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Dipartimento di Salute Mentale, ASS n.1  
Trieste, ITALIA

*In The Name of God  
The Compassionate, the Merciful*

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
WHO Collaborating Centre for Mental Health, Tehran Institute of Psychiatry , Tehran  
University of Medical Sciences, I.R.IRAN  
&  
WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health, Dipartimento di  
Salute Mentale, ASS n.1 Trieste, ITALIA**

*In agreement with WHO Headquarters in Geneva, in order to support WHO mhGAP Programme implementation in I.R. Iran*

*Following previous institutional contacts and scientific exchanges, under the aegis of WHO Country Office IR Iran, encompassing group visits on the part of WHO Collaborating Centre at Tehran University of Medical Sciences, to Trieste and Udine Mental Health Services (September-October 2010 and April 2011) as well as field visits, lectures and meetings on the part of Trieste WHO CC (June-July 2011), with the formulation of a workplan with pilot projects and related on-site and off-site training;*

**The parties hereby agree on the following terms and conditions:**

**1. Joint Training Programs**

Both parties agree to develop and implement joint training programs for the researchers and training staff of both centers and other interested parties with certifications issued and verified by both centers.

**2. Exchange of field experiences**

Both parties shall make reasonable efforts to support the development of researchers and staff exchange programs for the purpose of providing opportunities for both staff and faculty to gain new knowledge and experiences in diverse clinical, field and academic settings. The details of the rights and responsibilities of the institutions and trainees for such exchanges shall be set forth in writing and agreed upon by both parties before a particular exchange is initiated.

**3. Exchange of Scientific, Educational and Scholarly Materials**

Both parties agree on exchanging their respective scientific, educational and scholarly materials, to the extent practicable. Both parties shall set forth in writing their mutually agreed upon protocols and guidelines governing such exchanges and dissemination of information.

**4. Exchange of Academic Personnel**

Both parties shall make reasonable efforts to facilitate visits of their researchers or faculty to one another's institution for periods of time for research and training in accordance with the objectives of this agreement. The details of institutional and individual responsibilities involved in such researcher or faculty exchanges shall be set forth in writing and agreed upon by both parties before a particular visit is initiated.



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### **5. Special Projects**

The parties shall make reasonable efforts to collaborate from time to time in the development of special projects, including innovative and new approaches to address the issues and subjects of interest to both parties, joint research initiatives, training activities, mental health / drug abuse administration organization of events such as seminars, workshops, congresses and conferences, aimed at furthering their research and training objectives. The details of institutional and individual responsibilities necessary for accomplishing these projects shall be set forth in writing and agreed upon by both parties before a particular project is initiated.

### **6. Precondition of Adequate Funding**

Implementation of the activities contemplated by this MOU is contingent upon the ability of the parties to secure adequate funding to support such activities. In the event a party is unable to secure adequate funding to support the activities contemplated by this MOU, that party shall not be considered to be in breach of this MOU.

### **7. Terms of Agreement, Evaluation and Termination**

The present MOU becomes effective upon its execution by both parties and shall remain in effect for five (5) years from the date of execution, at which time the parties may negotiate to extend the agreement for more terms. This MOU may be terminated by either party upon a two-month [sixty (60) days] advanced written notice, and may be amended by mutual consents of the parties, formalized in written communications that specify the date on which such amendments are to take effect.

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**Name: Dr Jafar Bolhari**  
**Director of Tehran Institute of**  
**Psychiatry, WHOcc, I.R.IRAN**

**Sign:**  
**Date: 2012/July/7**

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**Name: Dr Roberto Mezzina**  
**Director of WHOcc. Dipartimento di**  
**Salute Mentale, ASS n.1 Trieste**

**Sign:**  
**Date:**