INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

SPECIFIC AGREEMENT

FOR A RECIPROCAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA (UCR)

AND

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY (ISU)

The University of Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica, represented by its Rector, Dr. Yamileth González García, identity card number 2-246-555, elected by the Plebiscitary Assembly of April 36, 2004, register number 4-0000-42149-36, with the authority stipulated in Article Forty, clause a) of the Organic Statute of the University of Costa Rica, henceforth designated “UCR”, and Iowa State University of Science and Technology, represented by its Provost, Dr. Benjamin Allen, operating under the authority of the State of Iowa Code, hereafter designated “ISU”, mutually assert their legal authorities to enter into this specific agreement for a reciprocal student exchange program under the International Agreement of Academic and Cultural Cooperation between the University of Costa Rica and Iowa State University of Science and Technology.

SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

1. The selection procedure by which reciprocal exchange candidates are nominated is the responsibility of the sending institution. These candidates will normally be undergraduates, but upon mutual agreement, may be graduates. The agreed ratio for the exchange will be one-for-one. However, in any given year, the number of students participating from each university may not be equal. In such case, imbalances will be corrected in the following year. The candidates selected may be a mixture of undergraduates and graduates. The number to be sent by each institution each year will be decided upon by mutual agreement but under normal circumstances it will not exceed five (5) students in any given semester.
2. Each institution reserves the right to require candidates to complete the standard admission documents and to provide the results of any required entrance examinations.

3. Each institution reserves the right to accept or reject each candidate for admission based on regular academic selection criteria and to accord appropriate student status at the time of admission. It is also understood that certain candidates may be rejected on account of shortage of faculty or lack or student places and another teaching or research facilities.

4. The acceptance of exchangees is conditional on obtaining the necessary immigration and travel clearance. The receiving institution will endeavor to assist in obtaining the proper documents.

5. Each institution will send to the other full information on the students nominated to fill the places allocated three (3) months before the start of the term at the cooperating institution.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

6. ISU will enroll accepted UCR exchangees as full-time special non-degree students (requires for Visa purposes) for one regular semester in the academic year. UCR students may enroll in regular ISU courses for which they have the appropriate prior study and which are appropriate to the needs of the UCR curriculum.

7. At the end of the academic year, ISU will send to UCR a report on the academic achievement of the UCR students. This report will take the form of an official transcript.

8. UCR will enroll the accepted ISU exchangees as full-time special non-degree students for one regular semester in the regular academic year. If the period of study is shorter than a semester then the ratio of UCR/ISU exchangees will be adjusted. ISU students may enroll in regular UCR courses.

9. At the end of the academic year, UCR will send to ISU a report on the academic achievement of the ISU students, including an evaluation of performance and results of examinations. This report will take the form of an official transcript.
STUDENT FINANCES

10. ISU and UCR students will pay tuition and fees to the home university.

11. Travel, health and accident insurance, lodging, meals, books and supplies, and incidental expenses are the responsibility of the individual exchangee, except as the sending institution may determinate otherwise.

12. The receiving institution will assist the exchange students to locate appropriate housing.

13. The receiving institution will provide, in advance, a list of estimated living expenses for each current academic year, for the information of the exchange students.

14. The exchangees will be entitled to the use of all host university facilities on the same basis as home students.

EXCEPTIONS, AMENDMENTS

15. For conditions of the exchange not covered by this specific agreement or for problems arising during the course of the exchange agreement, both parties agree to refrain from unilateral action and to consult and negotiate mutually agreeable decisions on such problems as may arise from time to time.

16. Amendments to this specific agreement may be made at any time by agreement of the parties through the exchange of letters. Such amendments shall be added in the form of appendices.

17. This agreement expansive is for five (5) years and will become effective upon signature of the Rector of UCR and the Provost of ISU or the person that he will designate. The agreement may be renewed for a similar period when it is communicated in writing by both parties six (6) months before the agreement's termination. Even so, any one of the parties may terminate this agreement, advising the other institution in writing six (6) months before the agreement's cancellation. In such case, it is understood that all activities, which are already developed, will be concluded in accordance to the agreement.
For Iowa State University

Benjamin Lall
Dr. Benjamin Allen
Provost

Date: 26/10/05

For the University of Costa Rica

Yamileth González García
Dr. Yamileth González García
Rector

Date: 25 Oct. 2004

Catherine Woteki
Dr. Catherine Woteki
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Date: 2/3/05

Dr. Renán Agüero Alvarado
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College of Agroalimentary Sciences

Date: 

Dr. David Acker
Director
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Date: February 2, 2005