

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The following parties enter this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter “MOU”), on the one hand, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (FUM), represented legally by Wageningen, Netherlands; Prof. Dr. Saeed Tarighi; Dean of Agriculture Faculty, herein after referred to “FUM”; and, on the other hand, Wageningen UR-Plant Breeding, The Netherlands represented by Prof. Dr. Richard Visser as chair, herein after referred to as “PBR”.

WHEREAS:

- FUM is a higher education institution, created and in force under the laws of the Islamic Republic of Iran and its Statutes and internal regulations. FUM's mission is to educate competent, enterprising people with an international vision.
- PBR has more than 100 years' experience in fundamental and applied research and is part of Wageningen University & Research which is ranked among the top 50 universities in the world based amongst others on the level and the number of scientific publications. In addition, PBR has also half a century of experience in capacity building and academic courses (BSc, MSc and PhD) for foreign students from all countries of the world.
- Both parties wish to investigate possibilities for engaging in research and education.

PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1: Cooperation between the two Parties shall be carried out in accordance with what is agreed in this instrument, the availability of resources available to the Parties, reciprocity in activities or programs such as:

- Joint research programmes.
- Master's student learning activities.
- Learning activities for PhD students.
- Courses, seminars, academic meetings, among others, that adjust to the needs of the Parties.
- Exchange of students and researchers
- Joint Scientific Publications.

Article 2: The cooperation described above will depend in each case on the availability of the necessary resources, these can be internal resources or external resources. Both Parties shall separately or jointly seek to secure and manage the resources.

Article 3: The areas of cooperation will be established by mutual consent, in any program offered by either Party that contributes to the mission of effectiveness and seeks improvement and cooperative relationship between the Parties.

Article 4: The terms, obligations and the necessary budget for each program and activity must be contained in specific agreements, which will be prepared in a manner consistent with this memorandum of understanding and must be signed by all the Parties, prior to the initiation of a cooperative program or activity. Each program and activity must be negotiated annually.

Article 5: In each specific agreement that refers to training, exchange programs and collaborative research, in any of the cases mentioned below, they must be arranged with mutual consent and it will contain at least the following:

- Requirements regarding the admission of students to PBR.
- Duration of the exchange or the collaborative research.
- Support for exchange or collaborative research.
- Facilities, subject to the availability of funds, offered by Parties.
- Determination of Intellectual Property Rights.

Article 6: FUM & PBR shall provide permanent coordination for this cooperation, of the projects that are of interest to the Parties, which will appear on a list. The Parties designate as coordinators of this instrument the following persons:

- FUM

Coordinator: Amin Mirshamsi Kakhki

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- PBR

Coordinator: Richard Visser

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Article 7: FUM will coordinate the academic-research activities to be carried out in Iran in cooperation with PBR.

Article 8: With respect to intellectual property, the Parties agree that the determination of the rights and obligations of each Party with respect to works, plant varieties, distinctive signs, among other creations derived from this instrument, shall be delimited in each specific agreement.

Article 9: Regarding issues of confidentiality and data protection, the Parties agree that they undertake to maintain due confidentiality over the confidential information of the other Party to which it accesses by effect or on the occasion of the signing and execution of this Memorandum.

Any personal data to which they have or get access, will only be destined to the management of their activities as provided in this Memorandum.

Regarding the delimitation of protection both in matters of confidentiality and the use of data will be determined in each specific agreement according to the activities carried out between the Parties.

Article 10: The Parties declare that they will take all necessary actions for the fulfillment of this MOU.

In case of any controversy, the Parties agree to resolve it in accordance with the following:

- a. In the event of disputes, they will seek to resolve them by direct agreement between the designated coordinators within fifteen (15) days.
- b. In the event that the dispute is not resolved by direct agreement between the designated coordinators, the Parties shall seek an agreement at the level of their legal representatives within ten (10) days.
- c. The disputes resulting from implementation or interpretation of the MOU shall be settled by mutual direct agreement of the parties to reach a solution or to conclude the issue through forming a coordination

committee for this determination. In case that the dispute is not settled amicably, the Committee is working to end the MOU.

Article 11: This MOU shall become effective upon its signing by both parties and shall remain in force for five (5) years, which may be renewed by mutual agreement between the Parties prior to evaluation.

Article 12: The Parties accept and ratify the provisions of this instrument and, in proof of this, sign it in four (4) copies of equal value and tenor on the date and at the places specified at the bottom of each signature.

PBR
Prof. Dr. Richard Visser
Chair & head
Plant Breeding, Wageningen University & Research



Location: Wageningen, Netherlands

Date: 20/5/2024

FUM
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Dean of Agriculture Faculty



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