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di Scienze Ambientali
Informatica e Statistica**

**CA' FOSCARI UNIVERSITY, VENICE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, INFORMATICS AND STATISTICS**

**The Director of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and
Statistics**

HAVING REGARD TO the law of 30th December 2010, no. 240 and in particular art. 18 and 22 "research fellowships";

HAVING REGARD TO the DM 102 of 9th March 2011, registered at the Cortes dei Conti on 13th May 2011;

HAVING REGARD TO the MIUR (Ministry of Education, University and Research) note, reg. no. 583 of 08.04.2011;

HAVING REGARD TO the D. Lgs. 17 of 9th January 2008 ;

HAVING REGARD TO the law of 7th August 1990, no. 241 and subsequent amendments and additions;

HAVING REGARD TO the DPR of 28th December 2000, no. 445, in the matter of "Legislative and regulatory provisions concerning administrative documentation";

HAVING REGARD TO the Legislative Decree of 30th June 2003, no. 196, in the matter of "Data protection act";

HAVING REGARD TO the Statute of Università Ca' Foscari Venezia;

HAVING REGARD TO the REGULATIONS FOR AWARDING OF RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS issued under D.R. 500/2013 of 25th June 2013 and subsequent amendments and additions;

IN VIEW OF the resolution of the Departmental of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics Council of establishing the research programmes for awarding of the fellow 31/10/2013 ships;

HAVING REGARD TO the European Project EARLYhumanIMPACT - How long have human activities been affecting the climate system? - "Ideas" Specific Programme - European Research Council - Advanced Grant 2010 - Grant Agreement n° 267696 - CUP H71J11000810006, Coordinator Prof. Carlo Barbante

HAVING REGARD TO the decree of the Director of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics Rep. 801/2013 and Prot. 51625 of 15/11/2013 , containing the declaration of financial support for the entire duration of the fellowship and the expense commitment providing a financial guarantee to budget items. no. 10521, 11303 and 11304 of 16/10/2013 chapter F.S.01.03.04 "Assegnisti di Ricerca

establishes the following:

Art. 1 - Scope



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1. A public selection is announced for the awarding of **one research fellowship** lasting **12 months**, with the possibility of renewal within the limits of art. 2 of the Regulations for awarding of university research fellowships, which will be subject to a specific contract.

The expected starting date is January 2013.

The research fellowship amounts to Euro 23.367,00 per year gross to the recipient, net of the expenses to be sustained by the Provider. The amount may be subject to adjustment in the event of variations in the law.

2. The research fellowship is awarded for the purpose of collaboration with the following research programme of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics.

Title: Study of paleoclimatic and paleofire records

Titolo: Studio di record paleoclimatici e di paleo fuochi

Scientific disciplinary: CHIM/01

Scientific coordinator and tutor: Proff. Carlo Barbante e Rossano Piazza

Duration:12 months

Abstract: Human activities including fossil fuel burning are currently altering the global climate system at rates faster than ever recorded in geologic time. Ample observational evidence exists for anthropogenic climate change including measured increased in atmospheric carbon dioxide, associated temperature and sea level rise, and changes in ocean and atmospheric circulation.

Biomass burning causes carbon dioxide emissions equal to 50% of those from fossil-fuel combustion and so are highly likely to influence future climate change. However, aerosols continue to be one of the least understood aspects of the modern climate system and even less is known about their past influence. Anthropogenic aerosols may have altered the global climate system for thousands of years as suggested by comparing late-Holocene greenhouse-gas (GHG) concentrations to those from previous interglacials. The decrease in the spatial extent of forests beginning ~7000 years BP may be related to early agricultural activity³ including forest clearance through burning which should leave a quantifiable signal in climate proxies.

My research group has pioneered a ground-breaking technique for measuring a globally present molecular marker of biomass burning (levoglucosan, 1,6-anhydro- β -D-glucopyranose) which can quantify past fire as recorded in ice cores and lake sediments.

