MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

EARTH UNIVERSITY
Costa Rica

And

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Iowa, USA

Whereas the above named institutions are engaged in several areas of mutual cooperation, and EARTH University and Iowa State University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (ISU and CALS) recognize that an agreement of cooperation would be of mutual benefit and would serve their continuing interests in the areas of Farm Economics, Pest Management and Control, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Biotechnology, Natural Resources Management, Environmental Protection, Extension Methodology and Technology Transfer, it is agreed that these entities will:

1. Engage in collaborative research efforts which fit the missions and the capabilities of the two respective institutions, and will publish the results of these endeavors in joint authorship;
2. Promote the exchange of qualified faculty, researchers and scientists in support of collaborative research and training, faculty development, services to clientele, and informational exchange through seminars and other means:
3. Promote the exchange of qualified graduate and senior undergraduate students for non-academic study and research, including internships, at EARTH or ISU, or at an agreed to cooperating location:
4. Coordinate all activities implemented under this agreement through the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at ISU and the Dean of EARTH University:
5. Designate coordinators for each specific program of cooperation at each activity location (each program should include details on time limits, personnel, budgets, etc.):
6. Take sole responsibility for any expenses incurred by each respective institution under this agreement unless specified otherwise by supplements to this agreement and that the signatories will endeavor to secure and provide the resources necessary for the successful execution of all agreed to activities; and
7. Protect intellectual property developed in collaborative programs and share the benefits equitably among the institutions, the researchers, and the sponsors of the research.

Prior to finalizing individual visits, projects, or exchanges, representatives at both institutions shall secure approvals from their respective department heads and university administrative officers. It is understood that neither party assumes any financial obligations as a result of this Memorandum of Understanding, but that financial arrangements will be negotiated separately and will depend upon the availability of funds.

This agreement shall have duration of five years and will become effective upon the date of final signatures. It will be renewable upon expression of mutual interest by both institutions, and will be subject to modification or termination by either party by means of written request and consent within 60 days of the date that the requested change is presented to the other party.

IN AFFIRMATION:

Dr. Wendy Winterstean
Dean, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
Iowa State University

Dr. Daniel Sherrard
Provost
EARTH University

Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman
Executive Vice President and Provost
Iowa State University

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Rector
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Date: Sept. 22, 2009

Date: Sept. 30, 2009