MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Genetic Engineering and
Biotechnology Research Institute
Menoufiya University
Sadat City, Egypt

and

Department of Biochemistry,
Biophysics and Molecular Biology
Iowa State University
of Science and Technology
Ames, Iowa

This Memorandum of Understanding between Menoufiya University and Iowa State University signifies mutual interest in the development of joint educational and research projects. Where financially feasible and consistent with the policies of the Board of Regents of the State of Iowa, and all other governing legislation, the parties agree to pursue mutual interest in the following types of activities:

Long-term and short term exchanges of faculty and staff. Research collaboration will include training of Menoufiya University personnel in recombinant DNA methods including DNA sequencing, DNA manipulations, plant transformation and gene expression.

Exchange of materials, methods, and ideas relating to research in the area of Plant Molecular Biology.

Prior to finalizing individual visits, projects, or exchanges, representatives at both institutions shall secure approvals from their respective project coordinators, department heads and university administrative officers. It is understood that neither party assumes any financial obligations as a result of this Memorandum of Understanding, but that financial arrangements will be negotiated separately and will depend on the availability of funds.

The signatures of the institutional representatives affixed below signify the interest of both parties in promoting mutual friendship and cooperation. This understanding will remain in effect until one party notifies the other of its wish to terminate this agreement.

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