AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BY AND BETWEEN THE UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL AND THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY (Proc. nº 23078.021657/03-00).

The UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL, through the Institute of Chemistry, hereinafter referred as UFRGS, established at Paulo Gama Avenue, 110, Porto Alegre, RS, Brasil, in this opportunity represented by its Rectress, Professor Wrana Maria Panizzi, and the COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, through the Center for Crops Utilization Research, hereinafter referred as CA-ISU, established in Ames, United State of America, in this opportunity represented by its Rectress, Professor Catherine E. Woteki, recognize and reinforce mutual interests by this Agreement of Cooperation as follows:

I. OBJECTIVES

It is the purpose of this Agreement:

a) to promote interest in the teaching and research activities of our respective universities; and

b) to deepen the understanding of the technical, social and cultural issues and traditions of our respective countries.

II. ACTIVITIES

To achieve these goals, the parties agree to:

a) promote University exchanges by inviting scholars of the Partner University for short-term lecture programs;

b) exchange of graduate students and co-supervision of theses;

c) organize symposia, conferences and meetings on research issues;

d) carry out joint research programs, through specific agreements;

e) exchange information pertaining to development in teaching and research at each University;

f) determine by mutual agreement the different areas of cooperation, as well as the terms, conditions and methods of implementation of each one of the projects, which will be articulated in specific agreements, especially in oleochemistry and in the development of new industrial products from vegetable oils.

III. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

All participants of the exchange program are required to have health insurance coverage acquired in their home country and acceptable to the host institution prior to their departure to the host country.

Both Universities agree to do everything possible to secure from third parties the funds necessary for this cooperation, such as foundations, scholarship organizations and other donors (institutions or persons).
IV. COORDINATION

Each University shall nominate one of these members as its representative in charge of the cooperation program. It is the task of such member to act as principal contact for individual and group activities, and to plan and coordinate all activities within his/her University, as well as the Partner University. The representatives of the two Universities should meet to evaluate past activities and to work out ideas for future cooperation projects.

V. DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is effective from the date of signature and approval by both Universities. It is valid for 5 (five) years. It shall be modified and/or renewed through Amendments and terminated by either party by notification 6 (six) months in advance.

VI. FORUM

Both parties agree to respect the policies and laws of both cooperating countries. For problems that arise both parties agree to refrain from unilateral action and to consult and negotiate agreeable decisions. This memorandum is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial process of cooperation and exchange and is not a contract creating legal or financial relationships between the parties.

In the witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed 2 (two) copies of this instrument, each of which shall be considered an original.

Brasil, Porto Alegre, 11/11/03

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WRANA MARTA PANIZZI,
Rectress, UFRGS.

USA, Ames, 10/30/03

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Catherine Embicki
CATHARINE E. WOTEKI,
Rectress, College of Agriculture, ISU.

Witnesses: