

**AGREEMENT FOR A DOCTORAL CO-TUTELE BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO (ITALY)**  
**AND**  
**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY “NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ASUNCIÓN”  
(PARAGUAY)**

According to the Italian national Regulations for Doctoral Programmes, issued with D.M. No. 224 on 30.04.1999;

According to the Trento University Regulations for Doctoral Schools, issued with D.R. No. 997 on 16.12.2003 and amended with Rector’s Decree No. 359 of 19.04.2006, particularly Art. 7 (“Agreements with other Italian or foreign universities”);

According to the Regulations for Doctoral Research Programmes, issued by the Catholic University “Nuestra Señora de la Asunción”, issued with Law No. 663 on 06.09.1960;

According to the rules supervising double degrees approved by the ICT Doctoral School of the University of Trento

an agreement for a Double Degree Programme at the Doctoral Level is signed by:

the UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO (Italy), in the person of the pro-tempore Rector Prof. Davide Bassi, born in Genova on September 30, 1948;

and

The CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY “NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ASUNCIÓN” (Paraguay), in the person of the Rector Prof. Antonio Tellechea Solis, born in Asunción on June 10, 1930;

**For this purpose, both Institutions agree on the following rules:**

**Article 1: Enrollment**

Doctoral students, once enrolled in the program at the Home institution based on the Home institution policies, request enrollment in the ICT doctoral program at the partner institution. The request can be made at any time after enrollment at the Home institution. If the Partner institution is the ICT School at UNITN, the request is examined by the “collegio dei docenti” (commission of graduate studies, CGS hereafter) of the school or by the executive committee



(EC). If the Partner institution is the DEI at UC, the request is examined by the "comisión de postgrado" (commission of graduate studies, CGS hereafter) of the school or by the executive committee (EC). In both cases the EC defines what the request should include (for example, a CV of the applicant and a reference letter by the advisor). Upon acceptance of the request, the student is enrolled in the school and is assigned an advisor by the EC.

#### **Article 2: Supervision**

The doctoral student will carry out his project research under the supervision and responsibility of one supervisor belonging to the Home University/Institute and one from the Partner University/Institute who have the joint responsibility of providing the supervision of the doctoral activities under the observance of the respective regulations.

#### **Article 3: Research activities**

The minimum duration of the doctoral program is three years. An extension for a maximum of two years can be granted in accordance with the regulations of both Universities/Institutes.

If UNITN is the partner university, the student must be enrolled at UNITN for a minimum of two years before getting the degree after enrollment at the Home institution.

Of these two years, one year needs to be spent at UNITN.

If UC is the partner university, the student must be enrolled at UC for a minimum of one year before getting the degree after enrollment at the Home institution.

Of this year, at least one semester needs to be spent at UC.

#### **Article 4: Exams and yearly evaluations**

In case UNITN is the partner university the students are requested to pass a qualifying exam, held according to the rules defined by the UNITN ICT school. In addition, the student needs to obtain the credits required in terms of attendance to courses, as per UNITN/ICT school regulations. The classes and credits can be attended/earned during the period at UNITN, or they can be obtained at the Home institution and recognized by the ICT school executive committee following a credit recognition requests to be submitted to the ICT school.

In case UC is the partner university the students are requested to pass a qualifying exam, held according to the rules defined by the DEI - UC. In addition, the student needs to obtain the credits required in terms of attendance to courses, as per DEI - UC regulations. The classes and

credits can be attended/earned during the period at UNITN, or they can be obtained at the DEI - UC.

In both cases, the doctoral student will carry out his/her project research under the supervision and responsibility of one supervisor belonging to the Home University/Institute and one from the Partner University/Institute who have the joint responsibility in order to be awarded the double titles.

#### **Article 5: Thesis and Language**

The preparation of the thesis will be realized in co-operation between the two Universities/Institutions.

The thesis should be written and defended in English.

English will be the official language of all administrative correspondence and meetings.

#### **Article 6: Fees and financial support**

Both Universities/Institutes will provide the doctoral student with the needed teaching and research facilities and guarantee the same services supplied to their own doctoral students.

Each university will support the mobility expenses of its own professors.

The student will pay the enrolment fees at the Home University/Institute and will be relieved of paying any fee at the Partner University/Institute.

In particular, if UNITN is the partner university, neither the student nor the home institution will have to pay the UNITN/ICT School fees that go under the name of "spese di funzionamento".

These fees will be contributed by the UNITN advisor or by his/her department, and will be the same as the ones for the UNITN/ICT students.

#### **Article 7: Final Examination**

The final examination consists of a single discussion of the thesis before an Examination Board.

The final exam will take place at the Home University (or at the Partner University if agreed) of the student.

The Examination Board will include the advisor at the Home and Partner institution and at least two other members from other universities. The Partner Institution is not responsible for the costs of sustaining the exam (e.g., travel costs for committee members).

The Examination Board is designated by the Rector of the University of Trento and by the Rector of the Catholic University "Nuestra Señora de la Asunción".

**Article 8: Doctoral Degree**

Upon completion of a successful final examination, the candidate will receive the doctoral degree.

The University of Trento will issue the title of "Dottore di Ricerca in Informatica/Telecomunicazioni/Elettronica"

The Catholic University "Nuestra Señora de la Asunción" will issue the title of "Doctor en Informática/Telecomunicación/Electrónica".

The title will be conferred to the doctoral students whose names are listed in a specific exchange of notes between the two Coordinators of the Doctoral School involved.

This note, drawn up after the conclusion of the procedure to be admitted to the programme, should contain the following information: surname and name of the doctoral students, name of the involved Department of the Home University, title of the thesis, name and surname of the supervisors.

The doctoral document will entitle the recipient to use either the Paraguayan or the Italian form of the doctoral title.

**Article 9: Insurance**

It is the responsibility of the doctoral student to be covered by medical insurance providing medical assistance during the stay in the Partner University/Institute.

The Partner University must cover the doctoral student against accidents (polizza infortuni) which may occur during Doctoral activity.

**Article 10: Intellectual Property Rights**

The intellectual property rights of the thesis, the publication, the use and protection of the research results will be copyrighted in accordance with the specific regulations of the two countries or on agreements between the parties involved in the co-operation agreement.

The number of copies of the thesis to be deposited at each university depends on the respective regulations.

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prof. Antonio Tellechea Solis



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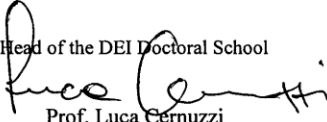
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prof. Davide Bassi  
Per il Rettore  
Il Pro Rettore

**Prof. Giovanni Pascuzzi**

Trento, 19/7/2003

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Head of the DEI Doctoral School  
  
Prof. Luca Cernuzzi

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Prof. Fabio Casati

Asunción, 20/04/2009

Trento, 10.IUG.2009