The proposed research consists into the study of continuous ice and lake core climate records from seven continents, allowing to reconstruct the history of biomass burning and other connected climate parameters. These fire histories can provide essential insight into the interplay between climate and human activity, especially with the advent of agriculture, as well as the role of aerosols through time. The main activity consists in the application of statistical tools to the spatial-



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temporal analysis of paleoclimate data, in close collaboration with the experimental work of chemical analysis applied to the sample records. The objective is the extraction of information allowing to: 1) elucidate the spatial-temporal variations of biomass burning; 2) identify the climate parameters correlate with changes in biomass burning; 3) establish if fires increased ~7000 and/or ~5000 years ago; 4) establish if natural and anthropogenic fires be differentiated.

Abstract Le attività umane, in particolare l'uso di combustibili fossili, stanno attualmente alterando il sistema climatico globale ad un tasso molto più rapido di quanto documentato in qualunque altro periodo geologico. Esistono forti evidenze che siano di origine antropica cambiamenti climatici quali l'aumento misurato nel biossido di carbonio in atmosfera, l'innalzamento della temperatura e del livello marino associato, e cambiamenti nella circolazione atmosferica ed oceanica.

L'incendio delle biomasse comporta un'emissione di biossido di carbonio equivalente al 50% di quello emesso dalla combustione di idrocarburi fossili, ed è pertanto verosimilmente in grado di influenzare fortemente i cambiamenti climatici futuri. Tuttavia, gli aerosol continuano ad essere uno degli aspetti meno conosciuti del sistema climatico moderno, e meno ancora è noto della loro influenza nel passato. Gli aerosol antropogenici potrebbero aver alterato il sistema climatico globale per migliaia di anni, un'ipotesi emersa confrontando la concentrazione dei gas serra nel tardo olocene con quella degli interglaciali precedenti. La riduzione dell'estensione delle foreste iniziata ~7000 anni fa potrebbe essere correlata con le prime attività agricole, come la liberazione di spazi forestali mediante incendi, che potrebbero aver lasciato tracce quantificabili nei proxies climatici.

Il mio gruppo di ricerca ha esplorato tecniche innovative per la misurazione di marker molecolari globali dell'incendio di biomasse (levoglucosano, 1,6-anidro- β -D-glucopiranosio), mediante i quali è possibile quantificare gli incendi del passato analizzando carote di ghiaccio o di sedimenti lacustri.

La ricerca proposta prevede lo studio in continuo di record climatici provenienti da carote di ghiaccio e di sedimenti lacustri campionati in sette continenti e dai quali sia possibile ricostruire la storia degli incendi di biomassa e di altri parametri paleoclimatici collegati. La ricostruzione degli incendi può dare delle informazioni fondamentali sul nesso tra attività umane e clima, specialmente con l'avvento dell'agricoltura, ed anche sul ruolo dell'emissione dell'aerosol nel tempo. L'attività principale consiste nell'applicazione di tools statistici per l'analisi spazio-temporale dei dati paleoclimatici, in stretta collaborazione con il lavoro sperimentale di analisi chimica applicata ai campioni provenienti da record paleoclimatici. L'obiettivo consiste nell'estrazione di informazioni che consentano di: 1) stabilire la variazioni spazio/temporali degli incendi di biomassa; 2) individuare i parametri climatici che si correlano agli incendi di biomassa; 3) individuare se c'è stato un incremento degli incendi tra ~7000 e/o ~5000 anni fa; 4) valutare se è possibile differenziare gli incendi antropici da quelli naturali.

Art. 2 – Requirements for participation in selection procedure

1. Citizens belonging to European Union member states and non-community citizens in possession of the following qualifications may take part in the selection :



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1. PhD in Chemistry and appropriate scientific-professional curriculum for the research pertaining to the programmes specified in the preceding article 1, in accordance with the university regulations for research fellowships. Proven experience on hyphenated techniques (chromatography, mass spectrometry).

2. Qualifications obtained abroad will be examined by the Committee, in accordance with the following art. 4, which may consider them as being equivalent for the purposes of admission, without prejudice to the current laws (for further information see <http://cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=129>).

3. Candidates must be in possession of the requirements at the deadline established by this selection procedure announcement (see article 3, par. 2).

