

**INTERNATIONAL
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

**AUBURN UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**

and

HUBEI ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, Auburn, Alabama, USA, and **HUBEI ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**, Wuhan, Hubei, People's Republic of 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, seen as desirable, feasible, and contributory to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between the two institutions.

**PART II
Methods**

All understandings and assistance shall be subject to availability of funds and the specific approval of the Dean of the **College of Agriculture of AUBURN UNIVERSITY** and of the President of **HUBEI ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**, through such activities or programs as:

1. Exchange of faculty members and technical staff
2. Exchange of students with an executed student exchange agreement
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 opportunities for graduate and undergraduate coursework at Auburn University
9. Provide opportunities for staff development for both universities by participation in 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 and accreditation regulations of the parties involved. Each institution will designate a Liaison/Contact Officer in the impacted disciplines 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 Dean of **the College of Agriculture of AUBURN UNIVERSITY** and that of the President of **HUBEI ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES** and shall be appended hereto. After a 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.

By signature below, Auburn University's College of Agriculture is affirming that it has evaluated this agreement in terms of its published mission and finds the agreement compatible with that mission. Before consenting to extensions from time to time in the future, the College of Agriculture will reevaluate this agreement in terms of its published mission.

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
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

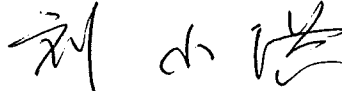


3/21/2013

Dr. Paul Patterson
Dean

Date

For HUBEI ACADEMY OF
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES



Prof. LIU Xiaohong
President

Date

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN AUBURN UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AND: HUBEI ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**

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(Person responsible for the general operation of this agreement)

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