

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN
HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY**

and

**ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI OCEANOGRAFIA E DI GEOFISICA
SPERIMENTALE - OGS**

Under this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Hacettepe University (HU), Ankara/Türkiye and Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale – (OGS), Trieste/Italy, (hereinafter, referred to as the Parties), agree to collaborate within the boundaries of each country's domestic legislations and their capabilities.

Article 1

AIM

Based on the terms set out in the following articles, with this Memorandum of Understanding the Parties aim to promote and develop bilateral cooperation and mutual understanding.

Article 2

FORMS OF COOPERATION

- a. Sharing research in areas of mutual interest, with special emphasis on analysis of seismicity, seismic hazard assessment and crustal deformation along (although not limited) segments of the active lithospheric faults (such as East Anatolian Fault Zone and Dead Sea Fault, etc.- EAFZ, DSFZ), geochemical features of the fluids vented along the selected sites and of the magmatic products outcropping along segments of the EAFZ and DSFZ.
- b. Promoting joint research involving exchange of faculty members and research assistants and Ph.D. candidates as well as researchers.
- c. Exchanging the scientific personnel for carrying out research in the respective areas: Both Parties may host undergraduate and graduate students as well as young and senior scientist for training or formation courses.
- d. Exchanging academic research data and technical material.
- e. Collaborating for publication and/or cultural activities.
- f. Sharing their infrastructural facilities.

Article 3

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a. Scientific and educational cooperation in areas of mutual interest shall be carried out on the basis of equality and reciprocity.

- b. The activities to be carried out within the scope of joint studies will be planned separately according to the facilities and conditions of each party and the procedures and principles will be determined by an additional protocol that will be signed between the parties.
- c. The activities described above are limited by the national legislation of the Republic of Türkiye and the budgetary resources of the parties.
- d. This Memorandum of Understanding is not financially binding on either Party.
- e. Signing this Memorandum of Understanding does not create any obligation to become a party to any agreement on cooperation between the Parties.
- f. Parties are responsible for obtaining the necessary approval from within or outside the organization in accordance with the legislation they are bound to.
- g. The name of the University may be mentioned in this Protocol only with the written consent of the University.
- h. Within the scope of this Protocol, the University is not responsible for the actions of the persons who will perform duties against the Protocol, unless it is proven that they are at fault.
- i. This Protocol does not prevent the University from carrying out joint projects, studies or activities with other Institutions and Organizations on the same subject.
- j. Common activities, exchange of visits and other forms of cooperation shall be agreed upon and approved by the authorized representatives of the Parties.
- k. The scientific reference person will be the primary point of contact for all scientific matters related to this MoU.
- l. The scientific reference person from both parties will collaborate closely to ensure the success of the scientific activity. They will maintain regular communication regarding the activity's progress, tackle any scientific challenges that may emerge, and collectively make decisions as needed.
- m. The Parties will share their infrastructural facilities, when needed, with prior approval of the concern officials of Parties.

Article 4 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

In cases where collaborative activities carried out within the scope of this MoU are expected to yield intellectual property rights, prior to the start of the joint project, the Parties shall conclude an additional protocol to determine the regulation of intellectual property rights.

Article 5 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

Personal data will only be used and processed within the confines of the present MoU and its related executive protocols, and with full respect to the concerned individual's personality rights, right to privacy and personal data protection rights as well as fundamental rights and freedoms, and the principle of respect for human dignity. Concerning the use and processing of personal data, the Parties are bound by the relevant regulations enshrined in their home

country's laws and are liable for obtaining the necessary consent as required by the relevant legislations that they are subject to.

**Article 6
INSURANCE**

Researchers sent by one of the Parties to the other are required to have both health and accident insurances. Such insurance may be provided either by their home institution in accordance with their own regulations or may be acquired by the concerned individual from an insurance agency that would issue an insurance policy providing coverage on risks concerning the above-mentioned matters.

**Article 7
REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT**

Each Party shall have the right to appoint a representative who is to act as a contact person and who will follow up on matters related to execution. Each party shall notify the other about the representative appointment, and if one of the Parties changes its representative, it shall notify the other Party with a written notice within 1 (one) week. The scientific reference person for OGS is Dr. Angela Saraò and for HU is Prof. Galip Yüce (Ph.D.).

**Article 8
CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION**

Whether oral or written, the Parties undertake to maintain the confidentiality of the information available to them arising from their collaboration and/or coordination under this MoU, and they shall not disclose this information to third parties or persons without the prior written consent of the other Party unless they are required by a court decision or by the legal regulations that the Parties are subject to. Confidentiality provisions shall continue to be enforced for a period of 5 years from the date of the expiration or invalidation of the MoU for any reason.

**Article 9
PUBLICATION and NEWS**

Any news and/or publications regarding joint projects and research resulting from activities carried under this MoU shall not be published in any milieu (visual, audio, print, digital, social media, etc.) without the mutual written consent of the Parties.

**Article 10
DURATION and AMENDMENTS**

This MoU shall remain in effect for 3 (three) years starting from the date of entry into force. This MoU can be extended for another 3 (three) years with the written and signed consent of the Parties. The provisions of this MoU and its additional protocols can be amended with the mutual and written consent of the authorized representatives of both Universities. The additional protocols and/or amendments will not be valid unless they are written and mutually signed.



Article 11
TERMINATION OF THE MoU

If either of the Parties decides to terminate this MoU, it should notify the other Party 6 (six) months in advance by sending a written notice to the addresses specified in Article 12. In such a case of termination, ongoing projects shall be completed.

Article 12
NOTIFICATION and ADDRESSES

The addresses specified below shall be accepted as the official notification addresses of the Parties and only the notifications sent to these addresses shall be valid. The Party whose notification address has changed shall notify the other of the new address in writing within 15 (fifteen) days. Otherwise, the notification made to the latest address that was provided in written form shall be valid.

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Article 13
RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

Any disputes that may arise from the interpretation and/or implementation of this Agreement must first be resolved by mutual negotiations of the Parties. In the event that mutual negotiations cannot be concluded, Ankara Courts and Enforcement Offices shall be authorized for dispute resolution.

Article 14
ENFORCEMENT

This Memorandum is drawn up in two original copies and shall enter into force upon signature by authorized representatives of the Parties.

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Cahit GÜRAN
Hacettepe University
Rector

Date: 07.08.2024

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Date: 04.09.2024