



ELSEVIER SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT
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This agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of 08 January 2014 by and between **Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del Sistema Universitario e della Ricerca**, Piazza Kennedy 20, Rome, 00144, Italy (the "Subscriber"), and **Elsevier B.V.**, Radarweg 29, 1043 NX Amsterdam, The Netherlands ("Elsevier").

The parties hereto agree as follows:

SECTION 1. SUBSCRIPTION.

1.1 *Subscribed Products.*

Elsevier hereby grants to the Subscriber the non-exclusive, non-transferable right to access and use the products and services identified in Schedule 1 ("Subscribed Products") and provide the Subscribed Products to its Authorized Users (as defined herein) subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

1.2 *Authorized Users/Sites.*

Authorized Users are the full-time and part-time students, faculty, staff and researchers of the Subscriber and individuals who are independent contractors or are employed by independent contractors of the Subscriber affiliated with the Subscriber's locations listed on Schedule 2 (the "Sites") and permitted by the Subscriber to access the Subscribed Products.

1.3 *Authorized Uses.*

Each Authorized User may:

- access, search, browse and view the Subscribed Products;
- print, make electronic copies of and store for the exclusive use of such Authorized User individual items from the Subscribed Products;
- display or provide print or electronic copies of and post or transmit links to individual items from the Subscribed Products for the Subscriber's internal purposes; and

1.4 *Restrictions on Use of Subscribed Products.*

Except as expressly stated in this Agreement or otherwise permitted in writing by Elsevier, the Subscriber and its Authorized Users may not:

- abridge, modify, translate or create any derivative work based on the Subscribed Products, except to the extent necessary to make them perceptible on a computer screen to Authorized Users;
- remove, obscure or modify in any way any copyright notices, other notices or disclaimers as they appear in the Subscribed Products;
- use any robots, spiders, crawlers or other automated downloading programs, algorithms or devices to continuously and automatically search, scrape, extract, deep link, index or disrupt the working of the Subscribed Products; or
- substantially or systematically reproduce, retain or redistribute the Subscribed Products.

Authorized Users who are individuals who are independent contractors or are employed by independent contractors may use the Subscribed Products only for the purposes of the contracted research work for the Subscriber.

1.5 Intellectual Property Ownership.

The Subscriber acknowledges that all right, title and interest in and to the Subscribed Products remain with Elsevier and its suppliers, except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, and that the unauthorized redistribution of the Subscribed Products could materially harm Elsevier and its suppliers.

SECTION 2. ELSEVIER PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS.

2.1 Access to Subscribed Products.

Activation of access to the SciVal Spotlight Subscribed Products and SciVal Strata Subscribed Products identified in Schedule 1, if any, from the applicable internet address set forth on Schedule 1 will commence on the date stated in Section 5.1 of this Agreement, however, upon written notice to the Subscriber on or before 31 March 2014, the SciVal Spotlight Subscribed Products and SciVal Strata Subscribed Products will be migrated to a new platform, SciVal, and the access website will change to scival.com, and the Subscriber will, instead of the SciVal Strata Subscribed Products, receive the SciVal Benchmarking and SciVal Collaboration modules, instead of the SciVal Spotlight Subscribed Products, receive the SciVal Overview and SciVal Collaboration modules, or, if the Subscriber subscribes to both the SciVal Spotlight and SciVal Strata Subscribed Products receive instead the SciVal Benchmarking, SciVal Collaboration and SciVal Overview modules.

2.2 Quality of Service.

Elsevier will use reasonable efforts to provide the Subscribed Products with a quality of service consistent with industry standards, specifically, to provide continuous service with an average of 98% up-time per year, with the 2% down-time including scheduled maintenance and repairs performed at a time to minimize inconvenience to the Subscriber and its Authorized Users, and to restore service as soon as possible in the event of an interruption or suspension of service.

2.3 Withdrawal of Content.

Elsevier reserves the right to withdraw from the Subscribed Products content that it no longer retains the right to provide or that it has reasonable grounds to believe is unlawful, harmful, false or infringing.

SECTION 3. SUBSCRIBER PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS.

3.1 Authentication.

Access to the Subscribed Products will be authenticated by the use of Internet Protocol ("IP") address(es) and/or usernames and passwords and/or a delegated authentication mechanism requiring at least two different credentials, as identified on Schedule 2.

3.2 Protection from Unauthorized Access and Use.

The Subscriber will use reasonable efforts to:

- limit access to and use of the Subscribed Products to Authorized Users and notify all Authorized Users of the usage restrictions set forth in this Agreement and that they must comply with such restrictions;
- issue any passwords or credentials used to access the Subscribed Products only to Authorized Users, not divulge any passwords or credentials to any third party, and notify all Authorized Users not to divulge any passwords or credentials to any third party; and

- promptly upon becoming aware of any unauthorized use of the Subscribed Products, inform Elsevier and take appropriate steps to end such activity and to prevent any recurrence.

In the event of any unauthorized use of the Subscribed Products, Elsevier may suspend the access and/or require that the Subscriber suspend the access from where the unauthorized use occurred upon notice to the Subscriber. The Subscriber will not be liable for unauthorized use of the Subscribed Products by any Authorized Users provided that the unauthorized use did not result from the Subscriber's own negligence or willful misconduct and that the Subscriber did not permit such unauthorized use to continue after having actual notice thereof.

SECTION 4. FEES AND PAYMENT TERMS.

