

## **INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between the

**Institute of Geosciences  
Polytechnic University of Tirana  
Tirana, Albania**

and the

**CIMA Research Foundation  
International Centre on Environmental Monitoring  
University of Genova Campus - Savona, Italy**

In recognition of their mutual research, technology innovation and scholarly interests CIMA Research Foundation - International Centre on Environmental Monitoring with address at the University of Genova Campus - Savona (Italy), and the Institute of Geosciences with address at the Polytechnic University of Tirana (Albania) propose to further their interests in accordance with this International Memorandum Of Understanding (IMOU).

1. The purpose of this IMOU is to encourage voluntary interaction and cooperation between the two partners and to promote friendship between the two parties for their mutual benefit. CIMA Research Foundation and the Institute of Geosciences of the Polytechnic University of Tirana recognise the value of the cooperative research experiences that integrate theory and practice and promote technology innovation and internationalisation. This relationship may include the exchange of educational and research materials, publications and data sets, as resources permit.
2. CIMA Research Foundation and the Institute of Geosciences may encourage researchers and Ph.D. students to pursue collaborative research that is jointly beneficial to their professional development and will lead to increased understanding between the parties and their respective Countries. This cooperation may include, but will not be limited to, training, research and technical assistance in the areas of hydrological sciences, hydrometeorology, flash floods, civil protection and hydrological hazards reduction and mitigation. This cooperation may also include the formation of temporary consortia in order to implement projects of mutual interest.
3. Neither party is obligated to expend any monies in connection with this IMOU. The implementation of any cooperative project shall be conditional

upon the availability of sufficient funding acceptable to each of the participants and the execution of a written agreement signed by authorized official of the parties. CIMA Research Foundation and the Institute of Geosciences will each designate a Department or Unit and a representative who is to be responsible for the management and possibly updating of this IMOU.

This IMOU takes effects when signed by authorized representative of both parties. The agreement will continue in force and effect for a period of six (6) years from such date. It may be renewed. Either party may request termination of the agreement upon such terms as are mutually agreeable to the parties at the time, or with six (6) months advance notice.

Tirana (Albania), the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2008

### Signatures

**For the CIMA Research Foundation,  
Italy**

**For the Institute of Geosciences,  
Polytechnic University of Tirana,  
Albania**

Title: President

Title: Director

Name: **Franco Siccar/b**

Name: **Ismail Hoxha**

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Designated Representative

Designated Representative

Title: Senior Project Advisor

Title: Director

Name: **Francesco Gaetani**

Name: **Ismail Hoxha**

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Savona (Italy), the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2008

To Whom it may concern

I hereby certify that

*Professor Francesco Gaetani* born in Aosta (Italy) the 21.06.1969 employed at CIMA Research Foundation as Project Senior Adviser

has been empowered to sign for and on behalf of *Professor Franco Siccardi*, chairman and legal representative of CIMA Research Foundation, for all the administrative documentations relevant to the scientific cooperation of CIMA with the Academic Institutions of Albania.

**"FONDAZIONE CIMA"**  
IL PRESIDENTS

  
Professor Franco Siccardi

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