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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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SETTING UP THE DH^{CH} NETWORK

initiated by the Start-Up Committee:

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with kind assistance of:

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1. Subject matter

DH^{CH} Digital Humanities Network - Cooperation-initiative to connect universities PhD Programs in Digital Humanities and to promote the exchange with advanced researchers and their fields of action in cultural heritage institutions.

2. Tasks / Mission

The aim is to enable innovation, contribute to the attractiveness of the individual doctoral programs in digital humanities. We strive to promote quality of teaching and research, while optimizing our resources. Based on this the parties intend to work closely together. This statement solely confirms the intentions of the parties involved. All agreements of cooperation are to be defined separately or will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

This network serves as platform as follows:

- a) to support or supplement the actions of researchers in the field of digital humanities
- b) to contribute to the flowering of the research in digital humanities of the universities and to encourage cooperation between researchers and cultural heritage institutions
- c) to improve the knowledge and dissemination of ongoing research and training opportunities
- d) to discuss policies for digital humanities research and give guidance and recommendations and high-quality advice on specific issues

3. Joint fields of cooperation

- a) **use synergies:** Informing about upcoming and planned events
- b) **support mobility:** Support the participation of doctoral students on events of other universities and programs
- c) **support collaboration:** Connection and mediation with suitable experts, crossing the borders of different universities

4. Organisation

The organisation, the implementation of the website and the initiation of the cooperation is in the first instance organised by the start-up team. Thanks to the preliminary work undertaken by the swissuniversities PhD-Program in Digital Humanities of the University of Basel and the opportunity to have access to the platform at the Istituto Svizzero in Rome (ISR), the University of Basel will manage the coordination of the annual meetings in Rome, for which the coordinator of the PhD Program in Digital Humanities, University of Basel will be responsible.

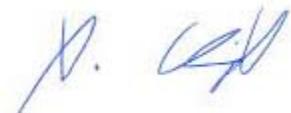
The member parties intend to cooperate closely in the development of the DH^{CH} Network. Project agreements can be concluded for this purpose. The member parties intend to actively support access for researchers to the DH^{CH} network partners relevant to their research. The member parties will ensure that capacities are available or created within their own ranks for this purpose.

5. Applicability

This decision shall apply from its date of adoption for an indefinite period. It can be adapted to the respective needs in mutual and written agreement. Each party is entitled to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by written notification to the other parties. No party may derive any claims against the other party from the termination of this declaration of intent.

This Memorandum of Understanding is not legally binding and does not give either party a legal claim to cooperation.

For the DH^{CH} Network Start-Up Committee



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