

Memorandum of Understanding

The University of Northampton (UoN) and Stazione Sperimentale Industria Pelli / The Italian Leather Research Institute (SSIP) seek to establish, develop and sustain an academic relationship with regards exploration of collaboration at course level.

The Memorandum of Understanding that follows sets out precepts that will ensure the successful establishments and continued growth through such collaboration.

1. The Agreement

The Agreement is made between:

The University of Northampton

Boughton Green Road, Northampton, NN2 7AL

SSIP (Stazione Sperimentale Industria Pelli / The Italian Leather Research Institute)

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2. Principle Points of contact

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3. Duration of Agreement

The agreement shall commence on the date the document has been signed by both parties, and it will be effective for a period of 3 years. The MOU will be subject to section 10 (Amendment or Termination) within this memorandum.

4. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote effective working relationships between the UoN and SSIP for mutual benefit.

The Memorandum provides a framework for future co-operation within which the parties can work together to ensure the successful establishment and continued growth and collaboration.

5. Common Interests and Objectives

As organisations with complementary missions, The UoN and SSIP share interests and objectives in education, student exchange and joint programme matters. Both/all organisations are interested in establishing strong relationships with each other in order to assist in the achievement of their respective goals and objectives.

SSIP has recently started a program named "Politecnico del Cuoio" - Leather Polytechnic,

The program aims to consolidate and disseminate the technical culture of leather, encourage business development and strengthen technical and organizational skills, through the integration of education and work systems in the fashion supply chain

More in detail, the most of technical activities are aimed to promote specialised training for future technicians and managers involved in the field of tanning industry, with particular reference to the promotion of qualified and professional high school education for professional technicians (ITS projects).

With reference to these activities, the UoN and SSIP can cooperate and share students and teachers, according to their shared interests.

The UoN and SSIP have worked together to identify and develop a number of potential areas of mutual benefit to all parties and their respective client groups. There are great opportunities for partnership and collaboration; enabling mutual learning and benefit. These can be maximised by all/both parties working in a collaborative, consistent, open and transparent manner.

6. Collaboration

The UoN and SSIP jointly agree to subscribe to a co-operative relationship in order to promote joint academic collaboration and research opportunities.

Both parties will co-operate in providing the relevant material and information to support the collaboration.

7. Co-operation

The overall objective is to ensure mutual benefit to all parties. The spirit of this memorandum should provide a transparent basis on which to collaborate develop and strengthen the relationship between all parties.

To ensure the delivery of benefits; all parties will meet on a regular basis (insert agreed intervals here) to report on progress.

All discussion between parties is assumed to be in confidence unless explicitly agreed by all parties.

Each party will retain ownership of its own existing property, physical or intellectual, subject to any written agreement to the contrary.

The copyright and other intellectual property rights relating to documentation, products or materials newly developed by one party; shall be the property of that party, subject to a written agreement to the contrary.

8. Financial Arrangements

Funding arrangements with respects to fees, funding and inter-party payment will be set down in a separate financial memorandum or separate agreements; to be agreed by the principle points of contact, and reviewed annually thereafter.

The division of revenue generated by any future projects shall be subject to specific agreement; to be negotiated and concluded in advance of the project.

9. Execution of the Agreement

This agreement conveys no legal obligation; collectively or individually, upon the parties hereto. Any arrangements entered into further to this memorandum will be governed by specific, individual agreements; and follow individual organisational due processes.

Any further agreements will be signed between the relevant authority of the UoN and SSIP.

Amendment or Termination

The terms of this Memorandum of Agreement may only be varied by agreement in writing by persons duly authorised by each of the parties.

The Memorandum of Agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of the parties to the agreement.

All parties consent to the right to terminate this agreement giving 6 months notice to the proposed termination date.

10. Exclusivity

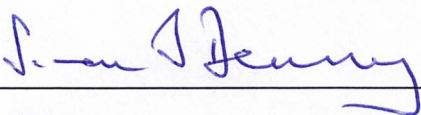
This memorandum is not exclusive, and does not prevent the parties entering into other any form of agreement or collaboration with other parties.

12 Governing Law and Status of Terms

The construction validity and performance of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be governed by the Laws of England.

The provisions set out in this Memorandum of Understanding, apart from those set out in paragraph 7 relating to confidentiality (which is legally binding), are not legally binding and the Parties shall not be bound unless and until formal agreements are agreed and duly entered into.

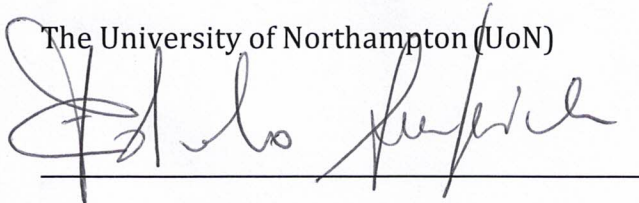
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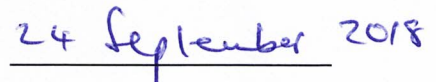
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