

Cooperative Agreement

between

**Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences
and Natural Resources**

and

**Division of Soil Sciences
University of Bonn
Germany**

The Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the Institute of Crop Science and Resource Conservation, Division of Soil Sciences, mentioned in this agreement as contract partners, endeavour to promote, to the best of their abilities a mutual cooperation in the fields of research and theory as well as in the areas of scholarly training and further education. To this effect both contract partners will support an exchange program for professors and assistant professors, undergraduates and graduates. Following agreements pertain to this bilateral partnership:

I.

Cooperation shall be undertaken, subject to availability of resources, and the approval of the contract partners, through such activities or programs as:

1. Exchange of faculty members;
2. Exchange of students in terms to be outlined;
3. Joint research activities;
4. Participation in seminars and academic conferences held at the partner institution with preferential treatment;
5. Exchange of academic materials and other information;
6. Short-term academic lecture programs;
7. Joint programs in the areas of mutual interest.

II.

- II.1. Candidates for the exchange will be proposed by the sending contract partner. Personal bound invitations (esp. for professors and assistant professors) are possible, as well as invitations of highly specialised colleagues in certain fields of research and education.
- II.2. Exchange of students is to be related to the relevance of education and research and includes symposia and scientific meetings as well.
- II.3. Tuition fees will be waived for both partner institutions.

III.

To finance projects and exchange programs, the contract partners will endeavour for non university institutions, promoting international research and educational projects (third-party funding).

- III.1. As a rule, contract partners cover their own travelling and accommodation costs, unless third-party funding allows for different agreements.
- III.2. The host-university will provide every assistance in preparing research visits from the partner university (e.g. with visa formalities, searching accommodation, general counselling).
- III.2. Costs for eventual necessary medical care during the stay at the host university will be covered by a suitable insurance, to be concluded by the guest colleague beforehand. In case of non valid insurances the guest colleague has to cover the costs by himself.

IV.

To organise the implementation of the cooperation contract both contract partners announce coordinators, taking care of the cooperation, preparation of working plans and protocols, exchange of information and coordination.

V.

This contract will become valid when both contract partners signed it. It will remain in force for a period of five years. Changes and additions to the contract need always the permission of both contract partners. The contract partners commit themselves to inform the other contract partner in time about necessary changes in the agreement. Both parties reserve the right to terminate this agreement with the condition that both sides agree to do so and upon six months written notice to the other.

This agreement will be composed two fold in English and handed out to every contract partner.

For the
Gorgan University of
Agricultural Sciences
and Natural Resources,
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Prof. Dr. Wulf Amelung
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In the presence of:



Prof. Dr. Farhad Khormali
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Prof. Dr. Eva Lehndorff
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