

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for collaboration between IAVCEI and the Associazione Italiana di Vulcanologia (AIV)

I. Preface.

The International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior (hereafter IAVCEI) and the Associazione Italiana di Vulcanologia (hereafter AIV) want to foster initiatives aimed to the growth of Volcanology in the scientific community. To that effect, IAVCEI and AIV agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that (i) establishes a framework that regulates the relationship between the two associations and (ii) outlines a collaborative action plan for supporting Volcanology and scientists working on volcanoes. The MOU adheres to the statutes of both IAVCEI and AIV, the main objectives of which are:

Objectives of IAVCEI

- a) To promote the study of volcanoes, volcanic processes and their deposits, past and present, and of the chemistry of the Earth's interior;
- b) To encourage, initiate, and coordinate research and to promote international cooperation in these studies;
- c) To arrange for the dissemination and discussion of research results and policy matters on volcanology at major conferences (IAVCEI General Assemblies, IAVCEI Scientific Assemblies, Cities on Volcanoes Conferences), and Research Commission Workshops and Field Workshops;
- d) To arrange for the publication of the results of scientific research on volcanology and on the chemistry of the Earth's interior through its dedicated journal, *Bulletin of Volcanology*, and book series;
- e) To encourage volcanologists to alert appropriate authorities to the importance of adequate surveillance of active and potentially active volcanoes and of volcanic risk assessment;
- f) To be the international reference body for advice on scientific policies relating to volcanic processes, hazards and risks;
- g) To provide guidelines to professional volcanologists on protocols and principles in the conduct of their work, and to help them understand their responsibilities, the expectations and consequences of their actions, in their countries of employment and service
- h) To offer the formal scientific and institutional support to young researchers and students in the form of correspondence and/or representation of IAVCEI at meetings to foster the political advancement of the cause of Volcanology.

Objectives of AIV

- a) To pursue functions of cultural and social utility by carrying out activities aimed at the promotion and enhancement of the volcanological culture as well as the protection and valorization of the territory;
- b) To organize and promote national and international conferences, workshops and field-

- trips, aimed at deepening volcanological knowledge and understanding of subjects related to the protection of natural heritage, resources and volcanic risk;
- c) To improve teaching and training in the field of Volcanology encouraging its didactic, educational and professional values also through the organization of schools and courses;
 - d) To support the action of other national and international institutions that carry out dissemination activities of the basic geological culture and its applicative aspects;
 - e) To publish information bulletins on the Association's activities;
 - f) To collaborate with national and international organizations interested in the diffusion of volcanological culture, also following schemes and procedures concerted with the Italian National Civil Protection and other similar institutions existing in other countries;
 - g) To promote communication and exchange of knowledge between Volcanology and other disciplinary areas even outside of Earth Sciences (Engineering, Archeology, Agriculture, etc.), also creating and disseminating bibliographic services and support for training activities for specific professional figures operating in these areas;
 - h) To promote initiatives aimed at favoring the presence of scholars of volcanological disciplines in public and private institutions;
 - h) To encourage interaction between universities, research institutions, public offices, professional associations and companies.

II. Duration and Modification of MOU.

This MOU will remain in effect until IAVCEI or AIV ask for it to be modified or terminated. Any substantial modification to the MOU needs to be agreed upon by both IAVCEI and AIV. Termination of the MOU can be declared by either of the two parties, with or without agreement of the other.

III. Mutual relationships.

IAVCEI Statutes and by-Laws (point III) regulate the structure and activities of IAVCEI, including Commissions, Working Groups, Task Groups, and other committees. IAVCEI has decided to establish a new form of association allowing it to link with affiliated external organizations or scientific bodies called Associated Bodies (ABs). The relationships between IAVCEI and each AB should be ruled by a Memorandum of Understanding, stating the reciprocal advantages and obligations of both sides. By signing this MOU, AIV agrees to become an Associated Body of IAVCEI.

IV. AIV obligations and benefits.

As an AB, the AIV agrees to:

- a) Promote the IAVCEI name and activities;
- b) Recommend IAVCEI membership and involvement in IAVCEI Commissions to its members;
- c) Contribute regularly to the IAVCEI News;
- d) Organize schools, seminars and dissemination activities in co-operation with IAVCEI.

As an AB, the AIV will receive the following benefits:

- a) Use of the IAVCEI brand in its activities with approval from the IAVCEI EC;
- b) Financial and/or organizational support for its activities, as agreed upon by both organizations on a case by case basis but with a minimum of 4000 Euro/year.

V. Indemnity.

IAVCEI and AIV shall each indemnify and hold harmless the other from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, settlements, damages, costs, and expenses, including attorneys' fees and expenses, arising out of or in any way connected with any default, breach, or negligent non-performance of this MOU or any negligent act or omission on the part of itself, its agents, and employees, arising out of this MOU.

VI. Proprietary and Confidential Information.

Neither IAVCEI and AIV shall disclose to an outside party proprietary or confidential information of the organizations in this MOU. IAVCEI and AIV further agree to act as trustee for any confidential information jointly created or acquired through their participation in this MOU. Proprietary or confidential information shall be defined as information that is identified by being clearly labeled as "proprietary" or "confidential".

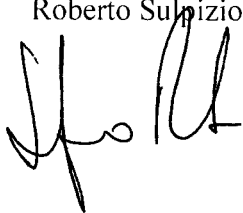
VII. General Terms and Conditions.

This MOU shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon IAVCEI and AIV, their successors in interest, legal representatives, and assigns, until the termination of the agreement.

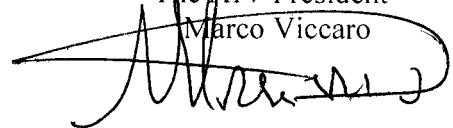
IAVCEI and AIV may not assign or transfer either its interest in this MOU or any interest herein or claim hereunder without the express written consent of the other party.

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between IAVCEI and AIV for the period to which it applies and may not be modified except in writing signed by the parties.

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