4. The following are not eligible for fellowships and are therefore **automatically excluded from participation in the selection procedures** persons who have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with a professor belonging to the department or to the facility issuing the call for applications, or with the Vice Chancellor, the Director-General or a member of the University Board of Directors:

4 bis. The following are not eligible for fellowships: permanent employees of the universities, public research institutions and bodies, the National Council for New Technology, Energy and the Environment (ENEA) and the Italian Space Agency (ASI), institutions whose scientific specialisation diploma has been recognised equivalent to the title of PhD in accordance with article 74, fourth paragraph, of the Presidential Decree of July 11th 1980, no. 382, in accordance with the relative budget availability;

5. Candidates are admitted to the selection conditionally; the University will exclude, by motivated provision, candidates who are lacking the prescribed requirements. Said provision is notified to the party concerned by registered letter with recorded delivery or by telegram on the request of the party concerned.

Art. 3 – Application for participation in the selection and term

1. For participation in the selection for awarding of the fellowship indicated in the preceding article 1, the candidate is required to submit an application with relative documentation.

2. The application for participation in the selection, drawn up on unstamped paper according to the format specified in the university web page (which can be found by following the path Ca' Foscari University of Venice - English website > Research > Support for research activities > Fellowship Programmes of Ca' Foscari University), must be compiled, dated, signed, addressed and submitted, together with the relative documentation, failing which the candidate will be excluded from the selection, to the Director of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics, Ca' Foscari University, Venice, the secretary of the Department at Dorsoduro 2137, 30123 Venice (Italy) by and no **later than 20 days** from the date of affixing on the official notice board



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and publication of this announcement in the university web pages and in the web pages of the MIUR (Ministry of Education, Universities and Research) <http://bandi.miur.it/bandi.php/public/cercaFellowship> and European Union <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm>.

This term constitutes the deadline for the selection procedure. If the deadline falls on a Saturday or a holiday, the deadline is extended to the first working day thereafter.

3. The forms for participation in the selection procedure are available in the web page of this University which can be found by following the path Ca' Foscari University of Venice - English website > Research > Support for research activities > Fellowship Programmes of Ca' Foscari University.

4. In the application the candidate must clearly specify the title of the research fellowship for which he/she wishes to be selected.

5. The documented application can be delivered by hand to the secretariat of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics - at Dorsoduro 2137, 30123 Venice (Italy) at the following times:

DAY	from	to
Monday	8.30	14.00
Tuesday	8.30	14.00
Wednesday	8.30	14.00
Thursday	8.30	14.00
Friday	8.30	14.00

6. The documented application can also be forwarded by post, by registered letter with recorded delivery. (see previous par. 2).

In this case, proof of receipt will not be the mailing postmark but the date of receipt by the Administration, which must be by and no later than the deadline for the selection procedure.

7. Applications can also be sent by PEC to the certified email address of Ca' Foscari University, Venice: protocollo@pec.unive.it, by the above term. The application must be sent only from another certified email address; applications sent from non-certified email addresses will not be accepted. In the subject of the email sent to the certified email address, specified above, indicate "Research fellowship " Study of paleoclimatic and paleofire records" – Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics - Ca' Foscari University, Venice, at Dorsoduro 2137, 30123 Venice (Italy)



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8. Applications can also be sent e-mail to segreteria.dais@unive.it. **In the subject of the email sent to the certified email address, specified above, indicate Research fellowship –“ Study of paleoclimatic and paleofire records”-** Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics.

9. The email and certified email must contain:

- a. application
- b. declarations pursuant to the DPR 445/2000 duly signed, accompanied by a copy of a valid identity document scanned in PDF format
- c. further attachments (see clauses 1, 5), also sent exclusively in PDF format.

Transmission of the above-mentioned documentation in different formats (e.g. .doc, .xls) will result in exclusion from the selection.

10. Applications can also be sent by the procedure online application form, if present in the call fiche, available online in the university web site www.unive.it > English, following the path Ca' Foscari University of Venice - English website > Research > Support for research activities > Fellowship Programmes of Ca' Foscari University.

11. Regardless the type of application's submission, the photocopy of a valid identity document of the candidate shall be attached ; failure to do so will result in the application being rejected.

12. Applications that are not signed, are illegible or do not contain the required personal information and applications which, for any reason, reach this University beyond the term specified in paragraph 2 cannot be accepted, and therefore will not be taken into consideration (or paragraph 5 for application reach by hand).

13. Without prejudice to the provisions of art. 6, all communications concerning the public selections announced hereunder are sent to the parties concerned by certified email, registered mail with recorded delivery or telegram.

