



DIPARTIMENTO
DI SCIENZE BIOMEDICHE
E NEUROMOTORIE

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

ALMA MATER STUDIORUM – UNIVERSITA' DI BOLOGNA (Tax Registration No. 80007010376 - VAT No 01131710376), having its registered office in Via Zamboni, 33 - 40126 Bologna, Italy, through its Department of Biomedical and Neuromotor Science (DIBINEM), having its offices in via Massarenti n.9, Bologna, represented for the purposes of this Agreement by its Director Prof. Paolo Pillastrini (hereinafter referred to as "UNIBO")

AND

Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana University having its registered office at Eknath Bhavan, No.19, Gavipuram Circle, Kempegowda Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 019, Karnataka, India and having its HeadQuarters at Prashanti Kutiram, Jigani, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, **India** represented for the purposes of this Agreement its Registrar Dr Sony Kumari (hereinafter referred to as "S-VYASA").

hereinafter individually or collectively referred to also as the "Party" or the "Parties"

WHEREAS

- UNIBO is institutionally involved in the development of advanced education programmes, cutting edge research and innovation activities, and, through a variety of initiatives, in promoting technology transfer and collaboration with industry and institutions at national and international level;
- UNIBO is highly interested in promoting collaborations with public and private organisations in innovative scientific sectors, for attaining its institutional objectives, as stated in its Statute approved with Rectoral Decree No. 1203 of 13.12.2011;
- DIBINEM is committed to responding to the growing demands for excellent and modern medicine enhancing the potential of the biomedical, medical and healthcare areas of its own areas;

- DIBINEM showed increasing interest towards yoga and its benefits in medicine and for physical and mental health, and recently instituted a university course to spread scientific knowledge of clinical benefits of yoga;
- DIBINEM recognize the fundamental role of S-VYASA in preserving the legacy of science, to retain/safeguard the scientific heritage, and to promote yoga tradition and research in the world;
- S-VYASA is a higher education institute Deemed to be university (Deemed to be University u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956) located in Bangalore, India, mainly focused on the study of yoga based on Swami Vivekananda teachings. S-VYASA is a unique institution dedicated to blending traditional Indian knowledge with modern scientific advancements and in-depth research;
- S-VYASA core focus on Yoga education, health, and wellness, offering a holistic approach to education through academic programs, research, and spiritual practices. It integrates spiritual knowledge with health sciences, and its courses aim to promote well-being, mental clarity, and physical fitness, drawing on both ancient wisdom and modern-day scientific principles. S-VYASA offers diverse yoga programs (five courses for undergraduate students, five for graduate students and one Ph.D. in Yoga), blending tradition with modern advancements.
- The Parties recognise that the development of relations and joint scientific research programs and cultural collaborations in the relevant sector represented by yoga as source of the psychophysical health of the individual, represents a mutual opportunity to joint shared interest, to encourage cooperation between their respective academics, and to enhance scientific research and spread knowledge.
- The Parties jointly recognize the value of this scientific dialogue, also with regard to the potential impact in terms of participation to funding programmes at national and international level;
- More specifically, the Parties wish to enhance their collaboration in the fields of YOGA IN MEDICINE and YOGA THERAPY. Such collaboration will be effected on terms of



equality and of reciprocal advantage for both Universities, allowing the possibility of defining specific research areas by mutual consent, taking into account the possibilities available and the experience acquired by the scholars of the Universities:

- Official promoters for the agreement and institutional coordinators for any activity between the two partner Universities are Professor Maria Giovanna GANDOLFI of the University of Bologna (Founder and Dean of the Master Program Yoga in Medicine) and Dr Manjunatha Nandi Krishnamurthy of S-VYASA University (PhD in Yoga & Geriatric Medicine, Vice-Chancellor S-VYASA);

In order to develop a closer relationship, initiate activities and activate reciprocal visiting, aimed at pursuing joint objectives in the field of education, research and innovation, the Parties wish to set out the terms and the conditions under which the activities will be performed.

Now, therefore and in consideration of the above, the Parties hereby agree on the following:

Art. 1 - FOREWORD

The introductory clauses form integral part of the present Agreement.

