MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

1. The Wageningen University, The Netherlands, Department of Plant Sciences, represented by the Director, Prof. Dr. Ir. E. Jacobsen; hereinafter referred to as "WU"

And

2. The Iowa State University of Science and Technology, USA, represented by the Board of Regents of the State of Iowa, hereinafter referred to as "ISU"

WHEREAS: Parties wish to establish mutual contribution to the academic education and development of both parties;

WHEREAS: Parties wish to encourage and establish exchange of collaborative scientific research.

Parties agree as follows:

Article 1.1 Cooperation between parties shall be carried out, subject to availability of funds, the approval of both parties and on the basis of reciprocity, through such activities or programs as:

1. Exchange of students at the undergraduate and/or graduate level: Students who meet regular admission requirements of the host institution may be admitted to academic programs. The terms of attendance, and course of study will be determined individually for each student by the two universities.

2. Long-term and short-term exchanges of faculty and staff: Sabbaticals, faculty improvement leaves, visiting professorships, research collaboration, and other activities in areas of mutual interest and expertise.

3. Programs relating to research, teaching and/or outreach. These programs may encompass any discipline to the extent that suitable counterparts exist at the other institution.

4. Participation in seminars and academic meetings.

1.2 The cooperation described above will in every case be dependent upon the availability of necessary funds, either from within both parties or from external sources. Both parties, separately or jointly, will attempt to allocate sources of funding to foster the cooperation described above.

Article 2. Initially, the cooperation will involve the Crop and Weed Ecology Group and the Biological Farming Systems Group from WU and the Agronomy Department and Graduate Program in the Sustainable Agriculture from ISU. Other Departments or Units may participate by mutual agreement at any time. A list of contact persons of both universities is attached as Annex I to this Memorandum of Agreement.

Article 3. The areas of cooperation include, subject to mutual consent, any program offered at either party as felt desirable and having potential to contribute to the mission and effectiveness of either party and/or contribute to fostering the cooperative relationship between parties.

Article 4. The terms and necessary budget for each program and activity shall be described in Terms of Agreement which will be prepared subsequent to this Memorandum of Agreement and signed by both parties prior to the initiation of a cooperative program or activity. Each program and activity shall be negotiated on an individual basis. Each university will designate a Liaison Officer who is responsible for the coordination of specific activities or programs. The Liaison Officers will be Dr. Martin Kroppff from the Crop and Weed Ecology Group (WU), Dr. Ariena van Bruggen from the Biological Farming Systems Group (WU), and Dr. Matt Liebman from the Department of Agronomy and the Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture (ISU).
Article 5.1 The Terms of Agreement concerning an exchange program and collaborative research will be arranged by mutual consent and include the following items:

- Requirements concerning admittance of students to each university
- Duration of the exchange or the collaborative research
- Aim of the exchange or the collaborative research
- Facilities, subject to the availability of funds, offered by each university
- Responsibilities of the sending and receiving institutions and students

5.2 Concerning an exchange program and collaborative research, parties hereby further agree that:

- Visiting participants will be responsible for obtaining the necessary insurance coverages. The host University cannot be held responsible for any damages suffered or caused by a visiting participant. A visiting participant must be able to show the insurance contract on the request of the responsible administrator of the host University. This insurance for participants should be effective on the day of arrival and can be made available via the Liaison Office at WU and via the Office of International Educational Services at ISU.

- The receiving institution will endeavor to assist in obtaining the necessary immigration and travel authorizations for visiting participants.

- The receiving institution will endeavor to assist in arranging suitable housing for visiting participants.

5.3 Concerning students' exchange programs, parties also agree that:

- Each student will pay tuition and fees to his/her own University.

- Students will be eligible to receive credit at their home University for courses that are taken for credit at the host University. Eligibility of courses will be determined by the home University in consultation with the host University for each individual case.

- Exchangees will be entitled to the use of all host university facilities on the same basis as home students.

- Expenses for travel to and stay in the host country will be the responsibility of the participating student. It will be optional for each University to help ease the financial burden to participating students.

5.4 Visiting participants will abide by the rules and regulations of the host University and by the local laws.

Article 6. Information concerning the types of training involved and their mode of access, the kinds of diplomas and/or certifications that may be granted, and information about research programs as well as those groups which are involved in it will be systematically exchanged between the two Universities.

Article 7. The present Memorandum of Agreement is signed for the 2001/2002 academic year and is renewable by tacit agreement on a yearly basis. Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Agreement by means of a certified letter received six (6) months prior to the end of any academic year.

Article 8. In the event that one or several items of this agreement is deemed inapplicable due to certain prevailing juridical decisions or legislative acts, and for conditions not covered by this Memorandum of 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.
Article 9. Amendments to the 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.

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Annex I

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