

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
BOKU – UNIVERSITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
APPLIED LIFE SCIENCES, VIENNA, AUSTRIA
and
HUT - HANOI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, VIETNAM

Whereas the BOKU - University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria, and the HUT - Hanoi University of Technology, Vietnam, recognizing the value of educational, cultural and scientific exchange between international research universities and having ascertained that substantial interest exists to establish a formal relationship, agree, after the approval by their responsible authorities, to sign this memorandum of understanding (MOU).

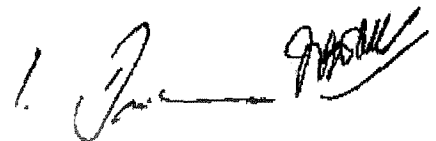
I.

The purpose of this MOU is to facilitate and to enhance the academic cooperation in the fields of training, research, curriculum development, postgraduate education, quality assurance, institutional development, information dissemination, and exchange of students, faculty and staff.

II.

The partner institutions shall endeavor to promote collaboration through a broad range of strategies, which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the following activities:

- exchange of post- doc and post master's students
- cooperation for Doctoral / PhD studies
- exchange of faculty members and research/technical experts for teaching at the partner institutions
- design of collaborative research projects
- development and implementation of joint seminars, training-courses or conferences involving faculty/departments from both universities as well as other parties
- exchange of scholarly publications and information in areas of mutual interest to faculties/departments in the two institutions



III.

The contracting universities will sign an agreement for establishing a joint Doctoral / PhD-Programme in the field of Biotechnology and Food Technology. This agreement will contain specific terms of participation for each major activity implemented under this MOU. It will become valid when signed by the designed representatives of the two partner universities.

IV.

For preparation and coordination of all the clauses covered by this MOU, the two universities will nominate authorized representatives. These representatives will also prepare the working schedules for cooperation as provided for by article III.

V.

The financing of the planned cooperation activities shall be conducted under the following guidelines:

Exchanges of faculty/department members and technical specialists:

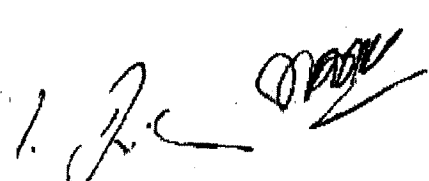
- In the frame of the Graduate Collaborative Program, the expenses of the HUT doctoral students shall be covered by the Vietnamese Government.

- The expenses of the BOKU-staff in the frame of the Graduate Collaborative Program shall be covered by University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna.

- Every cooperation activity outside the Graduate Collaborative Program that involves university funds has to be agreed upon by the responsible bodies of the institutions.

VI.

The partner institutions shall inform one another regularly about the curricula, programs and postgraduate courses offered by each, and especially about research seminars, colloquia, conferences, and symposia organized by each. They shall exchange without cost to the receiving institution, documentation and publications issued from these proceedings.



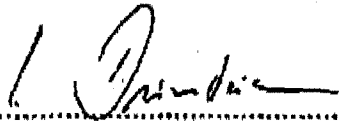
VII.

This MOU becomes valid when signed by the Rector of the BOKU - University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna and the Rector of the Hanoi University of Technology. The MOU is entered for a period of 3 years. After this period, an evaluation of the achieved results has to take place. A renewal / extension of the MOU depends on the outcome of this evaluation and has to be agreed upon by both sides.

The contracting parties agree that proposed changes to the agreement's contents or validity are to be communicated in writing to the partner university.

Any earlier termination of the MOU requires notification in writing and will only become effective with the termination of the working schedule then in existence.

Hanoi, September 26th, 2005



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