

## ORCID, Scia-GaIA, TANDEM: Strategic Partner MoU

Discoverability of research works is essential for supporting public access and maximizing the impact of scholarly contributions.

ORCID, Scia-GaIA and TANDEM are not-for-profit initiatives engaged in supporting discoverability in scholarly communications and building infrastructure.

The Scia-GaIA (Energising Scientific Endeavour through Science Gateways and e-Infrastructures in Africa) (<http://www.sci-gaia.eu/>) project is funded by the European Commission in the context of the Horizon 2020 programme, Grant Agreement no. 654237. Sci-GaIA proposes to produce clearly structured guides and educational documents that can be used to train and support representatives of National Research and Education Networks (NRENs), Communities of Practice (CoPs) and, importantly, Universities to develop Science Gateways and e-infrastructures in Africa. This will give a sustainable foundation on which African e-Infrastructures can be developed. Importantly, the results of Sci-GaIA will be usable by CoPs in Europe and the rest of the world.

The TANDEM (TransAfrican Network Development) (<http://www.tandem-wacren.eu/>) project is funded by the European Commission in the context of the Horizon 2020 programme, Grant Agreement no. 654206. TANDEM aims to support dialogue between the EU and African Research and Educational Networks, with special attention to Western and Central Africa region. The scope is to promote cooperation by exploiting the interconnection between the European research and educational network (GÉANT) and the established African regional networks. This project aims to prepare WACREN in the deployment of e-infrastructures answering End User's needs and taking into account policy, financial, regulatory and technical constraints.

ORCID (<http://orcid.org>) is an open and interdisciplinary community-based effort to provide a Registry of persistent identifiers for researchers, and processes and tools for embedding these identifiers into research systems and workflows.

Together, Scia-GaIA, TANDEM and ORCID ("Parties") have an important contribution to make to the scholarly community: coordinating efforts to adopt identifiers and standards to manage access to and reporting of research outputs.

With this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) ORCID, Scia-GaIA, and TANDEM commit to dialog and cooperate on the following topics:

- Building awareness and encouraging use of the ORCID registry and APIs in the university and research organisation repository community;
- Encouraging use of persistent identifiers for researchers, works, and organizations in repository data systems and deposit workflows;
- Promoting use of open non-profit research tools in new and emerging user communities;
- Supporting non-ambiguous machine-readable and verifiable links between researchers, works, and organizations;
- Support further MOUs with regional projects and initiatives;
- Building awareness of Scia-GaIA and TANDEM among the e-Infrastructure community;
- Plan and execute joint communications for awareness in Africa and other regions.

To support these goals, ORCID, Scia-GaIA and TANDEM will engage in regular strategic conversations at the leadership level; will support collaborations in developing use cases; and, will explore options for coordinated communications regarding existing and upcoming features.

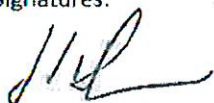
To acknowledge such cooperation, Scia-GaIA and TANDEM will acknowledge this partnership on its website, and ORCID will list Scia-GaIA and TANDEM as Partners on the ORCID website. There will be no monetary exchange between ORCID, Scia-GaIA and TANDEM as pertains to this MOU or the activities described therein, for services or membership purposes. Each Party shall have the right to

review and approve prior to release any press release or similar communication about the nature of the relationship between the Parties.

From the date of signature by official parties of ORCID and Scia-GaIA and TANDEM, this MOU will remain in effect until the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2017, with option to renew. Any party may decide to end the agreement with notification to the other party. If either Party terminates, the Parties shall remove from their websites and other literature the fact that they are "partners".

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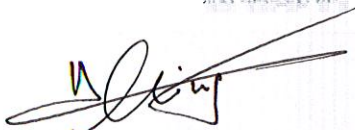
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