

DEPARTMENT
OF
HORTICULTURE



AUBURN UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

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Office of International Education

Review and Approval Form

for an

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT

between Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, USA,
and Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China

The following have reviewed this International Academic Interchange Agreement
and by their signature approve its content:

Sponsoring faculty: Dr. Ken Tilt, Professor
Department of Horticulture

Chair: Dr. Dave Williams, Professor
Department of Horticulture

Dean: Dr. Richard Guthrie
College of Agriculture

Associate Provost
Andrew Gillespie

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mary Ellen Mazey

President, Auburn University
Jay Gogue

Agreement with: Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China

Agreement Originator:

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History: Our Lotus Team has evolved over the last ten years with visits to several aquaponic centers in China. We have had some exchange of graduate students and faculty visits and sharing at international meetings. This particular group that our research Lotus Team is working with deals specifically with the research and study of this plant group, *Nelumbo*, for introduction into the US edible food chain as well as for ornamentals, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and a possible biomass energy crop.

Link to Strategic Plan, Why this is important: This agreement is to explore opportunities to share research and students and to look for ways to collaborate in grant opportunities. It formalizes an on-going relationship.

Outcomes: We plan to focus on creating research efforts where we can share the talents from each country for the benefit of both as well as extending our relationships to other countries. We are committed to targeting our time and talents to making this relationship meaningful. The agreement will facilitate student/faculty exchange as well as other options. Our foundation is a common interest in a plant native to China and the US with on-going research and exchanges of unique plant material that may help in breeding and development efforts.

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AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Auburn, Alabama, USA, and **ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY**, Hangzhou, China, wishing to develop cooperative relations on the basis of established contacts and mutual understandings, especially to develop academic and cultural interchange through mutual assistance in the areas of education and research, agree as follows:

**PART I
Area of Cooperation**

_____The area of cooperation includes, subject to mutual consent and appropriate conditions, any program offered at either university and proposed by either as desirable, feasible, and contributory to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between the two universities.

**PART II
Methods**

_____All understandings and assistance shall be subject to availability of funds and the specific approval of the President of **AUBURN UNIVERSITY** and of the Dean of Agriculture and Biotechnology, **ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY**, through such activities or programs as:

1. Exchange of faculty members and technical staff
2. Exchange of students
3. Conduct joint research activities
4. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
5. Special short-term academic programs
6. Cultural exchange activities
7. Joint participation in international training courses
8. Provide for graduate and undergraduate coursework at **Auburn University**
9. Provide opportunities for staff development for both universities by participation in sabbatical leave and other personnel development programs
10. Engage in consultancies
11. Other activities as deemed mutually appropriate.

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each program and activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular activity or program. Furthermore, it is understood that each institution will enter into specific program by program written agreements as required for compliance with the respective immigration regulations of the parties involved. Each university will designate a Liaison/Contact Officer to develop specific activities or programs for approval of the respective presidents.

PART III
Effective Date and Length of Agreement

_____ This agreement will remain in force for a period of five years subject to the availability of funds, and any amendment and/or modification of this agreement requires a written approval of the President of **AUBURN UNIVERSITY** and that of the Dean of Agriculture and Biotechnology, **ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY**, and shall be appended hereto. After the initial five-year period, this agreement may be renewed by mutual written consent.

Either party reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon six (6) months written notice to the other. Any individual activities to be continued will be specifically identified and provided for at the time of termination.

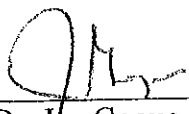
Each party shall be responsible for assuring full compliance by its participants with applicable laws and regulations, including insurance, of the respective nations.

Nothing contained herein or in the activities conducted hereunder shall constitute either party the agent, servant or employee of the other party, and each party shall be fully and solely responsible for its own actions and obligations.

This agreement shall take effect on the date of final signature indicated below and **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**; the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

For **AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

For **ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY**



Dr. Jay Gogue
President

Dr. Xuexin Chen
Dean of College of Agriculture and
Biotechnology

Date 05/27/2010

Date _____

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY CONTACT
INFORMATION FOR THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUBURN
UNIVERSITY AND ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY**

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