

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU
OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
AND
THE FONDAZIONE EDMUND MACH, ISTITUTO AGRARIO DI SAN
MICHELE ALL'ADIGE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) and the Fondazione Edmund Mach - Istituto Agrario di San Michele all'Adige (FEM) establishes a partnership to:

- (i) develop a cooperative relationship on areas of mutual interest;
- (ii) establish a channel for constructive dialogue regarding science and technologies in the fields of enology, viticulture, analytical chemistry, and plant chemistry; and
- (iii) nurture interactions between TTB and FEM professionals.

After friendly consultations, TTB and FEM are signing this MOU to advance the respective institutions' areas of mutual interests.

I. INTENTIONS

TTB and FEM intend to establish a consultative process to strengthen cooperation in the exchange of information on the science and technologies related to grape and wine analyses, research activities in these fields, and novel developments of analytical methodologies for the characterization of wine and grape varieties.

TTB and FEM intend to strengthen cooperation as follows:

- (i) by fostering collaboration in the development and validation of novel analytical methods for better characterization of wine and of grape varieties;
- (ii) by developing a framework for consultations between TTB's and FEM's technical and scientific staff, and, where appropriate, between officials from other offices within TTB and FEM;
- (iii) by participating in on-site explanation of methods developed and/or implemented in TTB and/or FEM laboratories; and
- (iv) by maintaining communication through the contact points established in Section III, below.

In carrying out all of the above activities under this MOU, TTB and FEM intend to employ friendly consultations via the points of contact listed in Section III to resolve issues that may arise.

II. DUTIES

- (i) In carrying out activities under this MOU, TTB and FEM are to comply with the relevant laws and regulations of the United States of America and Italy, respectively, including those pertaining to disclosure requirements or privacy rights. Neither TTB nor FEM endorse the general program or service activities of each other by the signing of this MOU.
- (ii) Any cooperative activities carried out under this MOU are to be based on available resources. The participants intend to fund their own respective participation in activities carried out under this MOU, unless they make other arrangements.

III. CONTACTS

TTB and FEM may conduct their consultations and collaboration through the following points of contact at the respective institutions:

(i) In TTB's Scientific Services Division:

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This MOU is signed in duplicate at San Michele all'Adige on 9 July 2010 in both Italian and English.

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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

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Fondazione Edmund Mach - Istituto
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