



# Estratto dall'accordo “Il Colle di Galileo”

*Extract of the agreement “Galileo’s Hill”*

This agreement regarding “Il Colle di Galileo”

is by and between

- L’Università degli Studi di Firenze – University of Florence
- Il Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche – The National Research Council
- L’Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica – The National Institute for Astrophysics
- L’Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare – The National Institute for Nuclear Physics

Whereas:

- Villa il Gioiello, situated on the summit of the hill of Arcetri, is the dwelling in which Galileo Galileo spent the last years of his life surrounded by his pupils, with whom he spoke of and debated scientific matters until his death in 1642;
- Villa il Gioiello is therefore a place of strong symbolic and evocative significance for the scientific and cultural progress of the whole of mankind as well as for the transmission, communication and exchange of scientific knowledge;
- Villa il Gioiello was declared a National Monument in 1920, was purchased by the state in 1942 and is currently the property of the University of Florence;
- Villa Il Gioiello is suited to hosting events for the international scientific community in light of the recent restoration carried out by the University with the contribution of the Astrophysical Observatory of Arcetri;
- The complex situated on the hill of Arcetri (hereinafter designated as the “hill of Arcetri”), where Villa Il Gioiello is located, is home to the institutions entering into this agreement, namely the Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory, the Galileo Galilei Institute for Theoretical Physics, the Department of Physics and Astronomy, the National Optics Institute;

- The institutional mission of the above-mentioned institutions is to conduct scientific research, to which they make a prestigious contribution by virtue of the activities which they perform in their several offices on the hill of Arcetri;
- It is in the interest of the institutions entering into this agreement to optimize and enhance the hill of Arcetri as a location of excellence for holding meetings and conferences of a scientific nature in their several offices situated there, on the basis of a pattern already successfully tried and tested by the Galileo Galilei Institute for Theoretical Physics, demonstrating the attraction of the location for such initiatives;
- Villa il Gioiello can become the shared symbolic focal point for these activities, hosting visits, conferences, events both inaugurating and concluding such meetings, and scientific debates among groups of scholars of a size suited to the Villa's capacity for accommodation;

Given:

- that the formalization of an initiative designated as “Il Colle di Galileo” (*The Hill of Galileo*) is opportune in order to collect and coordinate under a single aegis those scientific events that will be held on the hill of Arcetri, also taking the opportunity to use the prestigious and evocative location of Villa il Gioiello;
- that this initiative will further boost and enrich the activities of the scientific community on the hill of Arcetri;
- that it will also stimulate the interest of, and attract the backing of, public and private institutions in supporting those scientific initiatives already under way and any future such initiatives that this agreement envisions and encourages;

In consideration of the fact that:

the quality of the scientific research conducted on the premises of the aforesaid institutions is in and of itself a guarantee of the presence of the basic requirement for the organization of events of a lofty international scientific level and unquestionably constitutes an attraction for the relevant scientific community;

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the parties hereto concur and establish the following

#### Art. 1 – OBJECT

The institutions party hereto undertake both singly and in agreement amongst themselves to act in such a way as to ensure that their premises located on or

around the hill of Arcetri promote scientific events and conferences, and to refer explicitly in the course of such activities to the initiative established herein, designated as "Il Colle di Galileo", which identifies Villa il Gioiello as the symbolic location for scientific debate and communication.

## Art. 2 – ENGAGEMENTS

The institutions party hereto, each in the context of its own independent activity, undertakes to endeavor wherever possible, in organizing scientific workshops, conferences, seminars and so forth in their offices or on their premises, to make use also of Villa il Gioiello to host small groups of scholars participating in their activities, as well as for said activities' inaugural and conclusive events.

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All of the institutions party hereto shall, also through the Scientific Committee described in Article 4 below, be bound to raise in whatever manner they consider to be most opportune and effective for the purpose – such as, for example, eliciting contributions from national and international bodies and institutions – the funds required to organize such events and to restore other buildings situated on the hill of Arcetri for use in accordance with the object of this agreement, for example for logistical support for those attending the events.

The institutions openly state their interest also in identifying common research activities likely to benefit from the areas of expertise which they already possess, and in fostering and supporting the development of said activities.

## Art. 3 – ACTIVITIES

The annual program of events and initiatives to be held on the hill of Arcetri involving the Villa il Gioiello, albeit only partially, shall be established by the Scientific Committee. The institutions party hereto shall encourage and promote any and all common research initiatives likely to benefit from the areas of expertise on the hill of Arcetri and, in particular, any initiatives that may emerge from – or be the object of – the scientific events referred to this agreement.

"Il Colle di Galileo" shall set up a specific dedicated Internet site hosting an introduction to any and all scheduled activities.

## Art. 4 – SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Each one of the institutions party hereto shall appoint a representative to the Scientific Committee for "Il Colle di Galileo".

The committee shall elect a chairman from among its appointed members; said chairman's task shall be to convene and to chair the committee.

The Scientific Committee shall coordinate any and all activities designed to raise funds for “Il Colle di Galileo”.

The Committee shall be bound to monitor the implementation of this agreement, to promote and to coordinate any and all research activities of common interest and, in particular, those scientific events that are held on the hill of Arcetri, by preparing an annual program of events and initiatives, by updating that program throughout the year, and by proposing to the institutions party hereto such agreements and accords with third parties as may be useful for the achievement of the purposes of this agreement.

The Scientific Committee in the person of its chairman working in conjunction with the Natural History Museum, shall coordinate all other activities (conferences, cultural encounters, visits and so forth) that may be held at the Villa il Gioiello.

The Scientific Committee shall coordinate and promote any initiatives which the institutions party hereto may devise for the purpose of raising the funds required to fulfill the engagements listed in Article 2 above.

The Scientific Committee shall remain in office for 4 (four) years and may be renewed consecutively only once thereafter.

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#### Art. 6 – PUBLICATIONS

The institutions party hereto undertake to mention in any deed or publication (whether in print or on the Internet) and in the publication of the proceedings of any initiative organized in the context of this agreement, that the event was held under the aegis of “Il Colle di Galileo” initiative, also undertaking to display the initiative’s logo wherever and whenever possible.

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The actual Scientific Committee is formed by:

Giacomo Poggi, University of Florence  
 Paolo De Natale, CNR  
 Francesco Palla, INAF  
 Pierandrea Mandò, INFN