



UNIVERSITÀ
degli STUDI
di CATANIA

JOINT SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL THESIS AGREEMENT

The following parties

The Federal University of Viçosa,
represented by Demetrius Prof. David da Silva, President

and

The University of Catania (Italy),
represented by Prof. Francesco Priolo, Rector

hereinafter jointly referred to as “the partner institutions”

and

Mrs. Marta Bonforte
hereinafter referred to as “the doctoral candidate”

- Considering the Regulations in force at the Federal University of Viçosa Ph.D. courses included in the Resolution n. 18/2016;
- Considering the Ministerial Decree n. 45/2013 governing the organization and implementation of Ph.D. courses;
- Considering the Regulations in force at the University of Catania governing Ph.D. courses included in the Rector's Decree n. 2788/2013 and subsequent modifications and integrations, issued in respect of Ministerial Decree n. 45/2013;
- Considering that the Ph.D. course in Agricultural, Food and Environmental Science, cycle XXXIX has been officially accredited by the Ministry of Education;

agree the following:

Article 1. Subject: joint supervision and awarding of a doctoral degree

The partner institutions agree that they shall be jointly responsible for the educational program and the supervision of the research work and thesis of the following doctoral candidate:

Name and Surname: Marta Bonforte

Date of birth: 08/05/1992

Place of birth (city and country): Catania, Italy

Nationality: Italian

Address (street, postal code, country): Via Wrzì 11, 95126, CATANIA

Holder of a Master Degree in Scienze e tecnologie agrarie (Agricultural science and technology) on 06/12/2019

Article 2. Designation of the home institution

For the doctoral candidate in this agreement, the home institution, responsible for overall administration and home of the principal supervisor, is the University of Catania.

Article 3. Doctoral program

The doctoral candidate shall attend a doctoral program involving both partner institutions for a duration of 36 months, including the writing of the doctoral thesis, from 01/08/2023 to 31/07/2026. If necessary, the period may be extended by mutual consent, account being taken of the applicable regulations at each partner institution.

At the Federal University of Viçosa the doctoral candidate shall be enrolled in the Ph.D. course in Entomology and carry out her research activity at the Laboratório de Abelhas e Vespas.

At the University of Catania, the doctoral candidate shall be enrolled in the Ph.D. course in Agricultural, Food and Environmental Science - cycle XXXIX and carry out his research activity at the Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment (Di3A) of the aforementioned institution.

For the entire duration of the doctoral program, the doctoral candidate shall be registered at both institutions and pay enrolment and tuition fees at the home institution, University of Catania.

Article 4. Supervision of the doctoral candidate

The doctoral candidate's thesis supervisors shall be:

At the Federal University of Viçosa

Name: Prof. Maria Augusta Lima Siqueira

Department of Animal Biology

At the University of Catania

Name: Prof. Gaetana Mazzeo

Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment (Di3A)

Article 5: Planning of research activities

The doctoral candidate shall carry out her research activity at both partner institutions according to the following plan:

Expected periods at the University of Catania, Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment:

Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023								X	X	X	X	X
2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2025									X	X	X	X
2026	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					

Expected periods at the Federal University of Viçosa, Department of Entomology:

Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023												
2024												
2025	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
2026												

Article 6. Doctoral thesis

The subject of the doctoral thesis shall be:

Pollinators and the food web: ecological interactions and their impact on agroecosystems

The doctoral thesis shall be written and defended in: (tick the box)

☐ Italian ☒ English ☐ Other language (please specify)

An abstract of the doctoral thesis shall be written and presented in:

☐ Italian ☒ English

Article 7. Committee for the thesis dissertation

The members of the committee for the thesis dissertation shall be appointed upon mutual consent of the partner institutions. The committee shall be composed by at least three members, one of which from the Federal University of Viçosa, one from the University of Catania and one external to the partner institutions.

Article 8 Thesis dissertation and awarding of Ph.D. degrees

The thesis dissertation shall be held at the University of Catania, Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Upon successful completion of the thesis dissertation, each partner institution shall award the doctoral candidate its final national qualification as following:

- the Federal University of Viçosa shall award the Ph.D. degree in Entomology
- the University of Catania shall award the Ph.D. degree in Agricultural, Food and Environmental Science - cycle XXXIX.

Article 9. Protection of the research results

In each country, the protection of the thesis subject, the deposit and the reproduction of the thesis as well as the publication and exploitation of the results of doctoral candidate's research work shall be ruled by the legislation applicable in that country.

Article 10. Financial arrangements

All the expenses incurred by the doctoral candidate during the entire duration of the doctoral program and until the date of her thesis dissertation, including those related to health, accident and third party liability insurance, shall be the responsibility of the doctoral candidate or the University designated as home institution (Art. 2).

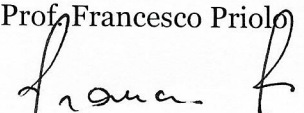
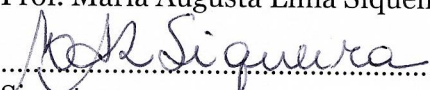
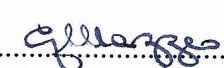
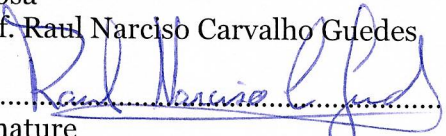
Each partner institution shall cover the expenses incurred by its member within the committee for the thesis dissertation. The cover for the expenses incurred by the external member of the committee for the thesis dissertation shall be mutually agreed between the partner institutions.

Article 11. Final measures

This agreement shall be written in three (3) copies.

This agreement shall be in force for the entire duration of the doctoral program as stated in article 3 and remain valid until the date of the doctoral candidate's thesis dissertation. Any modifications to this agreement or any termination prior to the abovementioned expiry date must be in writing and signed by the signatory authorities from both partner institutions.

The partner institutions shall use their best effort to settle any dispute arising in connection with this agreement on an amicable basis.

The President of the Federal University of Viçosa Prof. Demetrius David da Silva  Signature Date: <u>15/04/2025</u> Seal of the Institution Demetrius David da Silva Reitor Universidade Federal de Viçosa	The Rector of the University of Catania Prof. Francesco Priolo  Signature Date: <u>18.03.2025</u> Seal of the Institution 
The Thesis Supervisor at the Federal University of Viçosa Prof. Maria Augusta Lima Siqueira  Signature Date: <u>11-04-2025</u>	The Thesis Supervisor at the University of Catania Prof. Gaetana Mazzeo  Signature Date: <u>11.03.2025</u>
The Coordinator of the Ph.D. course/Head of doctoral school at the Federal University of Viçosa Prof. Raul Narciso Carvalho Guedes  Signature Date: <u>14/04/2025</u>	The Coordinator of the Ph.D. course at the University of Catania Prof. Antonip Biondi  Signature Date: <u>15.03.2025</u>
The Doctoral candidate: Marta Bonforte  Signature	