IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

"Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, ROMANIA
Faculty of Food Science and Engineering

and

Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Iowa, USA
The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition

I. PREAMBLE

Following the successful cooperation between the faculty of Iowa State University, USA and "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, Romania, between 2007 and 2014, the two institutions hereby confirm their wish to continue their collaboration by signing a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on collaboration in the areas of education, research, and improvement of international activities and visibility. Under the new MOU, both institutions agree to the development of joint activities to address issues of mutual interest, designed to foster and promote their collaboration in the activities described herein in the Memorandum of Understanding.

This MOU constitutes a new agreement between the following partners: "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, Romania, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering and Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Iowa, USA, College of Agriculture, and Life Sciences and Food Science and Human Nutrition Department to join in a strategic academic alliance.

This MOU does not obligate either higher education partner institution to provide funding or direct financial support for future collaborative activities. However, either institution, or both, may choose to provide financial support on a case-by-case basis, when necessary and approved. 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.

However, the implementation of some specific collaborative programs will depend upon the availability of funds. Where financially feasible and consistent with the policies of "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati and the Board of Regents of the State of Iowa, and all other governing legislation, the parties agree to pursue mutual interest in the activities described herein.
"Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, and Iowa State University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Food Science and Human Nutrition Department will assist one another in identifying funding sources and with applications for accessing these funds.

II. VISION AND MISSION
The MOU has the vision to promote a continuous collaboration and knowledge exchange between Iowa State University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Food Science and Human Nutrition Department, and "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering for improving international visibility and to enhance academic and research activities.

The MOU also aims to promote and enhance the engagement of the two partner higher education institutions with other third parties such as: food industry, professional scientific bodies/organizations, and governmental bodies in academic-related activities. This approach, in turn, will facilitate more networking and cooperation among scientists at the two Universities.

III. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
The main objective of this MOU is to promote a mutually fruitful cooperation of the partners in the following areas: education, academic, and research (particularly which is performed in the food science, food safety, and agriculture related sciences) between the two higher education partners.

To meet this main objective, the parties will jointly work towards designing, developing and implementing activities to improve their international visibility, academic and research activities. This MOU is drafted based upon both institutions' interests and their belief that an international linkage between them would strengthen their position in the hierarchy of higher education institutions in their home countries as well as in the international environment.

The area of cooperation includes any program offered by either of the participating parties determined to be desirable and feasible for developing cooperative relationships. The activities conducted in the view of cooperation and achieving the objectives of the MOU are subject to availability of funds and the approval of each institution and include:

1. Educational Management
   - Upgrading and harmonizing the curricula and course syllabi; filling educational gaps in curricula through webinars and exchange of educational documents (curricula examples, course and seminar contents etc.)

2. Research and Teaching
   - Identification of common research areas of interest; joint research collaborations, and joint publication of scientific papers and educational materials resulting from the collaborations; joint application for funding for collaborative projects from relevant funding agencies;
• Joint supervision of Master and Ph.D. students;
• Faculty exchange for research purposes;
• Participation in, and co-hosting of lectures, workshops, symposia and conferences;
• Peer review activities.

3. Training
• **At faculty level:** sabbaticals, visiting professorships, implementation of the *train the trainer* concept via meetings;
• **At student level:** student training and mentoring; joint e-courses, graduate and undergraduate student mobility such as internships, study abroad, and fellowships. Encouragement of applications from students to study at the partner institution at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. Students who meet regular admissions requirements of the host institution may be admitted to academic programs. The term(s) of attendance, costs, and course of study will be determined individually, for each student, in accordance with the standard admissions procedures for international students.

4. Networking with other potential partners
• Attracting new partners from other universities, food industry, professional scientific bodies/organizations, and governmental bodies in the network.

III. MOU Management
Each common activity will be jointly planned, implemented, and evaluated. Activities undertaken will permit publication, dissemination, and sharing of all the results between the two institutions. 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.

The faculty mentioned below will be serving as MOU managers and as contact persons. The MOU managers will be responsible for monitoring activities in the framework of the MOU, promoting achievement of the objectives of the agreement and reporting to the partner institutions the progress made under the MOU. Additionally, they will address and report to the partner institutions other eventual problems that might arise and need to be addressed in the view of supporting the MOU's activities and objectives.
This memorandum constitutes the entire agreement between parties. For conditions of the affiliation not covered by this MOU or for problems that arise while the MOU is in effect, both parties agree to consult and negotiate agreeable decisions and to refrain from unilateral actions.

The parties do not discriminate on the basis of age, marital status, race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or disability.

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 partner institution will review the types and the extent of collaborative activities that were undertaken and will determine whether or not the MOU has merits for being renewed. If necessary and in accordance with possible new objectives and activities identified and to be implemented, the present Memorandum can be amended, with the approval of both parties, by means of exchange of letters through the authorized officials at each institution. Either party may initiate the exchange of letters.

The Memorandum may be terminated by either party by giving written notice of the intent to terminate the MOU. Such termination shall not affect the final execution and conclusion of specific activities in effect under terms of this MOU, nor publication and dissemination of results of the research in progress. Insofar as possible, such notice will be given six months in advance of the desired termination date.
IN WITNESS THEREOF, "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, and Iowa State University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Food Science and Human Nutrition Department have executed this International Memorandum of Understanding as of the last date affixed below.

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*Wendy Wintersteen*, Dean

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Date: 1-7-2015