MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

National Agricultural University of Ukraine

and the

Iowa State University of Science and Technology

Background

The National Agricultural University of Ukraine (NAUU) and Iowa State University (ISU) have cooperated for several years in activities involving faculty collaboration and student exchanges. These activities have been mutually beneficial and have created a strong desire in both our universities to continue and intensify our cooperation and collaboration.

NAUU has chosen to establish a new Institute of Agribusiness to implement new courses, curricula, degrees and retraining programs in economics and business as they pertain to Ukraine’s agriculture sector and overall agribusiness system. NAUU is strongly committed to reforms to provide education in market economics and modern business for its students and to utilize its enhanced educational capabilities to promote institutional and policy reforms in Ukraine’s public and private agriculture/agribusiness economy.

ISU wishes to assist NAUU in this important and innovative educational reform effort. It will provide ISU faculty an opportunity to help establish market economy and modern business concepts and education at a key university in a major new independent country of the former Soviet Union. It will encourage well-prepared undergraduate students at NAUU to seek bachelor’s, master’s and doctor’s degrees in economics and business at ISU. It will provide opportunity for both our universities to further develop and utilize distance-education technologies.

Activities During 1996

NAUU has already announced creation of the Institute and initiated admission and selection procedures for the first students to begin in September 1996. This agreement provides for joint development and implementation of the following activities during Calendar Year 1996.
• A visit to NAUU by a team of two ISU professors representing economics and business in order to review and assist with plans for opening the Institute in September 1996.

• A visit to NAUU by executive officers from ISU’s Department of Economics and College of Business to review the organizational structure of the Institute and its integration with NAUU’s Faculties of Economics and Agricultural Management.

• A visit by the Director of the Institute and two NAUU professors (one in economics and one in business) to ISU to review administrative structures and initiate revisions of microeconomic, macroeconomic and business courses for the Institute. The Director’s visit would be for two weeks and the professors’ visit for two months.

• A workshop in Kiev, Ukraine, to be organized jointly by NAUU and ISU to review previous and on-going efforts to establish agribusiness higher education, research and outreach in the economies in transition and develop a model that can be utilized at NAUU.

• Arrange to teach a course in English in Principles of Microeconomics at NAUU in Fall Semester 1996. This course, the first of its kind, would be offered by an Iowa State University or U.S. economist currently in residence in Kiev working on a project funded by USAID or USDA.

Resources for 1996

• In order to implement the specific activities agreed to in this Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA), ISU, through its Office of the Provost; Colleges of Agriculture, Business, and Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Department of Economics agrees to provide total funding of $49,000 to cover time of Iowa State University faculty and program expenses.

• NAUU agrees to provide accommodations, meals and local transportation for all ISU visitors under the MOA; salaries for its professors making visits to ISU; and facilities, texts and teaching materials for the course in Principles of Microeconomics.

Long-Term Collaboration

It is the intention of NAUU and ISU to continue and expand our collaboration in relation to the degree, research and outreach programs of the Institute of Agribusiness. Further activities may be identified, agreed to by both our universities, and added to the MOA for implementation in later years.
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