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Go-ahead for the agreement between the UNIVERSITY OF ROMA TRE and the INTERNATIONAL TELEMATIC UNIVERSITY 'UNINETTUNO'

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For the first time students will be able to attend a public university and a telematic university and get a joint university degree in an international and technological exchange perspective.

Participants: Prof. **Guido Fabiani**, Rector of the University of Roma Tre, Prof. **Paolo Benvenuti**, Contact Person for the Agreement with the University of Roma Tre, Prof. **Roberto Maragliano**, Coordinator of the "Piazza Telematica" of the University of Roma Tre, Prof. **Maria Amata Garito**, President of the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO.

This afternoon, Prof. **Maria Amato Garito**, President of the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO and the Rector of the University of Roma Tre, Prof. **Guido Fabiani**, signed a **five-year agreement** for the joint realisation of distance university courses, master's courses and high specialisation level and vocational training courses in an international and technological exchange perspective.

The agreement establishes the joint realisation of telematic courses that envisage study courses parallel to those delivered by traditional university and an online study courses integrated to the traditional ones. In addition, it will be possible to design specific "blended educational packages" according to specific educational objectives.

The students interested in this will be able to access to the courses of both universities and a get a joint degree, if they ask it upon enrolment on the portal www.uninettunouniversity.net, realised in 4 languages: Italian, English, French and Arabic.

For delivering these courses the **International Telematic University UNINETTUNO** will make available an Internet-based platform, satellite television channels, all its didactic contents and psycho-pedagogic models.

The **Piazza Telematica** of the **University of Roma Tre** – first university centre implemented in Italy as public Internet point – will also be the Technological Pole

of the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO. Among the supplied services there will be a Secretariat devoted to the students and tutor support.

“With this agreement – the Rector **Guido Fabiani** explains – Roma Tre will be able to strengthen its presence in the most innovative contexts of education, paying particular attention to essential synergies that can result from both traditional education techniques and those of distance teaching”. ‘The agreement with UNINETTUNO – **Fabiani** goes on – was conceived mainly in a perspective of internationalisation as it regards education and academic research as well’.

For the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO, after the setting-up of the Egyptian Technological Poles in Cairo at the Helwan University campus and at the Don Bosco Institute site, in Rabat, at the Secretariat of State for Vocational Training of the Kingdom of Morocco, and in Tunis, at the Tunisian Virtual University site, the agreement signed with Roma Tre is a further step ahead towards the consolidation of relationships and the delivery of joint study titles with the most prestigious universities of Italy, Europe and of the Mediterranean countries. The International Telematic University UNINETTUNO has already 31 technological poles set up in 31 universities of 11 countries.

‘This agreement is very important – the President of the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO **Maria Amata Garito** states – since it highlights the value of the alliance between traditional universities and telematic universities. This alliance allows traditional universities, institutions that since their origins distinguished themselves in achieving knowledge through research, to communicate through teaching no longer only in the university lecture halls, but to use the new languages and the new technologies, television and the Internet, to spread knowledge with no limits of space and time. This alliance – Garito concludes – allows not only to innovate teaching methods, but also to democratise the access to knowledge and to help universities to internationalise themselves.

Thanks to Rai Nettuno Sat 1 satellite channel coverage, anywhere in the world students, connecting the portal www.uninettunouniversity.net or following the lessons from anywhere in the Euro-Mediterranean area can have access to the best study courses of the prestigious Italian and foreign teachers in four languages: Italian, French, Arabic and English.