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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
NIDA NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE

Memorandum of Intent between the National Institute on Drug Abuse National Institutes of Health U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department for Anti-drug Policies Presidency of the Council of Ministers Italy

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), an agency of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), part of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the Department for Anti-drug Policies (DPA), Presidency of the Council of Ministers of the Italian government (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants"), share an interest in establishing cooperation between the two countries in areas of research on drugs and drug addiction. Activities conducted under this agreement are also consistent with the Memorandum of Intent between Italy and the United States America in Drug Demand Reduction Research, Services, and Policy Strategies (signed 7/11/11 by the Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy of the United States and the Undersecretary to the Prime Minister of Italy for Family, Drugs and Civil Service) .

Il Sottosegretario di Stato
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

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This agreement has the intent to foster the conduct of mutually beneficial research and research training to improve the diagnoses and treatment of drug abuse and addiction. Areas of particular interest include research to develop new medications for the treatment of addictive disorders, research to improve early detection, screening, referral to treatment and brief interventions (SBIRT) for addictive disorders particularly among adolescents and young adults, and research to increase the number of HIV-infected drug users who seek treatment for HIV infection and addiction (the Seek, Test, Treat, and Retain strategy). Cooperation may include, subject to mutual decision, activities designed to further scientific and academic interactions between the Participants; to complement their respective areas of expertise; and to enhance their missions, particularly as they relate to the advancement of drug abuse research. Such activities may include:

1. Collaborative activities between DPA and NIDA's Clinical Trials Network related to clinical trials of new medications, including but not limited to sharing of expertise and experiences, participation in protocol development, and coordinated conduct of independent protocols of mutual interest;

2. Cross national training activities to enhance the sharing of expertise, including short term visits of Italian scientists to NIDA-supported research labs in the U.S., including NIDA's Intramural Research Program, and visits of U.S. scientists to Italy; participation by U.S. scientists in training programs such as the National School on Addiction at the Scuola Superiore di Formazione della Pubblica Amministrazione in Rome; and activities related to medical education such as those developed under NIDA's Centers of Excellence for Physician Education including developing innovative drug abuse and addiction curriculum resources with the goal of helping to fill the gaps in medical students/resident physician curricula;

3. The exchange of information, joint planning activities, and progress review through joint workshops and other means, as well as sharing of research materials, subject to the terms of a material transfer agreement and all applicable laws, regulations, and policies;

4. Other forms of research cooperation, as agreed upon and encouraged by the Participants.

Any specific collaborative activities identified under this Memorandum of Intent will be characterized and agreed to in separate implementation plans and other documents as necessary. These should include objectives, time lines, reciprocal cost estimates, and projected products or results as necessary. Each Participant intends to support the costs of these activities to the extent that they are consistent with its mission and are agreed to in subsequent agreements.

The Participants may modify this Memorandum of Intent by mutual written statement. Either participant may cease cooperation under this Memorandum of Intent at any time, and should endeavor to provide six (6) months written notice to the other Participant. This agreement is intended to remain in effect for five years and may be renewed.

Nothing in this Memorandum of Intent is intended to create any binding obligations under the laws of the Participants nor under international law. Activities under this Memorandum of Intent are intended to be subject to the availability of personnel, appropriated funds and other resources of the Participants.

Signed and agreed to on this date: 25th july, 2011

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