

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT),
Patancheru 502 324, Telangana State, India**

and

**Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (GUASNR)
Gorgan, Iran**

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) is an “International Organization” established through a Memorandum of Agreement between the Government of India and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) dated 28th March, 1972. ICRISAT has been extended select privileges and immunities in pursuance of Section 3 of the United Nations (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947 through Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. UI/222(66)/71 dated 28th October 1972, issued by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. ICRISAT is a public international research organization that undertakes scientific research for development in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. ICRISAT is headquartered in Patancheru (near Hyderabad), Telangana, India and eight country offices in sub-Saharan Africa.

Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (GUASNR) is a publicly-funded national education and research institution whose aim is to foster excellence in both on and off campus programs. GUASNR fulfils its purpose by carrying out research activities and by providing a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs in numerous courses of study so as to train experts in the fields of agriculture and natural resources through course works, research and training, to assist enhancing agricultural production and facilitate country’s agribusiness. GUASNR is a specialized university which is located in an agricultural and natural resources region named Golestan province. The university is governed by an autonomous body as per the rules and regulations of the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of the Government of the Islamic republic of Iran. .

1. The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) and the Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (GUASNR) (the Institutions) desire and intend to develop co-operation and collaboration in research for development, training, and other agreed activities that further the aims and objectives of the Institutions as follows:
 - 1.1. To encourage, and use their reasonable endeavours to effect, within the limitations of the Institutions’ resources, policies and procedures, visits from one Institution to the other by members of the academic, research and other staff for the purpose of participating in teaching, training, research for development programs and other agreed activities.
 - 1.2. To develop within the limitations of the Institution’s resources, policies and procedures, collaborative work plans that specify the activities to be undertaken, objectives and targets, implementation mechanisms, roles and responsibilities, and resource contributions.
 - 1.3. To jointly explore external funding opportunities through project proposal development, thus enabling both Parties to expand and extend their collaborative activities.
 - 1.4. To provide, within the limitations of the Institutions’ resources, policies and procedures, qualified students hosted by one institution access to research opportunities and/or degree programs at the other institution.


- 1.5. To encourage the exchange of scientific materials, publications and information. The actual exchange of materials will be done on a purely voluntary basis and subject to required institutional Material Transfer Agreements.
2. The Institutions acknowledge that all visits of staff and the admission of students will be subject to compliance with the entry and visa regulations of host country and the Institutions' requirements in respect of admission and staff appointments.
3. The Institutions acknowledge that in the absence of any specific agreement to the contrary, all expenses of salary, travel, living and allied costs will be determined at the discretion, and be the responsibility of the visitor's home Institution.
4. This document is not intended to create legal or binding obligations on either party. It serves only as a record of the parties' current intentions. Before any of the activities set out in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are implemented, to ensure the activities can be accomplished in conformity with the law and so as to enable the principles set out in this MOU to be implemented, the Institutions shall enter into a formal and binding separate agreement or agreements with each other which will detail the specific form and content of the activities and cover the responsibilities and rights of each Institution. Such agreements will be negotiated in good faith.
5. This MOU commences from the date of last signing and shall be in force for 5 years. The MOU may be terminated at any time by mutual consent or by 6 months' notice by either party. It may be amended, modified, extended, or renewed only by the written consent of both Parties. The Institutions agree to review this MOU six months prior to end of the 5-year term.
6. The specific terms of this MOU do not preclude the development of future collaborative ventures or projects not mentioned in this document.

On behalf of the
**International Crops Research Institute
for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)**


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Dr David J Bergvinson
Director General

Dated: 20/2/2017.....

On behalf of the
**Gorgan University of Agricultural
Sciences and Natural Resources (GUASNR)**


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Dr Ali Najafi Nejad
President

Dated: 4 APR 2017.....

