Letter of Agreement

between

The College of Agricultural Sciences
at The Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania,
the United States of America
and
and Vinnitsya State Agricultural University
Vinnitsya,
Ukraine

1. The objective of the Agreement.

The College of Agricultural Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University, USA and Vinnitsya State Agricultural University, Ukraine express an interest to cooperate for the purpose of promoting and strengthening of academic, research and outreach activities in agricultural sector of both countries, and broadening the international experiences for the faculty, staff, and students of both institutions.

2. Cooperation in academic and research activities.

Faculty, staff, and students of both institutions are to have an equal opportunity to improve their education, qualification and knowledge through the mutual programs, projects or other activities with the partnering institution.

3. The areas of mutual cooperation.

Both institutions express a shared interest to facilitate scholarly activities in the following areas:

- Development and carrying out of joint academic, research, or outreach projects which are in the mutual benefit and equal interest of both institutions.
- Facilitation of the academic and research exchanges with undergraduate or graduate students which are in the mutual benefit and equal interest of both institutions.
- Facilitation of faculty contacts, activities, and exchanges through the mutual action in academic teaching, research and outreach projects which are in the mutual benefit and equal interest of both institutions.
• Information exchanges in academic, research and outreach areas that are in the mutual benefit and equal interest of both institutions.

4. Implementation

Upon this Agreement, both institutions are agreed to the terms of activities which are subject to the availability of appropriate resources for joint activities and the agreement of the collaborating academic units. The two institutions will submit joint application to funding organizations for research grants and funds available to the mutually defined topics where collaboration links are established. All commitments, obligations related to the projects approved under this Agreement shall be administered in accordance with each institution’s normal legal practices and policies and the specific terms and conditions of funding agencies.

5. Planning of work

Both institutions will coordinate strategic planning of the joint activities and programs. Each party is responsible to provide appropriate amount of time and resources to the activities that are in the mutual benefit and equal interest of both institutions.

6. Appointment of representatives.

In order to facilitate mutual cooperation, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Vinnitsya State Agricultural University will designate authorized representatives, which will coordinate and facilitate development of joint programs, effective implementation of planned actions, and render appropriate assistance to the program participants.

7. Liability and insurance.

Upon this Agreement, both parties are responsible for providing an adequate health and contingency insurance coverage for their own joint program investigators and participants.

The persons participating in the joint program activities are liable for their own actions under the jurisdiction of hosting country legislation.

8. Arrangement and validity of the agreement.

The Agreement shall remain in effect for the term of 3 (three) years from the date of signing by both institutions and can be a subject to a mutual written extension during the last 6 months of the term.
Either institution may terminate the Agreement by providing a six month notice in advance. Any joint project activity undertaken by both institution may be terminated by the mutual agreement of both institution with the three months notice by either institution, except the case of ongoing joined project funded by the third party, where the termination of the joint program activities will be completed after the accomplishing of the project’s goals and objectives, submitting final report and completion of appropriate evaluation procedure.

Any article of the Agreement may be amended or revoked after appropriate consulting, negotiation and mutual consent between two institutions. This Agreement shall be signed by the responsible authority of each institution. In witness whereof the undersigned, being as representatives of their respective institutions, hereby sign and approve this Agreement in four copies, two copies for each party.


The College of Agricultural Sciences

Dr. Robert D. Steele
Dean
Date 9/20/02

Vinnitsya State Agricultural University

Dr. Leonid P. Sereda
Rector
Date 8/10/02