INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT
Memorandum of Understanding

University of Costa Rica
(School of Food Technology)

and

Iowa State University
(Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition)

Master of Science in Food Science and Technology for UCR Faculty

Between us, Dr. Luis E. Garita, identification card number 1-313-739, in his capacity of Rector of the University of Costa Rica, elected by the Plebiscitary Assembly of April 3, 1992, and Dr. John Kozak, with passport number P-024890898, in his capacity of Provost of Iowa State University;

Taking into account that the two institutions are joined in an International Memorandum of Agreement aiming at mutual cooperation, and that the above named departments recognize that a memorandum of understanding would be of mutual benefit and would serve as a continued interest in the area of Food Science;

Declare their willingness to sign this Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate that faculty from the School of Food Technology of the University of Costa Rica complete their master of science program at Iowa State University.

Purpose:

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to assist the University of Costa Rica (UCR) by providing opportunities to train faculty from the School of Food Technology at the master of science level in Food Science and Technology at Iowa State University (ISU) Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.

Specific understandings are:

1. All UCR Food Technology faculty applying for the master of science program at ISU are required to complete all the necessary application forms as required by the Graduate College and supply GRE and TOEFL scores to ISU’s Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. The completed applications must be submitted three (3) months in advance to the start of the program.

2. Up to two students selected by UCR and admitted by ISU would participate in the program each year. During the first semester, each graduate student will identify a major professor, establish a Program of Study (POS) Committee and course requirements,
define a research project to be developed in Costa Rica, and register and approve a minimum of three graduate courses.

3. Upon finishing their academic commitments at ISU, the participating students will return to UCR with the purpose of developing their research projects which will always be related to the needs of the food industry in Costa Rica. While working in their research projects, the students will remain active graduate students at ISU by paying for at least one research and thesis credit (FSHN 699) each semester including summer. Communication between the major professor at ISU and the student will be maintained through e-mail, fax, telephone, and regular mail.

4. An ISU professor from the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition will visit UCR at least once a year for a three-week academic stay to interact with each graduate student in the program. During these visits the ISU professors will evaluate the progress of each graduate student and will teach a Food Science and Human Nutrition graduate course (2 to 3 credits), which will give ISU credit to all paying participants. All UCR current and future participant students in the master of science program at ISU are expected to participate. As a rule the courses will be presented in English.

5. Once their research projects have been successfully completed while at UCR, the students will return to ISU to complete their course work and their thesis, and to present the exit seminar and oral defense of research. The students participating in this graduate program will be exempted from the departmental teaching-assistant requirement for a FSHN laboratory course.

6. All graduate students on a departmental ¼ time assistantship in the master of science program will pay half in-state tuition per credit hour.

Financial commitments:

1. The ISU Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition will provide a ¼ time graduate assistantship (i.e., $520 per month) to each UCR faculty member participating in the program while at the ISU campus. However, no more than two students will be supported in any academic semester.

2. It will be a responsibility of the major professor, the ISU Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, and the College of Agriculture International Program to secure the funding necessary for covering the costs of the ISU’s professors trip to UCR, to evaluate the progress of the graduate student and to present an ISU credited Food Science and Human Nutrition course.

3. It will be the responsibility of the UCR School of Food Technology and of the participating faculty to secure the additional funds for their personal expenses while participating in ISU courses on-campus. All ISU course fees are the responsibility of the UCR participant.
Institutional support and assistance:

ISU and UCR, through CICET, will assist organizing all in-country travel and lodging, will provide guidance in the identification of funding sources, and will provide general assistance for the successful implementation and development of this international program.

Standing:

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective on the date of the final signing and will have a duration of five (5) years, beginning January 1, 1996 and ending January 1, 2001, and can be extended for a similar period of time by mutual written agreement of the Rector of UCR and the Provost of ISU, at least three (3) months before the date of expiration. However, it is the right of the parties to terminate this agreement upon provision of one (1) year's written notice. In that case, it is understood that all activities already commenced will be concluded in a timely manner.

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