Art. 2 - PURPOSE

The Parties wish to collaborate within the topics indicated in the introductory clauses, through the following possible activities: research activities of mutual interest, collaboration in education and training activities, innovation and technology transfer, enhancement of the capacity to attract funds and resources from third parties, partnerships at national and/or international level, dissemination activities, and any other activity deemed of mutual interest and agreed by both Parties.

The collaboration may include:



- a) exchange of visit by academics and experts;
- b) exchange of professors for periods of teaching or research;
- c) exchange of professors for periods to study and increase their expertise/competence;
- d) exchange of researchers and postgraduate students for research within a specific research program
- e) exchange of information, documentation and scientific publications;
- f) study meetings, seminars and courses on subject matters foreseen by the agreement;
- g) drawing up of common study programs, training projects and joint degrees at all levels, recognized by both Universities.

Each joint activity shall be regulated by a separate written agreement (hereinafter referred to as Technical Annexes to the Agreement), as specified in art. 3, that will detail all aspects necessary for the realisation of the collaboration activity.

Art. 3 - TECHNICAL ANNEXES

The Technical Annexes will be drafted in accordance with the law and with the pertinent statutory provisions and regulations of the Parties and they shall contain explicit reference to the present Agreement.

The Parties agree that the Technical Annexes shall be submitted to the preliminary verification of the Committee described in art. 4 and shall have to be approved and concluded by the relevant governance bodies of the Parties.

Further to what already regulated by the present Agreement, the Technical Annexes shall regulate each collaboration activity, case by case, and include all provisions necessary to define the specific collaboration between the Parties, indicating, for instance and not limited to financial resources, personnel, structure and equipment involved in the realisation of the action, relevant aspects related to insurance and security, IPR, confidentiality.

Art. 4 - GOVERNANCE

The Parties agree to establish a joint Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") with the following tasks:

- Facilitating the communication among the Parties and allowing a periodic exploration and discussion of new collaboration opportunities that may eventually emerge;
- Planning collaboration activities, also with regard to possible requests for participation of controlled or affiliated companies, preliminary analysing the single collaboration activities foreseen within the Technical Annexes, monitoring results and preparing a short annual report of collaboration activities;
- Promote and agree upon possible dissemination activities and joint exploitation of results;
- Discuss and facilitate the solution of possible problems or conflict if any.

Each Party shall appoint duly authorised representative members of the Committee.

The Committee shall meet at least once a year. Third parties may be invited to participate to the Committee meetings, with the prior agreement of both Parties and the conclusion of a non-disclosure agreement with the third parties concerned.

The meetings of the Committee may be held through teleconference or other available telecommunication means agreed by the members of the Committee.

Art. 5 - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Each Party will bear its own legal costs and other costs incidental to the drafting, negotiation and conclusion of this Agreement.

Each Party will bear its own costs in relation to the functioning of the Committee.



Art. 6 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Provisions related to the ownership of the results arising from the established collaboration, as well as access rights, will be detailed in the specific Technical Annexes regulating the specific collaborations.

As general rule, the following provisions shall apply:

- any knowledge, in whatever form, pre-existing the commencement of a joint activity and that is not generated through the implementation of such activity (hereinafter "Background") and any knowledge developed independently from the collaboration (hereinafter "Sideground") shall remain the property of the Party owning it;
- the Parties may specify in the Technical Annexes what Background and Sideground they wish to include or exclude from the access by the other Party;
- any knowledge produced within joint activities (hereinafter "Results") shall be regulated within a specific IPR provision of the Technical Annex regulating such joint activity;
- such IPR provision will also set out any protection measure for Results and how to regulate dissemination activities.

Art. 7 - TRADEMARKS/LOGOS

A Party may not use the logo and/or the name of the other Party as distinctive signs or for advertising purposes without the prior written authorization of the other Party.

This shall not include the use of the name for descriptive purposes allowed by law, in terms of article 21 of Legislative Decree No. 30/2005, as long as it is shown in its proper form and of which, in any case, prior notice must be given to the other Party.



