

**Memorandum of Understanding**

**between**

**Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine (BNITM), Hamburg, Germany,**

**and**

**School of Public Health (SPH)- Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS),  
Tehran, Iran**

The Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine (BNITM), a Foundation Under Public Law jointly funded by the Federal Government of the Republic of Germany, the Government of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, is dedicated to research, training and service with the aim to efficiently control tropical diseases and, in due pursuance of this mission, seeks firm and sustainable collaborations with health authorities, academic institutions and teaching hospitals in areas where tropical diseases are prevalent. One of the prime aims of BNITM is to participate in the training of public health professionals, clinical scientists and laboratory scientists.

In its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the School of Public Health (SPH) at Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) is a National Centre of Excellence for Public Health Education in Iran. SPH has contributed considerably to education, research, service delivery and development of human resources for health, in Iran and the Eastern Mediterranean region. In line with TUMS, master plan for internationalization, and enjoying its track record capacity for education and research, as well as to contribute to sustainable development goals (SDGs) for health, approved by the United Nations (UN), SPH seeks to collaborate with academic and research institutes in researching into regional health related problems including tropical medicine, communicable and non-communicable diseases and to provide training for its faculty members, students and staff in the hope of contributing to the growth and development of health at both national and international levels.



NOW, THEREFORE, in due pursuance of addressing the above mandates, BNITM and SPH-TUMS document that they are committed to jointly conduct various public health activities, including but not limited to epidemiology training and research thereby strengthening collaboration to improve multi-centre education and research in Iran.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Objectives**

Objectives of the Memorandum are:

1. To document the commitment of BNITM and SPH-TUMS to engage into a firm collaboration which is bilateral in nature but, where appropriate, seeks to include additional partners at the national levels of both institutions as well as at the international level,
2. To conduct either bilateral, national or international multi-centre public health and epidemiological research training at a high scientific quality,
3. To train scientists in public health, epidemiology and clinical research in the field of infectious diseases and biosecurity,
4. To address scientific topics in medical epidemiology and public health.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Responsibilities of SPH-TUMS**

The responsibilities of SPH-TUMS are:

1. To contribute to joint planning for training programmes and in projects of public health and epidemiological research organized in conjunction with BNITM and, possibly, additional partners,
2. To provide training facilities for clinical public health and field epidemiological training programmes,
3. To provide the administrative infrastructure to announce training programmes and manage the incoming applications including selection and admittance of students,



4. To collect and administer tuition fees and use them to cover cooperation related cost arising to TUMS,
5. To provide teaching staff for cooperative teaching and training activities with BNITM,
6. To provide access to the clinical and laboratory environment including patients, personnel, space and facilities to contribute to clinical, public health and epidemiological training and research under conditions to be negotiated for each programme, project or study individually.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Responsibilities of BNITM**

The responsibilities of BNITM are:

1. To participate in training programmes and in projects of public health and epidemiological research organized in conjunction with SPH-TUMS and, possibly, additional partners,
2. To provide teaching staff for cooperative teaching and training activities with SPH-TUMS,
3. To support the acquisition, organisation and implementation of clinical, public health and epidemiological research projects at SPH-TUMS,
4. To support the acquisition of funds for projects of public health and epidemiological research, to be jointly conducted by SPH-TUMS.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Entry into Force and Termination**

1. This Memorandum shall take effect upon signature. The English version shall be authentic.
2. This Memorandum shall be valid for an initial period of five calendar years. A termination prior to this date is possible and requires that one of the contracting partners inform the other of its intention to terminate the Memorandum six months in advance.



3. The Memorandum shall be renewed automatically unless one of the contracting parties informs the other of its intention to terminate the Memorandum six months in advance.

## ARTICLE V Amendments

Either party may propose the amendment of this Memorandum to the other party. Amendments shall be in writing and may be expressed by exchange of letters or by formal amendment of the Memorandum, as is deemed appropriate by both parties.


### AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

In Tehran University of Medical Sciences on September 7<sup>th</sup> 2016.

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