14. In the application the candidate must declare his/her surname and first name, date and place of birth, taxpayer's code and residence, in addition to:

- a) the title of the fellowship;
- b) the scientific disciplinary sectors;
- c) the research coordinator with the role of tutor;
- d) possession of any PhD in Chemistry, with the date on which it was obtained and the university where the course was held. Candidates in possession of a



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qualification obtained abroad must also specify whether, under the current laws, it has been declared equivalent to the Italian qualification;

- e) nationality;
- f) fitness for the fellowship;
- g) whether he/she has received a PhD grant;
- h) whether he/she has already received a research fellowship under art. 22 of law no. 240/2010;
- i) whether he/she has already held contracts under art. 24 of law no. 240/2010;
- j) if he/she is a non-European citizen residing in Italy, possession of a residence permit valid at the deadline of the call for applications;
- k) confirmation that he/she is aware that awarding of the fellowship is not compatible with the positions referred to in art. 11, without prejudice to the provisions of the Regulations for awarding of the university research fellowships and the current laws;
- l) the choice of the foreign language in which to be tested, if art. 5 of this call offers a choice of foreign languages in which to be tested during the interview;
- m) indication, where scheduled (art. 5), of the candidate's intention to avail himself/herself of the option to be interviewed by video. In this case the technical feasibility should be declared in the application;
- n) the possession of the evaluation criteria listed in art. 5;
- o) any other items specifically required in articles 1 and 5;
- p) disabled candidates, in accordance with the law of 5th February 1992 no. 104 and subsequent amendments and additions, shall make a specific request in relation to their disability concerning any aids they require in order to take any tests and sit the interview.

15. Lack of the declaration in accordance with letters d), e), n), and o will result in exclusion from the selection.

16. The application must contain the email and/or 'Posta Elettronica Certificata' (certified email) address, if possessed, and the address elected by the candidate for the purposes of the selection. Any variation must be promptly notified to the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics.- at Dorsoduro 2137, 30123 Venice (Italy)

17. The University accepts no liability in the event of the recipient being untraceable or dispersion of the communications due to inaccurate indication of the domicile by the candidate, failure or delay in communication of variation of domicile or causes not depending on the University, or for any postal or telegraphic errors or errors attributable to third parties, chance events or force majeure.

18. The declarations made in the application shall be considered issued in accordance with the DPR no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments, by candidates entitled to use of the simplified administrative certifications permitted by the above decree.

19. Candidates shall enclose with their application:



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- a) their scientific-professional curriculum, the original copy of which must be signed, specifying the educational qualification possessed for the purposes of access to the selection and a detailed description of the candidate's scientific-professional qualifications; a declaration must be appended at the foot of the curriculum, pursuant to the DPR 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions, that the information provided corresponds to the truth, and authorisation for processing of the candidate's personal information for the purposes of this selection procedure pursuant to the Legislative Decree 196/2003;
- b) a list of the candidate's scientific publications (or the texts of publications themselves);
- c) declaration of absence of kinship and affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with a professor belonging to the Department or to the department issuing the call or with the Rector, the Director-General or a member of the University Board of Directors;
- d) declaration to fulfil the additional evaluation criteria listed in art. 5;**
- e) any other items specifically required in articles 1 and 5.**

20. Candidates must demonstrate possession of the qualifications (excluding the publications) by means of the declarations established by the DPR no. 445/2000 referred to above.

21. The same procedures as those established in the previous paragraphs for Italian citizens apply to citizens of the European Union. Citizens of countries not belonging to the European Union regularly residing in Italy can use the self-certifications established by the DPR no. 445/2000 referred to above only in respect of the countries, personal qualities and facts that can be certified or attested by Italian public bodies, without prejudice to the special provisions contained in the laws and regulations concerning immigration and the status of foreigners.

22. Outside the cases provided for in the preceding paragraph, citizens of countries not belonging to the European Union authorised to reside in the territory of the Country can use the aforementioned self-certifications if the same are produced under international agreements between Italy and the country of origin of the applicant.

23. The curriculum, the list of publications, the declaration concerning absence of kinship or affinity and all the required attachments to the application must be delivered or sent by post together with the application, by the term and to the address indicated above; failure to do so will result in the application being rejected.

