

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

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

and

Leibniz Institute for Applied Geophysics, Hannover, Germany

concerning
Scientific and Technical Cooperation
in the Earth Sciences

Article 1. Scope and Objectives

1. Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and Leibniz Institute for Applied Geophysics (hereinafter "LIAG") have decided to pursue scientific and technical cooperation in the earth sciences in accordance with this nonbinding Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "MoU"). The MoU is linked to the project "Northern Iranian loess and its palaeoclimatic implication" founded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG).
2. This MoU is to provide a framework for the exchange of scientific and technical knowledge and the augmentation of scientific and technical capabilities of Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the LIAG (hereinafter "Participant" or "Participants") with respect to the earth sciences.
3. Each Participant may, with the consent of the other Participant, and to the extent permitted by the laws and policies of each Government, endeavor to enlist other governmental entities of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Federal Republic of Germany to participate in activities undertaken pursuant to this MoU.

Article 2. Cooperative Activities

1. Forms of cooperation under this MoU should consist of, without limitation, exchanges of technical information, visits, training, and cooperative research consistent with ongoing programs of the Participants. Specific areas of cooperation may include but are not limited to such areas of mutual interest as:
 - A. Scientific exchange within the German Research Foundation (DFG) founded project "Northern Iranian loess and its palaeoclimatic implication"
 - B. Sedimentology
 - C. Geochronology/ Luminescence dating
 - D. Quaternary Research
 - E. Applied Geophysics

2. Activities under this MoU should be undertaken in accordance with the laws, regulations, and procedures of each country.

Article 3. Availability of Resources

Cooperative activities under this MoU are subject to the availability of personnel, resources, and funds. This MoU should not be construed to obligate any particular expenditure or commitment of resources or personnel.

Article 4. Accuracy of Information

Information transmitted by one Participant to the other Participant under this MoU should be accurate to the best knowledge and belief of the transmitting Participant, but the transmitting Participant does not warrant the suitability of the information transmitted for any particular use or application by the receiving Participant or by any third Participant.

Article 5. Planning and Review of Activities

Each Participant may designate a principal representative who, at such times as are mutually decided upon by the Participants, should meet to review the activities under this MoU and develop proposals for future activities, as appropriate.

Article 6. Project Annexes

The Participants should decide in writing upon any activity carried out under this MoU in advance. Whenever more than the exchange of technical information or visits of individuals is contemplated, such activity should be described in an agreed Project Annex to this MoU, which may set forth in terms appropriate to the activity, a work plan, staffing requirements, cost estimates, funding sources and other undertakings, obligations, or conditions not included in this MoU.

Article 7. Copyright Information

Copyright information used by either Participant should remain the property of the originator, or the Participant offering the materials.

Article 8. Commencement of Activities

Activities under this MoU should commence upon the signatures of both Participants and continue until terminated by either Participant upon ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other Participant. This MoU may be modified by mutual written decision of the Participants.

Article 9. Nature of the MoU

This MoU is not an agreement under international law; it is not intended to create rights and obligations under international law.

Gorgan / Iran, and Hannover / Germany, in duplicate, in the English language.

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