MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACIÓN AGROPECUARIA (INIA)
(Urugua)
AND
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE,
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (ISU)
( Ames, Iowa, USA)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) constitutes an agreement between the Instituto Nacional de Investigación Agropecuaria (INIA), Uruguay and the College of Agriculture, Iowa State University, USA, to join in a strategic alliance to undertake a series of cooperative activities of common interest and mutual benefit.

WHEREAS, the Instituto Nacional de Investigación Agropecuaria and the College of Agriculture at Iowa State University mutually desire to promote collaborative agricultural research and exchange among their scientists and students; and,

WHEREAS, both institutions believe that this strategic alliance is beneficial to their overall programs and will be useful in helping to meet their stated missions and goals; and,

WHEREAS, both INIA and ISU have established similar collaborative linkages with other international centers of excellence in higher agricultural education and research throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, longstanding relationships between Iowa State University and Uruguay have resulted -directly and indirectly- in highly significant achievements in agricultural education and research since the early nineteen-sixties; and,

WHEREAS, INIA and ISU desire to continue two-way, mutually beneficial collaboration by means of a strategic alliance,
THEREFORE, the two institutions agree to initiate collaborative activities in various themes within the fields of Agronomy, Seed Science and Animal Science. Other fields may be eventually considered as of mutual interest for cooperation.

The activities to be undertaken within the terms of the present agreement will be described in detail in plans of work and incorporated as Addenda to this MOU. Initially, these activities will include, but will not be limited to, the following types of collaboration:

A. Joint research between ISU and INIA agricultural scientists conducted at INIA facilities in Uruguay and elsewhere within regional collaborative programs, to include exchange of bibliographic and other scientific materials;

B. Visits by scientists, to include presentation of lectures, seminars and courses, or to provide advice in specific subjects agreed between the parties. Visits will be in either direction and may be of short and long-term duration.

C. Post-graduate degree programs by INIA scientists at ISU - the research may be conducted in Uruguay as appropriate;

D. Thesis and dissertation research by ISU graduate students and INIA scientists at the partner’s INIA facilities;

E. Farmer exchange programs and other educational programs of mutual interest and benefit;

F. Partnerships to provide services to third parties, national or international, such as through research or consulting contracts.

Each activity will be jointly planned, implemented, and evaluated, 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. 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. ISU and INIA 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 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 of the agreement and reporting to their respective institutions the advances made.

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. Either party may initiate the exchange of letters.

The Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party by giving written notice of the intent to terminate the MOU. Such termination shall not affect the execution and conclusion of specific activities in effect under terms of this MOU, nor publication 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 agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. All prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, are merged in this MOU. 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 THEREOF, Iowa State University and INIA have executed this Memorandum of Agreement as of the last date affixed below.

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Director Nacional

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