



UNIVERSIDAD DE LA REPUBLICA FACULTAD DE AGRONOMIA DECANATO

Co-operation Agreement between Facultad de Agronomia Universidad de la Republic and the Royal Agricultural College

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THIS AGREEMENT made this fourth day of August 1999 (the 'Agreement') is made by and between The Royal Agricultural College Cirencester (hereinafter referred to as RAC) and the Facultad de Agronomia de la Universidad de la Republic (hereinafter referred to as Facultad de Agronomia). Subject to terms and conditions of this Agreement, the parties agree to make common effort towards agricultural education development, especially within the frameworks of Article 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Article 1

- 1.0 Both the RAC and the Facultad de Agronomia hold the view that the international exchange of staff enriches teaching programmes and research through the sharing of diverse expertise and the dissemination of potential scholarship awards. Both institutions agree that a co-operation programme would be worthwhile, and support in principle an exchange programme.
- 1.1 The Co-operation will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities and tasks:
 - ♦ Data material interchange
 - ♦ Joint research projects undertaken with a common interest
 - Exchange of researchers and teachers through visits and study tours
- 1.2 With the purpose of facilitating such co-operation, both parties will endeavour to stimulate communication between researchers and lecturers in the following areas:
 - ♦ Development of agricultural science and technology transfer
 - ♦ Description and critical appraisal of food chains and their strategic management, by the identification of their strengths and weaknesses, and the subsequent threats and opportunities these present
 - ♦ Food agribusiness; retail logistics and distribution management
 - ♦ International and national marketing of agricultural and associated products

- Economic analysis of the components of the food chain
- ♦ Production systems and products
- 1.3 Other activities shared between the Facultad de Agronomia and the RAC can be included as common work without needing another agreement.

Article 2

- 2.0 Both parties agree the arrangement will, where possible, involve:
- 2.1 Teaching staff being sent by both parties.
- 2.2 In each case, agreement will be reached by each institution on the teaching areas to be given priority of mutual benefit to each other's teaching programmes and academic exchanges.
- 2.3 This will include, where appropriate, an agreement to the election of visiting senior staff as 'Visiting Professors' of each institution.
- 2.4 Both RAC and Facultad de Agronomia agree the arrangements will, where possible, also involve:
 - ♦ Research Staff being sent by both parties
 - ♦ Agreement will be reached by each institution on the most appropriate research for the joint study programmes during the exchange
- 2.5 Both RAC and Facultad de Agronomia agree the staff exchanged should facilitate, where considered appropriate, the organisation of joint seminars, the establishment of research projects, workshops and conferences relating to mutual interest areas. It is also agreed that, where possible, staff from each institution should also participate in reciprocal academic meetings organised by the partner organisation.
- 2.6 The aim of the agreement is to establish a three-year programme in the first instance. Consisting, as finance becomes available, of short periods of exchange, of two or three weeks each time, involving between two and four staff members of the institutions annually.
- 2.7 The exact duration of each visit will be fixed after contact and agreement between RAC and Facultad de Agronomia.

Article 3

3.0 Both RAC and Facultad de Agronomia will seek mainly external body funding to support the development of the co-operation to facilitate staff exchanges, and will provide mutual support in attempts to gain such funding. With the

- understanding that any available funding the programme, may in the future, be expanded and modified, as both parties deem appropriate.
- 3.1 Each entity will provide the financial support for the research activities, and in the case of the exchange of researcher's visits, private or joint institutional support will be contemplated.

Article 4

- 4.0 This Memorandum of Agreement shall be in force for the three years of the programme, from the date of signature.
- 4.1 This Agreement starts on the 31.12.99 and will last three (3) years with automatic renewal if none of the parties expresses the will of termination.
- 4.2 Either party shall consult the other should there be a desire to terminate the agreement, and each retains the right to end the agreement if considered appropriate.
- 4.3 Intellectual property: the information and results obtained will be property of both entities, and will be made known in common agreement, mentioning in any publication the participation of each of the parties. Every document related to the present 4.4 Agreement produced in a unilateral way will make clear the collaboration of the other party without implying any responsibility regarding the contents of such publication or document.
- 4.5 The Representatives of the present agreement are Dr Gonzalo E. Gonzalez For the Facultad de Agronomia de la Universidad de la Republic and Professor Barry Dent the Royal Agricultural College.

For the Royal Agricultural College

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