

**Re: Preliminary memorandum of understanding between the School of Engineering of the
Università de L'Aquila and the association MITaly for the project
“Mens et Manus Fund: Rebuild L’Aquila’s School of Engineering”**

between

School of Engineering, Università de L'Aquila, Piazzale Pontieri, 1 67040 Monteluco di Roio (AQ), Italy

and

the MITaly association: "Italian Club of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology",
MIT, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, 02139 Cambridge (MA) USA

Under the auspices of

the Consulate General of Italy in Boston



Mens et Manus Fund: Rebuild L’Aquila’s School of Engineering

The School of Engineering, located on Roio Hill a few kilometers away from the city of L’Aquila, was founded in 1964 as part of the Libera Università degli Studi de L’Aquila. The faculty is composed of 164 Professors and the student body numbers in excess than 5000, distributed between 10 undergraduate and 12 graduate majors, BS degrees, specialty schools, Doctoral and Master’s programs.

The recent earthquake which struck the L’Aquila region not only caused victims amongst the student population, but also severely damaged the university and the School of Engineering.

MITaly (MIT Italian Student Association) and its partner organizations have signed an agreement with the School of Engineering to raise funding, over time, to repurchase scientific equipment and partially reconstruct the damaged infrastructure and buildings. The fundraising effort is proposed to take place as follows:

1. In a four month timeframe (May 1st to September 1st, 2009);
2. Due to current uncertainty in damage estimates, the following incremental tentative targets have been set:
 - A. Level 1: 10,000 dollars – Laboratory equipment
 - B. Level 2. 50,000 dollars – Laboratory instrumentation
 - C. Level 3. 200,000 dollars – Rebuilding of classrooms
 - D. Level 4. 500,000 dollars or greater – Reconstruction of buildings

For details concerning official and updated action plans, please visit the site of the Università de L’Aquila: www.ing.univaq.it

3. A call to fundraising from MITaly is extended to all students and workers of Italian and other national origin present on US territory.
4. To participate in the fundraising campaign, you can:
 - a. Write a check (drawn on a US bank) to the order of MITaly (MIT Italian Student Association) or MIT, and mail it to the following address: MIT Student Financial Service Office: 77 Massachusetts Avenue, 02139 Cambridge (MA), building W20-549. Indicate in the memo: *mens et manus* fund.
 - b. Make an online credit card payment (Italian or US) using the secure link found on the webpage: <http://web.mit.edu/mitaly/www/mensetmanusfund2009.html>

Note that donations by workers or students receiving income from any US entity are tax-deductible.

MITaly is the Italian Student Association of MIT. It is composed of students taking part in undergraduate and graduate study, doctoral fellows, professors and visiting professors of Italian origin at MIT and other Boston area universities. Purpose of the association is the diffusion of Italian culture and the reinforcement of the Italian academic community in the area.

Primary purpose of this fundraising effort is to lend a helping hand to the academic and scientific community of L'Aquila, hence the initiative was named "mens et manus", coherently with MIT's motto. Hopefully, this emergency could prepare the seeds for a greater understanding and collaboration between the two institutions.

MITaly pledges to draw its network of contacts and partnerships, established in its 10 years of activity, to promote this initiative and ensure its best possible success.

Boston, May 1st, 2009

for MITaly: "Club Italiano del
Massachusetts Institute of Technology"

The President



for the School of Engineering,
Università de L'Aquila

The Dean

