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Object: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Dear sir or madam,

please find attached one signed copy of the Memorandum of Understanding duly signed by the president of VIER PFOTEN International, Mr. Helmut Dungler and the Director of the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale, Mr. Caporale.

One copy is kept on our side.

Kind regards,

Monika Walch (on behalf of Mr. Helmut Dungler)
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between**

**Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell’Abruzzo e del Molise “Giuseppe
Caporale”, Teramo**

and

**VIER PFOTEN International , Linke Wienzeile 236, 1150 Wien, Austria
Represented by Mr. Helmut Dungler, President and CEO**

Whereas VIER PFOTEN International (VP) and Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell’Abruzzo e del Molise “Giuseppe Caporale” (I.Z.S. A. e M.) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding which affirms the collaboration in the development of research, training and communication programmes in the area of animal welfare;

Whereas I.Z.S. A. e M. is a veterinary public health organisation belonging to the Italian National Health System and has a long time expertise on research, training, consultancy on animal health and welfare;

Whereas VP is an international AW organisation with twelve local offices, eleven of them in the EU, promoting innovative approaches to animal welfare through campaigns and projects since 1988;

Whereas VP and I.Z.S. A. e M. mutually agree to initiate cooperative activities finalised to increase the stakeholders awareness on a global animal welfare policy;

Whereas in the European Union the animal welfare policy – after the first animal welfare action plan of the European Commission – is intended to be strengthened by the second animal welfare action plan, supported by the new legal basis of the Lisbon Treaty;

Whereas the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has identified animal welfare as a priority since its 2001-2005 Strategic plan;

Whereas this Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the two Parties;

Now therefore, I.Z.S. A. e M. and VP enter into this Memorandum of Understanding:



ARTICLE I:

This Memorandum of Understanding will serve as a broad and general enabling document and will provide the basis and authority for the development and implementation of more specific executive projects, which may be in a variety of areas including, but not limited to:

- Educational and information actions aiming at promoting the common vision on animal welfare;
- generating innovative tools to increase stakeholders awareness on animal welfare issues;
- Technical cooperation on international research and programmes on animal welfare issues;
- Promotion of common initiatives to strengthen the enforcement of EU policies and legislation on animal welfare;
- Exchange of experts, students and researchers and their specific knowledge.

All projects originating under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be cleared through, and approved by, the co-signers of this Memorandum of Understanding and will foresee any specific requirements with reference to human, technical and financial resources.

ARTICLE II:

I.Z.S. A. e M. and VP each will nominate one or more contact person/s to develop initiatives and produce programmes and projects for cooperation and exchange of experiences in specific areas of interest. Communication between co-contractors and cooperators at all levels within IZS A&M and VP are encouraged.

ARTICLE III

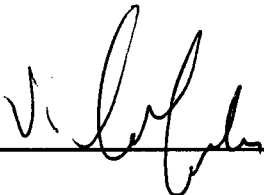
The Agreement will be for five years in the first instance with a review by the contractors after 3 years, and can be continued thereafter through discussion and exchange of letters between the two organisations. The Agreement may be terminated by either party with 6 months' written notice. However, the effective date of cancellation shall not take place prior to the termination of ongoing projects and may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the two Parties.

ARTICLE IV

Each party agrees to keep all information strictly confidential and not to disclose to any third party any Information received from the other prior to, during or subsequent to the Effective Date of this Memorandum of Agreement. All new knowledge generated in the framework of the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be considered as common intellectual property and the date of its dissemination will be agreed by the parties.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement as set forth below.

By:  _____



Vincenzo Caporale
Director
Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale
dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G. Caporale"

Date: _____

By:  _____

Helmut Dungler
President, CEO
VIER PFOTEN International

Date: 13.08.2010