Specific Agreement for the Development of the International Program on Agricultural Production and Crops Management
Between
Iowa State University, (U.S.A)
and
University of Costa Rica (Costa Rica)

The University of Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica, register number 4-000-0-42149, hereafter “UCR,” Henning Jensen Pennington, Ph.D. in Psychology, with identity card number eight - zero forty-one - three hundred thirty-four, resident of Betania, Montes de Oca, married, in his capacity as Rector, appointed by the Plebiscite Assembly on April 22, 2016, for the period going from May 19, 2016 to May 18, 2020, who was sworn in by the University Council in special session No. 5990, on May 17, 2016, with powers of judicial and extrajudicial representative, in accordance with Article forty, paragraph a) of the Organic Statute of University of Costa Rica and Iowa State University, hereafter “ISU,” represented by Senior Vice President and Provost, Jonathan Wiekert, mutually assert their legal authorities to enter into this Agreement to foster mutual understanding, to strengthen cultural ties, and to provide opportunities to expand the experiences and horizons of the participating students.

Article I. Purpose:

a) Every other year during the term of this Agreement, the ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will offer an International Program on Agricultural Production and Crops Management during two weeks in July to a group of UCR students. The program’s content and schedule (Working Plan) is included as an Annex to this Agreement.

b) Every other year during the term of this Agreement, the School of Agronomy at the University of Costa Rica will offer an International Program on Agricultural Production and Tropical Crops Management during two weeks in March to a group of ISU students. The tentative program’s schedule is included as an Annex to this Agreement.

c) Both parties will annually agree on the number of students required to make the program feasible and will update the Program’s activities, and establish them in writing in an Annual Working Plan two months before the Program’s start. UCR will inform ISU about the number of students that will participate in the Program during the year it takes place at ISU and ISU will send the Annual Working Plan to UCR. ISU will inform UCR about the number of students that will participate in the Program during the year it takes place at UCR and UCR will send the Annual Working Plan to ISU. This information will be sent to the Office of International Affairs and External Cooperation (OAICE) at UCR and to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Global Programs Office at ISU, respectively, and will require each party’s duly authorized representative’s written approval. In the case of UCR, this approval will be given by OAICE.
Article II. Obligations of the host institution:

a) To coordinate the logistics regarding the visits to the farms and delivery of lectures within the Program.

b) To designate the faculty who will accompany the participating students during the visits to the farms.

c) To coordinate the visits to the farms and find adequate space for the development of the activities agreed upon in the Program.

d) To coordinate the participation of invited students from the host university in the Program.

e) To assist with the coordination of other services agreed upon in the work plan. Other services not specifically included as part of the Program will be the responsibility of the individual participants.

Article III. Obligations of the sending institution:

a) To ensure that participants within the Program meet all requirements.

b) To verify that all participating students and faculty members participating in the Program comply with the host institution rules and regulations during their participation in the program.

c) To make sure participants have adequate medical/health insurance coverage to the satisfaction of the host institution, including hospitalization, surgery, dental emergencies, medical evacuation and repatriation of remains, since the host institution will not assume any responsibility for those costs.

d) To select the faculty to accompany the participating students, throughout their participation in the Program, who will contribute with their knowledge to enhance the academic activities within the Program.

e) To make sure that students and escorting staff/faculty participating in the program abide by the immigration regulations of the host country and comply with the rules and regulations of the host institution that apply to them, as any contraventions may result in the termination of their visiting status at the host institution.

Article IV. Obligations of Participating Students:

a) To obtain all immigration documents required and to comply with the host country immigration regulations.

b) To abide by all travel arrangements made, including air travel.

c) To get medical/health insurance including hospitalization, surgery, dental emergencies, medical evacuation and repatriation of remains.
d) To comply with the host university's internal regulations applicable to their visiting status. Violations may result in cancellation of the student's visiting condition at the host university.

e) To participate actively in all the academic activities of the Program, as established by each Institution.

f) To cover their travel and visa costs, room and board, as well as meals during their participation in the Program, as necessary.

g) To pay the cost of all in-country expenses not covered by the Program.

**Article V. Obligations of the Participating Faculty/Staff Member(s):**

a) To obtain all immigration documents required and to comply with the host country immigration regulations.

b) To make all travel arrangements, including air travel.

c) To get medical/health insurance including hospitalization, surgery, dental emergencies, medical evacuation and repatriation of remains.

d) To accompany the participating students, throughout their participation in the Program.

e) To comply with the host institution's discipline policy and internal regulations applicable to their visiting status.

f) To participate actively in all the academic activities of programs, as established by each Institution.

g) To cover their travel and visa, room and board, and meals, as necessary.

h) To pay the cost of all in-country expenses not covered by the Program.

**Article VI. Force majeure**

A party shall not be liable for any failure of, cut short or delay in the performance of this Agreement in the event that such failure or delay is due to causes beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, war, strikes or labor disputes, embargoes, government orders, or any other force majeure event to protect the safety and health of other participant(s). However, there will be no refund of the program costs.
Article VII. Settlement of Differences

The differing viewpoints and interpretations of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation.

Article VIII. Term and Termination:

a) This Agreement will go into effect on the last date on which it is signed by the parties below and will continue for five (5) years.

b) The Agreement may be renewed by mutual consent in writing at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date.

c) Modifications to this Agreement shall be made only in writing with mutual written consent of the parties and signed by duly authorized representatives of each party.

d) Both parties reserve the right to unilaterally terminate this Agreement by written notice sent to the other party at least one (1) month in advance. In this case, it is understood that all activities under development shall continue until the termination date previously agreed, except for those activities for which the agreement has been terminated.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior communications, negotiations and agreements.

This Agreement is written in English and Spanish in 2 (two) copies; all are authentic. As witness to their consent to this Agreement, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signatures.

Iowa State University

Jonathan Wickert
Senior Vice President and Provost

Date: 3-28-17

University of Costa Rica

Dr. Henning Jensen Pennington
Rector

Date: 28 ABR. 2017

Wendy Wintersteen
Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Date: 3-24-17