

**ACADEMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT
(Memorandum of Understanding)**

Between



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**International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies – Mediterranean
Agronomic Institute of Bari (CIHEAM Bari),
Via Ceglie 9 - 70010 Valenzano (Bari) – ITALY**

and



**BOLU ABANT İZZET BAYSAL UNIVERSITY (BAIBU),
Gölköy Kampusu 14030 Bolu
TURKEY**

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I. Background

WHEREAS Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University (hereinafter referred to as BAIBU), established in 1992, is a public higher education institution offering diploma, undergraduate and post-graduate degree programs in natural sciences, social sciences, health sciences, sports sciences and technical fields. The Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Sciences of BAIBU, with its major departments including Field Crops, Horticultural, Poultry Science and Production, Crop Protection, Seed Science and Production, aims at graduating experts in different areas of agricultural production and breeding activities. The graduates are qualified to understand agronomic practices of crop production, different areas of poultry production, breeding activities, modern biotechnological tools, as well as classical approaches and modern poultry production tools.

WHEREAS the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (hereinafter referred to as CIHEAM Bari), is an international intergovernmental higher education organization and one of the four operating institutes of the Centre International de Hautes Études Agronomiques Méditerranéennes (CIHEAM). Established in 1962, CIHEAM Bari is a centre for post-graduate training, applied scientific research and promoter of *in loco* partnership actions in the framework of the international cooperation programmes with the following main objectives:

- enhancing human resources as an all-important factor of sustainable development in Mediterranean agriculture;
- deepening, widening and spreading scientific and technological knowledge as a basic factor to improve production techniques;
- disseminating the culture of international co-operation as a key-factor to socio-economic development and peaceful coexistence of Mediterranean peoples.

RECOGNIZING that mutual benefits can be derived by bridging their two institutions, achieving a closer relationship through a cooperative program promoting scholarly activities and international cooperation, Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University and CIHEAM Bari have agreed to enter into this non-binding memorandum of understanding ("MOU") that enables them to work together in the pursuit of the objectives set out herein;

II. Areas of Collaboration

This MOU establishes the framework through which the parties can foster and develop a cooperative relationship between them through such activities as:

- a) Mobility of faculty, staff and students under exchange programmes;
- b) Joint research activities and publications;
- c) Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
- d) Special short-term academic programs.

III. Implementation

It is understood and agreed that:

- a) CIHEAM Bari and the Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University agree to fulfill their respective responsibilities and conduct the educational, training and research activities from their own funding sources.
- b) Both parties agree that all financial agreements necessary to implement this MOU must be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds. Neither institution shall have any financial obligation to the other institution based on this Agreement.
- c) Exchanges of students and researchers shall be carried out in accordance with the regulations in force in the establishments of origin. The acceptance of any participant to the educational, training and research activities will be at the discretion of the host institution.
- d) Specific activities, projects, relevant funding and other matters concerning the implementation of the MOU will be negotiated separately.

IV. Exchange of academic materials and publications of results

The two institutions will exchange academic material of mutual interest, including items such as scholar publications, curricula information, and related research reports, on a voluntary basis. The spirit of this agreement should only encourage the exchange of academic material, without any obligation from both parties.

Results of collaborative research shall be published jointly or separately and only upon mutual agreement. Either party publishing separately shall give credit to the other institution's contribution but remains the sole responsible for conclusions and interpretations.

V. Responsibilities

The sending institution will be responsible for declare itself to be insured against civil liability under current regulations.

The host institution is not responsible to cover the costs of medical treatment or hospitalization for visiting scholars and it is recommended that visitors obtain overseas health insurance coverage from their home country.

VI. Terms and Termination

- (1) This MOU will become effective upon the date of signature by the representatives.
- (2) The MOU will be in force for 5 years and it will remain in effect until cancelled in written form by either party. It may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the parties.

VII. Signatures

The MOU is written and signed in two copies in English and each party receiving one copies of both versions.

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