INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

The University of Costa Rica
College of Agriculture and Food Sciences
Agronomy School

and

Iowa State University
College of Agriculture
Department of Agronomy

Between us, Dr. Gabriel Macaya Trejos, identification card number 1-351-249, in his capacity of Rector of the University of Costa Rica, elected by the Plebiscitary Assembly of April 28, 2000, and Dr. Benjamin J. Allen, in his capacity of Provost in the Interim of Iowa State University;

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

Declare their willingness to sign this International Memorandum of Agreement to facilitate that faculty from the Agronomy School of the University of Costa Rica complete their master of science or doctor of philosophy program at Iowa State University.

Purpose:

The purpose of this International Memorandum of Agreement is to assist the University of Costa Rica (UCR) by providing opportunities to train faculty from the Agronomy School at the master of science and doctor of philosophy level in Agronomy at Iowa State University (ISU) Department of Agronomy.

Specific understanding:

1. All UCR School of Agronomy faculty applying for either the master of science or doctor of philosophy program at ISU are required to complete all the necessary application forms as required by the Graduate College and supply GRE and TOELF scores to ISU’s Department of Agronomy. The complete applications must be submitted three (3) months in advance to the start of the program.
2. One student selected by UCR and admitted by ISU would participate in the program at any
time. During the first semester, the student will identify a major professor, establish a
Program of Study Committee, file a Program of Study, define a research project to be
developed in Costa Rica, and register and approve a minimum of three graduate courses
(nine semester credit hours).

3. Upon finishing their course work at ISU, the participating students will return to UCR with
the purpose of developing their research projects which will be related to the needs of
agronomy and plant production in Costa Rica. While working in their research projects,
they will remain active graduate students at ISU by paying for at least one research and
thesis credit (Agron 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. A professor from the ISU Department of Agronomy who is serving as the major professor
for the UCR student will visit UCR at least once during the time that the student is in
Costa Rica conducting research.

5. Once their research projects have been successfully complete while at UCR, the students
will return to ISU to complete their thesis and to present their exit seminar and oral
defense of their research. The students participating in this graduate program will be
exempted from the departmental teaching requirement. They will be required to assist with
instruction related to production of tropical crops.

Financial commitments:

1. Depending on availability of funds, the ISU Department of Agronomy will provide a ¼
time graduate assistantship to each UCR faculty member participating in the program while
at the ISU campus enrolled in courses and making satisfactory progress toward their
degree. However, no more than one student will be supported in any academic semester.

2. In some cases, the ISU Department of Agronomy may be able to raise the level of support
to ½ time depending on the availability of funds.

3. It will be the responsibility of the major professor, the ISU Department of Agronomy, and
the Agronomy School to secure the funding necessary for covering the costs of the ISU
professor’s airfare to Costa Rica to evaluate the progress of the graduate student.

4. It will be the responsibility of the UCR Agronomy School to secure the additional funds
for the lodging and food expenses of the ISU faculty member while in Costa Rica
evaluating the research progress of the student.
Institutional Contact Persons:

Each institution will designate an individual to serve as a point of contact. These individuals are identified below:

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The representatives nominated above will be responsible for monitoring program activities in the framework of this agreement, promoting achievement of the objectives of the memorandum of agreement and reporting to their respective institutions the advances made.

Term and Termination:

This International Memorandum of Agreement will be in effect for five (5) years, commencing on the date of the last signature affixed to this document. At the end of this period, each institution will review the types and extent of the collaborative activities undertaken and determine whether or not the agreement should be renewed. This memorandum of agreement can be amended, with the approval of both parties, by means of exchange of letters through the authorized point of contact at each institution. Either party may initiate the exchange of letters.

Either party may terminate this International Memorandum of Agreement by giving written notice of the intent to terminate the agreement. Such termination shall not affect the execution and conclusion of specific activities in effect under the terms of this memorandum of agreement, nor publications and dissemination of results of research in progress. Insofar as possible, such notice will be given three (3) months in advance to the desired termination date.
This International Memorandum of Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between parties. This memorandum of agreement 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. The parties do not discriminate on the basis of age, marital status, race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or disability.

For the University of Costa Rica

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Date: 22-10-2002

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Date: 18-11-2002