



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI  
FEDERICO II

## JOINT COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

**between**

the project PLATINUM - *Papyri and Latin Texts: INSights and Updated Methodologies. Towards a philological, literary, and historical approach to Latin papyri* (ERC-Starting Grant 2014, n° 636983), based at the Department of Humanities of the University of Naples 'Federico II' (Italy)

**and**

the Collaborative Research Center 933, Material Text Cultures of the University of Heidelberg.

'Project' will be a specific term used here to refer collectively to these Research Groups based in specific Institutions (and/or Universities).

This Joint Collaborative Partnership Agreement aims to establish scientific links and cooperation between the two above-mentioned Projects/Institutions.

GIVEN THAT

1. Partners have a common interest in advancing understanding in the area of Latin papyrological studies through direct collaboration.

The Department's Board has approved the following Agreement, with the approval n. 5.2 of 22/07/2015.

IT IS DECREED THAT:

**ART. 1.** The introduction of this Agreement is part of the Agreement itself.

**ART. 2 : OBJECT AND AIM OF THE AGREEMENT**

The two Partners take in charge the mutual collaboration in research, in terms of interaction and co-operation.

The aim of the project PLATINUM is to scrutinize Latin texts on papyrus from several points of view in order to highlight their substantial contribution to our knowledge of innovations in ancient Roman literature, language, history, and society, especially in the multilingual and multicultural contexts of the Eastern part of the Empire between the 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. and 8<sup>th</sup> century A.D. The first phase of the project will consist in assembling, updating and publishing critical editions, in order to present a new and more accurate corpus of Latin papyri on an easily accessible online platform. The second phase will be focused on providing the texts with a specific, pluridisciplinary commentary that gives new insights on Roman culture.

The principle goals of the Collaborative Research Centre 933 “Material Text Cultures” are:

1. generating extensive primary research, and accessing problem-related sources in the relevant disciplines;
2. further developing the content, epistemology and methodology in the field of text-interpretative historical cultural studies, and
3. fostering the various subject areas over the long-term on a strong structural basis by means of a transdisciplinary, cultural theoretical approach.

The aim is to combine strengths and competences to make common progress in the respective fields of each participating project and institution.

#### **ART. 3: DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

This agreement will commence on 01.07.2015 notwithstanding the date of signature and will be active till the official end of the PLATINUM project, now fixed to the end of March 2020. Any renewal or amendment of this Agreement will be made in writing.

This Agreement may only be terminated by the mutual consent of each Institution.

#### **ART. 4: SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITY**

The scientific responsibility concerning the activities of this Agreement belongs to Dott. Maria Chiara Scappaticcio, Principal Investigator of the project PLATINUM and to Dr. Rodney Ast and PD Dr. Tino Licht.

#### **ART. 5: FINANCIAL BURDEN**

In the matter of the activities outlined in Art. 2, the collaboration between the two Parties is free of charges for both Projects and it will not imply any burden on the Departments’/Universities’ balance sheets.

#### **ART. 6: COMPETENT COURT**

In case litigation should arise, a friendly conciliation will be attempted. If no solution will be found, the exclusive and derogatory competency will be assigned to the Court of Naples.

#### **ART. 7: REGISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

The Agreement is free of stamp duties according to the Table in the attachment B (point 16) of the D.P.R. 642/72.

Given Art. 5 and Art. 40 of the D.P.R. 26/4/86 n. 131, this Act is registered and only it will find implementation.

Read, approved and signed.

#### The PARTNERS

Naples, date

Heidelberg, date

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