INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Soil Institute of the National Institute of Agricultural Technology of Argentina

And

The College of Agriculture,
Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Iowa, USA

I. Preamble

This International Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) constitutes an agreement between Soil Institute of the National Institute of Agricultural Technology of Argentina and the College of Agriculture, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, to join in a strategic alliance to undertake a series of cooperative activities of common interest and mutual benefit.

In accordance with the objective to promote further cooperation between Argentina and the United States of America, the Soil Institute of the National Institute of Agricultural Technology and Iowa State University hereby jointly enter into a bilateral linkage, focusing on the development of their institutions' programs, particularly those in the food and agriculture related sciences. They will jointly develop and implement activities to improve their capacities to serve their respective clientele in Argentina and the United States of America. This linkage is developed based upon the institutions' commonality of interests and their belief that a linkage between them would strengthen their joint and individual capacities.

II. Objectives

The objectives of this linkage are to develop long-term activities. Where financially feasible and consistent with the policies of Soil Institute of the National Institute of Agricultural Technology of Argentina and the Board of Regents of the State of Iowa, and all other governing legislation, the parties agree to pursue mutual interests in soil fertility research and exchange of short-term visits.

III. Program Management

Each activity will be jointly planned, implemented, and evaluated, and will be described in a plan of work that will include programmatic and budget details. The plan of work will be developed at a later date as agreed by the parties. Activities undertaken will permit publication, dissemination, and sharing by the two institutions of all the facts resulting from the activities. Exchange and dissemination of information will include both the exchange of working papers on joint research and the identification of materials for publication. No prohibition of publication will be imposed by either institution.
IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Soils Institute, National Institute of Agricultural Technology, and Iowa State University have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the last date affixed below.

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