24. The University performs sample checks on the truthfulness of the declarations made by the candidates in the applications and in the curriculum, reserving the right to request the original copies of the publications indicated in the application. If the above check reveals that the content of the declaration is not true, the declarant will forfeit any benefits conferred on the basis of the



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untruthful declaration, without prejudice to the provisions of the criminal code and relevant special laws.

Art. 4 – Selection Committee

1. A Selection Committee is purposely set up, appointed in accordance with art. 8 of the Regulations, for awarding of the research fellowships.

2. Prior to examination of the applications, the Committee determines the general criteria for evaluation of the scientific-professional qualifications required for participation in selection, the interview and the evaluation criteria described in articles 1 and 5, with regard to their specific relevance to the research activity subject of this call and establishes, for each type of qualification, the score to be attributed, in accordance to the evaluation grid defined by the Regulations for Awarding of Research Fellowships (see article 6).

3. The selection reports will be approved by decree of the Rector and made public as established by art. 9 and 10 of the University Regulations for research fellowships.

Art. 5- Assessment procedure

1. The selection is made by assessment of the scientific-professional qualifications of the candidates, the *curriculum vitae et studiorum*, the scientific publications and the interview.

2. Candidates are admitted to the interview on the basis of assessment of their scientific-professional qualifications. The interview aims to assess the candidates' skills and expertise on the following subjects:

Competencies verification on the subjects in the matter of the call, the analytical techniques and the tools for data evaluation.

3. Candidates whose qualifications are judged to be insufficient by the Selection Committee, in accordance with the preceding art. 4, are excluded from the interview. The candidate must reach a minimum threshold of 42/100, as defined in article 6.

4. Exclusion is justified in detail in the selection reports which can be accessed in accordance with law 241/90, and as established also in the subsequent art. 8.

5. In addition to the publications, the following qualifications are considered as evaluation criteria:



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a. having recently submitted a Marie Curie / ERC / FIRB (a national Fund for basic research investments) proposal, which passed all evaluation thresholds set out in the relevant call or having already successfully completed a Marie Curie / ERC / FIRB project;

b. specialisation diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialisation courses, obtained both in Italy and abroad, the performance of documented research activity in public and private organisations with contracts, study grants or assignments both in Italy and abroad

6. In the case of foreign candidates resident outside Italy, and candidates who reside over 200 km from the selection centre, the interview can be held by video, subject to consent of the Selection Committee and once technical feasibility has been verified.

Art. 6 – Selection and formation of the classification

1. For drawing up of the classification and consequent identification of the candidate to whom the research fellowship will be awarded, the Selection Committee can award a total of 100 points, to be allocated as follows, as established by the Regulations for awarding of the research fellowships (see Annex B):

- Qualifications (including publications) Up to 60 points, of which up to 20 points reserved to additional evaluation criteria (see previous point 5);
- Interview and other tests (if foreseen) Up to 40 points.

2. Candidates are admitted to the interview if assessment of the qualifications results in a score equal to or greater than 42/60 points.

3. The interview will be held in any case **on 09/12/2013 at 10,00** at Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics, - at Dorsoduro 2137, 30123 Venice (Italy)– office Prof.Carlo Barbante.

4. Publication of the above calendar constitutes notification to all intents and purposes of the call for applications. Candidates are therefore required to report, with valid identification document, without any notice, to the venue indicated, on the day and at the time specified in the public notice.

5. Absence of the candidates at the interview will be considered to all intents and purposes as a withdrawal from the selection, whatever the cause.

6. The interview is held publicly. Candidates are deemed to have passed the interview if they reach a minimum score of 28/40.



7. Candidates are considered suitable for the specific research activity if the sum of the points assigned to the qualifications (and to any further tests) and to the interview is equal to or greater than 70/100.

8. On the basis of the scores attributed, the Committee draws up a classification in order of merit.

9. In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same score at the end of the selection, the younger candidate will be preferred.

10. In the event of withdrawal or non-acceptance of the selected candidate within the terms communicated by the department or early termination of the collaboration in the research activity, the classification can be used according to the order in which the candidates are listed, as established by the Regulations for awarding of the research fellowships (articles 9 and 18 par.7).

Art. 7 – Awarding of the research fellowship – Research fellowships to non-EU citizens

1. Having received the selection documents, and at the outcome of the checks scheduled by art. 9 of the Regulations for awarding of the research fellowships, the Rector approves, by his own decree, the classification and the selection procedure reports and makes them public according to the procedures specified in the following art. 8.

