MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, AMES, IOWA, USA AND UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, FAISALABAD, PAKISTAN

PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan and the Iowa State University of Science and Technology, College of Agriculture, USA (herein after referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties").

Considering the cooperative relations existing between the two Universities.

Desiring to join in strategic alliance to undertake activities of common interest and mutual benefit in the fields of research, teaching and extension.

Aware of the benefits that will strengthen their joint and individual capacities to serve their respective clientele.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS

I. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this linkage are to develop long-term activities, which are financially feasible and consistent with the policies of the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad and 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:
Sabbaticals, faculty improvement leaves, visiting professorships, research collaboration and other activities in areas of mutual interest and expertise are contemplated.

Programs relating to research, teaching and/or outreach:
These programs may encompass any discipline to the extent that suitable counterparts exist and may include; but are not limited to, seminars, conferences and workshops held by the two universities.

Bilateral exchange of students: Students who meet regular admission requirements of the host institution may be admitted to academic programs. The term(s) of attendance, costs and course of study will be-determined for each student in accordance with the standard admission procedures for international students of both the universities.
II PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Each activity will be jointly planned, implemented and will be described in a plan of work which will include programmatic and budget details. Activities undertaken will permit publication, dissemination and sharing by the two institutions of all the facts resulting from the activities. Exchange and dissemination of information will include both the exchange of working papers on joint research and the identification of materials for publication. No prohibition of publication will be imposed by either institution.

This MoU does not obligate either institution to provide funding or direct support for future collaborative activities. However, either institution, or both, may choose to provide support on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the financial regulations of the two universities. It is further understood that both institutions will jointly and separately seek funding from third parties to support activities to be carried out under this MoU. Implementation of specific collaborative programs will depend upon the availability of funds. The University of Agriculture, Faisalabad and Iowa State University will assist one another with applications to funding sources for financial support of this cooperation and exchange.

Each institution has designated an individual to serve as a point of contact. These officials are identified below:

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The representatives mentioned above will be responsible for monitoring program activities in the framework of this MoU, promoting achievement of the objectives and reporting to their respective institutions the advances made. They may consult with each other by letter, facsimile, e-mail or telephone whenever necessary.

This Memorandum will be in effect for five 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 collaborative activities undertaken and determine whether or not the MoU should be renewed. The Memorandum can be amended, with the approval of both parties, by means of exchange of letters through the authorized officials at each institution.
The Memorandum may be terminated by either party by giving a written notice of its intention to terminate the MoU. However, such termination shall not affect the execution and conclusion of specific activities in effect under the terms of this MoU, nor publications and dissemination of results of research in progress. Insofar as possible, such notice will be given three months in advance of the desired termination date.

This Memorandum constitute the entire written understanding between the both the parties. All prior discussions and understanding, whether verbal or written are merged in this MoU. For conditions of the affiliation not covered by this MoU or for problems that may arise while the MoU is in effect, both parties agree to refrain from unilateral action and to consult and negotiate agreeable decisions. This Memorandum 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.

In witness whereof, the duly authorized representatives of the two have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in duplicate in English language, signatories to retain a copy each.

Done at Ames, Iowa on this 10th day of February, 2008

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