Memorandum of Understanding

between the

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

and

Iowa State University (ISU)

This agreement between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and Iowa State University (ISU) reflects the mutual interests of these two institutions in the development of cooperative educational, research, and extension projects. The projects will be collaborative directly with IICA and with the Ministries of Agriculture and other organizations with which are affiliated with IICA. The focus will be technology transfer, the development of new agricultural, natural resource management, and environmental technologies, and the development of efficient dissemination and communication systems. The activities to accomplish these results will include:

- Short and long term exchanges of faculty and staff;
- Encouragement of student mobility between IICA member institutions and ISU;
- Research programs directed to specific agricultural and rural development and natural resource management issues;
- Educational programs that draw on the combined strengths of the cooperating institutions;
- Extension initiatives that provide for more efficient communication and sharing of research results; and
- Engagement efforts designed to build long-term cooperation among the participating institutions.

The activities supported by this Memorandum of Understanding will, in general, be funded by extramural resources. Specifically, the IICA will facilitate the development of strategic partnerships among the institutions that are affiliated with IICA. These partnerships will identify projects that can be supported through grant and contract funding. IICA will be responsible for supporting these strategic partnerships and assisting with the process of securing the resources necessary to achieve their implementation. The broad objective will be to support cooperative agricultural research, education, and extension activities that draw on the resources of the participating institutions, and that will support the growth and development of agriculture and rural communities in the Inter-American region.

This Memorandum of Understanding is for a period of five (5) years, and initiated on the ___ day of ___________, 2002. The Memorandum of Understanding can be terminated by either of the parties with ninety (90) days written notice. The agreement can be renewed and/or extended by the mutual consent of both parties.

Iowa State University

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