities

The Parties agree to meet periodically (virtually or in person) to review and advance collaborative initiatives.

5. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

This MoU does not create any financial obligations.

Any financial commitments related to specific activities shall be defined in separate agreements.

6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Intellectual property (IP) arising from joint activities shall be:

- Owned by the Party generating it, unless otherwise agreed
- Jointly owned where developed collaboratively, subject to separate agreements

Publication and use of results shall respect academic standards and mutual consent.

7. DURATION AND TERMINATION

This MoU shall enter into force on the date of signature and remain valid for a period of **five (5) years**, unless terminated earlier by either Party with **three (3) months' written notice**.

Termination shall not affect ongoing agreed activities unless otherwise decided.

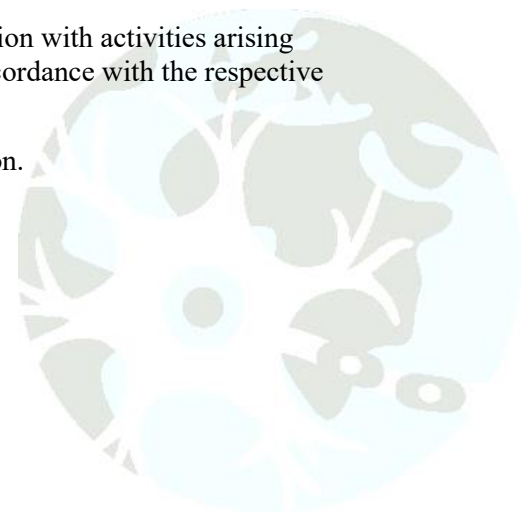
8. NON-BINDING NATURE

This MoU is intended as a statement of mutual intent and does not create legally binding obligations, except where explicitly stated.

9. USE OF NAME AND LOGO

Each Party may use the name and logo of the other Party solely in connection with activities arising from this MoU, subject to prior written approval where required and in accordance with the respective branding guidelines.

Such use shall not imply endorsement beyond the scope of the collaboration.



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10. FINAL PROVISIONS

Any amendments to this MoU must be made in writing and signed by both Parties.

This MoU is executed in two original copies, each Party retaining one.

For the International Institute of Geopsychiatry

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Place/date: _____

For the University of Foggia

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Place/date: _____

