



*Il Ministro dell'Istruzione,
dell'Università e della Ricerca*

Rome, 24th October 2016

Dear President Paiva Cruz,

Dear President Manfredi,

Dear Rector Borghi,

As Italian minister for Universities and Research and in my previous experience as university rector, I am proud that 72 Brazilian rectors of Coimbra Group have gathered in Parma for their VIII International Seminar and their IX General Assembly.

I am grateful to the city of Parma for hosting this important event, and to the University of Parma for being so welcoming towards the Brazilian academic community.

This first meeting between Italian and Brazilian rectors allows our countries to foster the dialogue in academic and scientific cooperation, starting from our long-lasting friendship.

Universities have no borders because knowledge has no limits and knowledge is developed and transferred by students, researchers and professors.

For this reason, we are all aware that brain circulation secures successful progresses for our university and research systems and consequently for our countries as well.



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The program “Ciência sem Fronteiras” has been a powerful tool to encourage and support mobility, involving nearly 5000 students and researchers from Brazil. Also more than 300 Italian companies have taken part in this program.

I hope that from this meeting in Parma further joint initiatives of cooperation will emerge.

Our government is willing to support them not only in order to increase our level of internationalization, but particularly to face together global challenges through knowledge, science and research.

Best regards,

Stefania Giannini

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stefania Giannini', with a horizontal line extending to the right.