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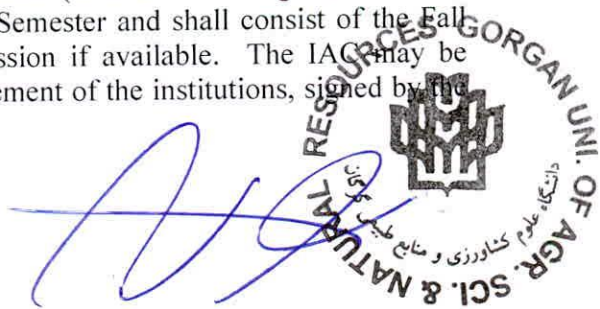
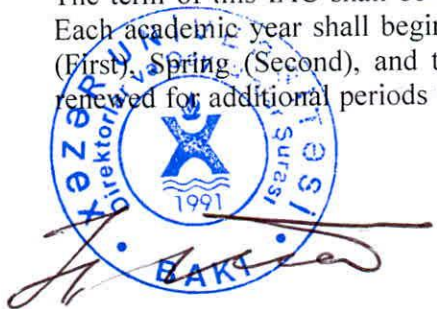
BETWEEN KHAZAR UNIVERSITY (BAKU, AZERBAIJAN) AND GORGAN UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (GORGAN, IRAN)

1. Preamble

- 1.1 Gorgan University of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources, Gorgan, Iran, and Khazar University, Azerbaijan, are willing to enter into and formally establish this "Inter-institutional Agreement of Cooperation" (hereinafter referred to as IAC).
- 1.2 The purpose of this IAC is to promote and expand international understanding, development, and friendship as well as stimulate and support educational, professional and intercultural activities and projects among students and staff of the two institutions (Gorgan University of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources, Iran and Khazar University, Azerbaijan), and the respective communities which support these institutions. Furthermore, this IAC sets forth and describes many of the general and specific aspects of the agreement, with the understanding that on the basis of a regular review of activities, the document in both its general and specific content may be revised with the mutual consent of Gorgan University of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources and Khazar University, Azerbaijan.
- 1.3 Identified general activity areas of mutual interest and concern may include but are not limited to the following:
 - student exchange programmes
 - faculty/staff exchange programmes
 - cultural exchange programmes
 - "visiting scholars/tutors"
 - cooperative/collaborative research projects
 - cooperative degree programmes
 - short term training programmes/projects/service-learning programmes
 - cooperative and exchange lectures, conferences and seminars
- 1.4 Both institutions realize that in general the language of instruction of Khazar University is English and at Gorgan University of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources the language of instruction is English.
- 1.5 The term "host" institution refers to the university a student or staff member plans to visit. The term "home" institution refers to the university where a student is a full-time, degree-seeking student or, in the case of staff members, the university where the staff member is regularly employed.
- 1.6 Both institutions understand that this IAC is not exclusive and each institution is permitted to enter into other such agreements with other universities.

2. Term and Termination of the IAC

The term of this IAC shall be five academic years (2013-2014 through 2017-2018). Each academic year shall begin with the Fall Semester and shall consist of the Fall (First), Spring (Second), and the Summer Session if available. The IAC may be renewed for additional periods by written agreement of the institutions, signed by the



Presidents of each of them, prior to the end of the initial five year term (or any subsequent extension of the IAC). During the initial five year term (and subsequent extensions, if any), the parties shall consult at least annually to discuss the programme, any problems that have arisen, and opportunities for improvement. Either party may terminate this IAC at any time (during the initial five year period or any extension period) by giving written notice, signed by the President of the terminating party, prior to January 31 of any year, with the termination taking effect at the end of the Spring Semester or Summer Session of that year, as specified in the notice.

3. Contact Person


Because of the desirability of implementing IAC activities in a systematic manner Gorgan University of Agricultural Science and Khazar University will designate a contact person assigned with the responsibility of coordinating IAC activities in general terms. For Gorgan University of Agricultural Science, this will be the Director of International Programs. For Khazar University, this will be the Vice-Rector for International Affairs.

4. Scope of Co-operation

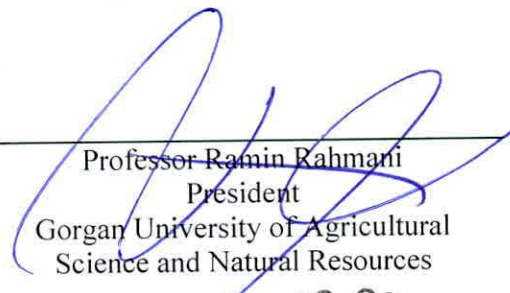
While a wide range of projects may be identified within the IAC, educational experiences between students and staff of the two institutions are likely to comprise most of them. Therefore, the following item pertaining to staff is addressed as specific item regarding procedure. Any other programmes will be addressed under separate written agreements between the two institutions.

5. Faculty/Staff Exchange

- 5.1 The faculty/staff of an institution under the terms of the IAC may participate in a variety of activities at the other institution.
- 5.2 Such activities may include faculty exchange for instructional and/or research activities for short term or extended periods of time; conducting conferences, seminars and/or lecture series; providing professional expertise as consultants on special projects within the institutions; exchange short term for visits for observation purposes including exploration of further development activities between the two institutions; developing activities with the areas of Geography, Agricultural Science, Natural Resources, Environmental Science and related subjects in the community in which the institutions are located; and other activities as may be identified during the term of the IAC.
- 5.3 In general, faculty exchange activities are also implemented through a request/review/approval process involving the two institutions.


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