2. The Research Area deals with the requirements of the preceding paragraph and the further requirements indicated in the above-mentioned art. 9 of the Regulations. The Director of the Department at which the research programme will be conducted awards the research fellowship to the winner of the selection procedure, subject to ascertainment of the prescribed requirements.

3. The latter shall accept the award within **15 days** from receipt of the communication by signing the relative contract at the competent office of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics, Ca' Foscari University, Venice which will establish the terms of and procedures for the collaboration and allocation of the grant, within the terms set in article 1.

4. The research fellowship can be renewed, subject to the necessary financial backing, in the manner and under the terms established by articles 2, 4 and 13 of the Regulations for awarding of the research fellowships and art. 11 of this call.

5. Candidates who are citizens of non-EU countries, already residing in Italy, must prove that they are in possession of a residence permit valid at the deadline of the call for applications.

6. Outside the cases in the preceding paragraph, the department that has requested the grant implements, in conjunction with the competent administrative offices, the procedures for obtaining the residence permit for



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scientific research pursuant to art. 27 *ter* of the D.lgs. no. 286/1998 and subsequent amendments.

Art. 8 – Publication of the selection procedure

1. Publication of the results of all the selection phases is ensured by affixing of a notice at the premises of the department concerned, in the spaces provided, with indication of the scores assigned to the qualifications and to the interview and the final classification. The selection documents are made public also in the university website and in the other web pages as established by the current regulations.

2. Access to the selection documents is guaranteed pursuant to the law of 7th August 1990, no. 241 and subsequent amendments and additions and relative internal implementation regulation.

Art. 9 – Activity of the research fellow

1. The activity of the research fellow is conducted independently and without set working times, solely within the limits of the research programme and the indications provided by the research coordinator, who will act as tutor.

2. In the event of absence or impediment of the latter, the functions of tutor will be carried out by another member of the teaching staff purposely appointed by the department.

3. The department will provide the research fellow with the supports necessary for carrying out the research programme. Access to the premises and equipment and use of the technical-administrative services are also guaranteed.

4. The activity of the research fellow in no way constitutes a subordinate working relationship and does not give rise to rights in respect of access to permanent employment at the University.

Art. 10 – Intellectual property, patentability and confidentiality

1. The legal and economic aspects relative to protection and exploitation of all the results of the research will be established by the contract stipulated with the winning candidate/s in compliance with the current legislation and the rules of the university concerning patents and industrial property.

Art. 11 - Incompatibility – Ban on accumulation – Suspension of activity

1. Research fellows can hold teaching contracts within the University and can be part of the examining committees as experts in their subject.

2. The research fellowship may not be accumulated with study grants awarded for any reason, except for those awarded by national or foreign institutions for stays abroad in order to integrate the research activity of the research fellow.



3. The research fellowship is not compatible with participation in degree courses, specialist or master degree, PhD with grant or medical specialisation, in Italy or abroad, and entails extended unpaid leave for public administration employees, even if part-time employed, without prejudice to the provisions contained in the laws concerning the appointment of paid assignments to full-time civil servants.

4. The duration of the relations between the University and the same person, including any renewals, may not in any case exceed 4 years, including different contracts stipulated with different universities, also for non-continuous periods, according to the provisions of the law 240/2010 art. 22 as well as the Regulations for awarding of the research fellowships (art. 2).

5. For the purpose of duration of the above relations, periods of leave due to maternity or for health reasons are not taken into account under the current regulations.

6. The duration of the relations between the University and the same person, who is a research fellow, can exceed 4 years in the cases established by the Regulations art. 2, par.3 and any subsequent adaptations to national laws.

7. The research fellow may accept self-employed work or occasional or continuous collaboration, compatibly with the existing research activity and subject to authorisation by the department, on condition that the activity does not involve conflict of interest with the specific research activity carried out by the research fellow and does not damage the university, without prejudice to the provisions of the Regulations and any normative adaptations.

8. The research activity and the grant may be suspended due to compulsory military service, compulsory maternity leave and parental leave, serious infirmity and study grants awarded by national or foreign institutions permitted by the current regulations and not directly linked to the research programme funded, for a maximum of 1 year; in this case the entire duration of the research fellowship grant is not reduced due to the above suspensions.