Art. 8 - CONFIDENTIALITY

8.1 Each Party will respect the confidentiality of the other Party's confidential information. Each Party:

- shall treat as confidential all information received by the other Party, unless otherwise stated by the disclosing Party;
- shall not disclose to third parties or permit third parties to disclose the above confidential information, unless otherwise stated by the disclosing Party;
- shall ensure that confidential information is only disclosed to those officers and personnel engaged in the performance of this Agreement on a strictly "need to know basis" and impose no less stringent confidentiality obligations than those contained herein;

Art. 9 - PERSONAL DATA

The Parties acknowledge to have been mutually informed and to agree that "Personal Data" supplied, also verbally, or collected as a consequence or in the execution of the present Framework Agreement and of the Technical Annexes mentioned in art. 2 shall be treated exclusively for the purposes thereof, in accordance with the relevant legislation, and specifically Italian Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 ("Data Protection Code"). The Parties agree to be informed of the rights foreseen in art. 7 of the Code above mentioned.

Art. 10 - DURATION, RENEWAL, WITHDRAWAL

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month after signature of the present Agreement and have a duration of 5 years. The duration of the Agreement may be extended in writing, subject to the prior approval of the relevant governing bodies of each Party.

Each Party reserves the right to withdraw from this Agreement at any time, by sending an advance written notice of at least sixty (60) days to the other Party. The withdrawal will have effect after the notice period, that will start from the date of receipt of the withdrawal written notice. The Parties agree that the withdrawal from this Agreement does not have any effect on possible on-

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going Technical Annexes, that will be brought to end, unless differently specified in the Technical Annexes themselves.

Art. 11 - APPLICABLE LAW

The interpretation and execution of the present Agreement, as well as the relations between the Parties in relation to it and to the Technical Annexes, are regulated according to Belgian Law as court of justice third to the parties.

Art. 12 - SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising under, out of or relating to this and any subsequent amendments of this Agreement, including, without limitation, its formation, validity, binding effect, interpretation, performance, breach or termination, as well as non-contractual claims.

Every dispute that could not be solved amicably, will be brought before the Court of Brussels - as court of justice external to both parties, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the Parties' right to seek injunctive relief in any applicable competent Court of law.

Art. 13 - NOTICES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

All notices and other communications shall be made also through e-mail to the following recipients and addresses:

For UNIBO:

Ufficio Contratti e convenzioni con enti e imprese

Settore Ricerca - Service Area Medica (SAM)

Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna

Via Massarenti 9, 40138 - Bologna (BO)

Mail: sam.enti-imprese@unibo.it

For S-VYASA:

Professor Nandi Krishnamurthy Manjunath SHARMA, Vice-Chancellor

S-VYASA , Deemed to be University

Mail: vc@svyasa.edu.in

Art. 14 - LANGUAGE

This Agreement is drawn up in English, which language shall govern all documents, notices, meetings, processes relative thereto. Any translation shall be for convenience only and shall have no legal effect.

Art. 15 - REGISTRATION AND EXPENSES

The present Agreement is subject to registration only in the cases foreseen by law. Expenses related to registration shall be borne by the requesting Party.



Art. 16 - SIGNATURE

The present Agreement is the result of the negotiation between the Parties and is signed on **20th January, 2026** in three originals (n. 2 for UNIBO and n. 1 for S-VYASA) that the Parties, by subscribing this Agreement, declare to approve integrally:

For UNIBO;



The Director Prof. Paolo Pillastrini

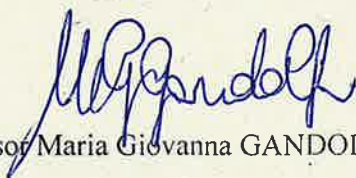
Department of Biomedical and Neuromotor Science ("DIBINEM")



For S-VYASA:



The Registrar of S-VYASA, Prof. Sony Kumari



Professor Maria Giovanna GANDOLFI

Promoter for the agreement and institutional coordinators for UNIBO



Dr Manjunatha Nandi Krishnamurthy

Promoters for the agreement and institutional coordinators for S-VYASA