The Subscriber will pay to Elsevier the fees set forth in Schedule 1 (the "Fees") within one hundred-twenty (120) days of date of invoice. Late payments will be subject to interest charges of 1% per month on the unpaid balance. The Fees will be exclusive of any sales, use, value added, withholding or similar tax and the Subscriber will be liable for any such taxes in addition to the Fees. Any sum to be paid by the Subscriber to Elsevier under this Agreement will be paid by way of transfer to Elsevier's bank account in the Netherlands. The currency of account and the currency of payment for any sum to be paid by the Subscriber to Elsevier under this Agreement will be EUR (meaning the lawful currency of the European part of the Netherlands at the effective date of this Agreement), notwithstanding any changes in Euro zone membership that might occur after the effective date of this Agreement, except in the event that (a) the Netherlands cease to be a member of the Euro zone of the European Union or (b) all participating members of the Euro zone cease to do so and the Euro ceases to exist, in which event the sum will become payable in the currency that will be officially adopted as the legal currency in the Netherlands. The Subscriber waives any right it may have at any time in any jurisdiction to pay any sum under this Agreement in a currency unit other than that in which it is expressed to be payable under this clause. The Subscriber will be charged Dutch value added tax (VAT) unless the Subscriber is a foreign relevant business person and provides to Elsevier its VAT Identification Number. The Subscriber will promptly notify Elsevier of any changes to its VAT Identification Number or VAT status. Elsevier may charge the Subscriber any VAT, fines, penalties, interest and other costs that Elsevier may incur as a result of incorrect VAT information.

SECTION 5. TERM.

5.1 Term.

The term of this Agreement will commence on 01 January 2014 and continue until 31 December 2014.

5.2 Renewal.

This Agreement may be renewed upon mutual agreement of the parties in writing for an additional one-year term, subject to appropriate adjustments to Schedule 1.

SECTION 6. ELSEVIER WARRANTIES AND INDEMNITIES.

6.1 Warranties.

Elsevier warrants that use of the Subscribed Products in accordance with the terms and conditions herein will not infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party.

6.2 Indemnities.

Elsevier will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Subscriber and its Authorized Users from and against any loss, damage, costs, liability and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising from or out of any third-party action or claim that use of the Subscribed Products in accordance with the terms and conditions herein infringes the intellectual property rights of such third party. If any such

action or claim is made, the Subscriber will promptly notify and reasonably cooperate with Elsevier. This indemnity obligation will survive the termination of this Agreement.

6.3 Disclaimer.

EXCEPT FOR THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES AND INDEMNITIES STATED HEREIN AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE SUBSCRIBED PRODUCTS ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" AND ELSEVIER AND ITS SUPPLIERS EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND WITH REGARD TO THE SUBSCRIBED PRODUCTS AND ANY OTHER DATA, DOCUMENTATION OR MATERIALS PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY ERRORS, INACCURACIES, OMISSIONS, OR DEFECTS CONTAINED THEREIN, AND ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY AS TO MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

6.4 Limitation of Liability.

Except for the express warranties and indemnities stated herein and to the extent permitted by applicable law, in no event will Elsevier or its suppliers be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, consequential or punitive damages including, but not limited to, loss of data, business interruption or loss of profits, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, or will the liability of Elsevier and its suppliers to the Subscriber exceed a sum equal to the Fees paid by the Subscriber hereunder during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date on which the claim arose, even if Elsevier or any supplier has been advised of the possibility of such liability or damages.

SECTION 7. GENERAL.

7.1 Force Majeure.

Neither party's delay or failure to perform any provision of this Agreement as a result of circumstances beyond its control (including, but not limited to, war, strikes, fires, floods, power failures, telecommunications or Internet failures or damage to or destruction of any network facilities or servers) will be deemed a breach of this Agreement. The parties agree that the departure of one or more members of the Euro zone will not, in and of itself, be a "circumstance beyond its control" and will not have the effect of discharging or excusing performance of (any obligation under) this Agreement.

7.2 Severability.

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement will not affect any other provisions of this Agreement.

7.3 Entire Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties and replaces and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous agreements, communications, proposals and purchase orders, written or oral, between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein.

7.4 Modification.

No modification, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement will be valid unless in writing and signed by the parties.

7.5 Assignment.

The Subscriber will not assign, transfer or license any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement unless it obtains the prior written consent of Elsevier, which consent will not unreasonably be withheld.

7.6 Privacy.

Elsevier will not, without the prior written consent of the Subscriber, transfer any personal information of any Authorized Users to any non-affiliated third party or use it for any purpose other than as described in this Agreement and in the online privacy policy for the relevant online service.

7.7 Notices.

All notices given pursuant to this Agreement will be in writing and delivered to the party to whom such notice is directed at the address specified below or the electronic mail address as such party will have designated by notice hereunder.

If to Elsevier: Elsevier B.V., Radarweg 29, 1043 NX Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

If to the Subscriber: **Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del Sistema Universitario e della Ricerca**, Piazza Kennedy 20, Rome, 00144, Italy.

7.8 Confidentiality.

The Subscriber and its employees, officers, directors and agents will maintain as confidential and not disclose to any non-affiliated third party without Elsevier's prior written consent or except as required by law the financial terms and commercial conditions of this Agreement.

7.9 Execution.

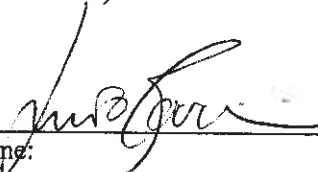
This Agreement and any amendment thereto may be executed in counterparts, and signatures exchanged by facsimile or other electronic means are effective to the same extent as original signatures.

7.10 Governing Law and Venue.

This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of The Netherlands, without regard to conflict of law principles, and the parties irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of The Netherlands with respect to any action or suit arising out of or pertaining to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their respective, duly authorized representatives as of the date first above written.

ANVUR - Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del Sistema Universitario e della Ricerca
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Schedule 1
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SciVal Strata™ – Elsevier B.V.	strata.scival.com	
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