9. An overall period of justified absence of less than thirty days in one year does not constitute suspension and consequently does not have to be made up.

10. The research fellows, with the exclusion of those who are simultaneously holders of teaching contracts within the university, can attend PhD courses without grant, also as supernumeraries, subject to passing of the entrance tests.

11. The research fellow may take part in university research groups and projects, whatever the funding body.

Art. 12 – Method of control and assessment of research fellow activity

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of par. 2 of this article, the research fellow is required to report on his/her research activity whenever requested to do so by the tutor. For said purpose the research fellow may be required to keep



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a diary-register in which he/she periodically notes the state of progress of the research programme.

2. The research fellow is required to present to the department, at the end of the tenure period and in any case at the end of each year, in the case of a grant lasting several years, a written report on the research activity conducted also for the purpose of adjustment of the amount of the research fellowship grant where scheduled by the contract according to the preceding art. 7. In the report, the research fellow shall accurately and thoroughly detail the research methods applied and achievement of the results, also partial, with reference to the specific programme in which he/she collaborates, also for the purpose of renewal of the grant if necessary.

3. The report, together with the opinion of the tutor on the appropriateness of the research methods applied and the validity of the results achieved, is submitted to examination by the Council of the department or the body responsible.

4. In the event of a negative assessment, the Council of the department or the body responsible, having consulted the research fellow, can propose revocation of the grant. Early termination of the collaboration in the research activity is decided by the Council of the department or the body responsible.

5. At the end of the grant, the above report shall describe accurately and thoroughly the research methods applied and achievement of the goals set by the research programme, also for the purpose of renewal of the grant if necessary.

6. Collaboration in the research activity may be terminated early in cases of serious and documented non-fulfilment by the research fellow notified by the tutor or by the Council of the department or body responsible. Likewise the University is entitled to take any legal action to protect its interests and assets.

Art. 13 – Taxation, social security and insurance

1. In respect of taxation, the grants are subject to the provisions of art. 4 of the law of 13.08.1984, no. 476 and subsequent amendments and additions, and in respect of social security, those of art. 2, paragraphs 26 and following of the law 08.08.1995, no. 335 and subsequent amendments and additions.

2. The grants in this call are subject, in respect of compulsory maternity leave, to the provisions of the decree of the Ministry of Employment and Social Security of 12th July 2007, published in the Official Gazette no. 247 of 23rd October 2007.

3. During the period of compulsory maternity leave, the benefit paid by INPS (National Social Security Institute) in accordance with article 5 of the above decree of 12th July 2007 is integrated up to the entire amount of the research grant by the body responsible for administration and management of the grant.



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4. The grants pertaining to this call for applications are subject, in respect of sick leave, to article 1, paragraph 788, of the law of 27th December 2006, no. 296, and subsequent amendments.

5. The financial aspects of the research grants are regulated by the ministerial notes no. 2867 of 15.12.1997 and no. 523 of 12.03.1998; the remuneration, in the light of the resolution no. 17/E of the Ministry of Finance, ref. no. 2000/30703 of 17.02.2000, comes under the category of incomes equated to those of subordinate employment since they fall within the scope of art. 50 (ex art. 47), par. 1, letters c) and c)-bis of the DPR no. 917 of 22.12.1986 and subsequent amendments in the matter of 'Tax Consolidation Act'.

6. The University provides insurance cover for accidents and third party liability for the research grant holders during their research activity.

Art. 14 – Processing of personal information

The personal information provided by the candidates in their applications for participation in the selection procedure, pursuant to the legislative decree of 30th June 2003, no. 196 and subsequent amendments and additions, will be processed exclusively for the purposes of management of this procedure and any procedures for attribution of the grants in question.

Art. 15 – Withdrawal of documents and publications

Candidates shall provide at their own expense for withdrawal of the documentation and publications sent to this University, two months after completion of the selection, barring any disputes in progress.

Art. 16 – Person in charge of the procedure

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of 07/08/1990, no. 241 and subsequent amendments and additions, the person in charge of the administrative procedure for this selection is Ester Da Ponte, in charge of the - Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics, Ca' Foscari University, Venice, at Dorsoduro 2137, 30123 Venice AMM.

Art. 17 – Final provisions

The University Regulations and the current laws will apply to all matters not covered in the following call.



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