



# AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES OF THE "ALMA MATER STUDIORUM" - UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA AND THE INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO DE COSTA RICA

The Department of Agricultural and Food Science of the University of Bologna, represented by its Director, Prof. Rosalba Lanciotti and the Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica with legal certificate number 4-000-042145-07, represented by its Rector Ing. Luis Paulino Méndez Badilla ID no. 1-499-080, agree to the following:

# **ARTICLE 1**

This agreement is made by the Department of Agricultural and Food Science of the University of Bologna, and the Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica in order to promote cooperation in the field of research and teaching and to encourage artistic and cultural projects of mutual interest.

# **ARTICLE 2**

Co-operation between the Departments may include:

- a) the conduct of research projects of mutual interest;
- b) exchange visits of faculty members and researchers in order to carry out research and consultations and to encourage the training of scientific personnel;
- c) the organization of joint seminars, symposia and discussions on topics of common interest;
- d) the exchange of students of all cycles, including doctoral.

# ARTICLE 3

The Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences of the University of Bologna, and the Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica agree that each Department will provide their own faculty members and researchers with travel and accommodation costs, depending on the effective availability of funds. The Institutions acknowledge that, in the absence of any specific agreement to the contrary, all expenses related to the insurance, and the salary of the faculty members and researchers will be the responsibility of the visitor's home institution.

# **ARTICLE 4**

Visiting staff must have a health, accident and third party liability insurance coverage, which must be valid throughout their period of stay in the host country and host university.

# **ARTICLE 5**

The two Universities mutually undertake to:





- facilitate the recognition of qualifications issued by the partner university in order to promote registration and enrolment procedures for students from partner universities wishing to continue studies at another university, avoiding the need to produce superfluous administrative documents. This will in any case be done in compliance with the statutory requirements of both countries;
- take any other measures to facilitate student registration/enrolment procedures and the recognition of prior university studies;
- facilitate the dissemination of information and guidance on the opportunities for continuing studies in the partner institutions and the availability of scholarships and national and international funding available to students, assistant professors, professors, technical and administrative staff for mobility between the two institutions for the development of projects and joint initiatives.

# ARTICLE 6

Each University will appoint a co-ordinator for the exchange program.

For the Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Alma Mater Studiourm - University of Bologna will be Prof. Matteo Vittuari.

For the Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica will be Laura Brenes Peralta as member or the Agribusiness School of the institution.

## ARTICLE 7

The resolution of any dispute that may rise in relation to the present agreement will be amicably settled by the parties.

### ARTICLE 8

The present agreement is valid for a period of five years. Either party will be able to express its intentions to withdraw by giving a 6 month written notice to that effect.

The terms of this Agreement may be revised or modified at any time through a joint review made by both Institutions. No revision or modification shall come into effect until both Institutions sign a letter formally approving the revision or modification.

Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica

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