MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSIDAD DE COSTA RICA (SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA)
AND
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (IOWA, USA)

The University of Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica, represented by its Rector, Dr. Yamileth González-Garcia, identity card number 2-246-555, elected by the Plebiscitary Assembly of April 4, 2008, register number 4-0000-42149-36, with the authority stipulated in Article Forty, clause one of the Organic Statute of the University of Costa Rica, hereafter "UCR", and Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa, USA, (hereafter "ISU"), represented by its Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman, mutually assert their legal authorities to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding on Academic and Research Cooperation, considering their common interest in promoting the mutual cooperation in the area of education and research and their wish to expand the basis for friendship and co-operative educational exchange and have set forth the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to develop academic and educational co-operation on the basis of equality and reciprocity and to promote relations and mutual understanding between both universities.

ARTICLE II
SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Both universities undertake to promote and develop academic co-operation in the following ways:
1. Exchange of academic and administrative staff and students.
2. Co-operation in research and the presentation of its results.
3. Exchange of academic materials, publications and other scientific information.
4. Other educational and academic exchanges to which both universities agree.

ARTICLE III
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT

1. Both universities agree that all specific arrangements and plans for activities are to be negotiated and are dependent on the availability of funds.
2. Both universities agree to seek financial support from national and international organizations for the cooperative activities to be undertaken as stated under the terms of this MOU.

ARTICLE IV
SPECIFIC AGREEMENT

A detailed description of the scope of activities shall be defined in a Specific Agreement, which constitutes an integral part of this MOU.
A Specific Agreement will include such items as:

1. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each institution for the agreed upon activity.
2. Schedules for the specific activity.
3. Budgets and sources of financing for each activity.
4. Any other items deemed necessary for the efficient management of the activity.

ARTICLE V
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION

1. ISU and UCR will share all data and research findings, patent rights, copyrights, and other intellectual property rights to any discoveries, inventions and products resulting from this MOU.
2. Both parties must give written approval for the utilization and publication of the data and research findings.

ARTICLE VI
SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

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

ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS; DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. Amendments to this MOU can only be written by mutual consent of the two parties.
2. This MOU shall be in effect from the date of its signing and be valid for the duration of five (5) years.
3. This MOU may be amended, renewed or terminated by either of the parties by written notice at least 6 (six) months in advance. In case the MOU ceases to be in effect of account of termination thereof, the provisions of the Plan of Operation shall be continued to apply to the extent necessary to secure the implementation of existing activities as agreed upon in the Agreement of Implementation.

This MOU is written in English and Spanish in 4 (four) copies, both are authentic. As witness to their consent to this MOU, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signatures.

For Iowa State University
of Science and Technology

For the Universidad de Costa Rica

Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman
Executive Vice President and Provost

Dr. Yamileth González García
Rector

Date: 7/22/08

Date: 6/2 JUN. 2008