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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND COOPERATION BETWEEN SLOVAK UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE IN NITRA (SUA) AND GULISTAN STATE UNIVERSITY (GulSU)

SUA and GulSU seek to promote cooperation and advancement of international understanding. Considering their common interest in promoting mutual cooperation in the area of education and research, both sides, therefore, wish to expand the basis for friendly and cooperative educational exchange and academic collaboration, and have set forth the following Memorandum of Understanding. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as creating a legal relationship between sides except as specifically provided in this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to develop academic and educational cooperation (in the field land, environment and agriculture) and to promote relations and mutual understanding between both universities.

ARTICLE II SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Both universities undertake to promote and develop academic cooperation in the following ways:

- 1. Encouraging academic exchange and cooperation between the universities.
- 2. Joint research activities in areas of mutual interest.
- 3. Inviting faculty members, research scholar and/or students for academic visit and exchange.
- 4. Exchange of publications and other teaching materials.
- 5. Assistance with developing relations and cooperation with industry and other institutes in each country.

ARTICLE III

ARRANGEMENTS OF ESTABLISHING ACTIVITIES

- 1. Both universities agree that all specific arrangements and plans for activities are to be negotiated.
- 2. Both universities agree to seek financial support from national and international organizations for the cooperative activities (at the expense of involved financial funds of represented joint projects) to be undertaken as stated under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE IV

INTERNATIONAL ARGEEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION

A detailed description of the scope of any activity described in this Memorandum of Understanding and agreed to by the parties shall be defined in a written and signed International Agreement for Academic Cooperation, which shall supplement this Memorandum of Understanding.

- 1. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each institution for the agreed upon activity.
- 2. Schedule(s) for the specific activity.

ARTICLE V

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION

1. SUA and GulSU will share all data and research finding relating to this Memorandum of Understanding and the relevant International Agreement for Academic Cooperation; and ownership of any patent rights, copyrights, and

- other intellectual property rights to any discoveries, inventions, and products resulting from this Memorandum of Understanding and International Agreement for Academic Cooperation that may be commercially useful will be determined based on the contributions of SUA and GulSU.
- 2. Both sides must give written approval for the utilization and publication of any data and research finding resulting from a joint activity relating to this Memorandum of Understanding and the relevant International Agreement for Academic Cooperation.
- Detailed management of intellectual property rights and publications shall be defined and provided in International Agreement for Academic Cooperation of each activity.

ARTICLE VI SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

- 1. Any differing viewpoints or interpretations of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation.
- 2. Present Memorandum of Understanding does not impose any juridical and tinancial obligations.

ARTICLE VII GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. As stated above, any specific joint projects with legally binding obligations will be set forth in separate written agreements.
- Treatment of intellectual property rights developed through collaborations under this Memorandum of Understanding will be determined between the Parties through mutual consultation and separate written agreements on a caseby-case basis.

ARTICLE VIII DURATION

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective for a period of five (5) years from the date of final signature. It may be modified or extended by mutual written agreement by the sides. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party upon six (6) months advance written notice.

The Sides to this Memorandum of Understanding hereby confirm their agreement to its terms by the following signatures:

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