

## Memorandum of Understanding for Scientific Co-operation

### 1. Parties

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made between the National Nutrition and Food Research and Technology Institute of the IR of Iran and The Unit for Public Health Nutrition at the Department of Biosciences and Nutrition at Karolinska Institutet, Sweden. Represented by Associate Professor Ahmad Reza Dorosty Motlagh hereinafter referred to as the "Iranian Party" and Senior Lecturer Dr. Agneta Yngve, hereinafter referred to as the "Swedish Party". The Memorandum's coordinator is Dr. Beheshteh Olang (Medical council:40505)

### 2. Aims

The aims of this MOU are:

- To implement a nutritional research co-operation program of mutual interest with several joint research projects and collaboration in nutrition and public health. Each project will be led by one PI at the Iranian institution and one PI at KI. The program should last for many years until lasting research links have been established between several research groups at the institutions involved.
- To let some projects in this co-operation program include training for MPhil (Licentiate) or PhD (Doctor of Medical Science) students as decided by the two PI's in each project. The students will have supervisors in both countries. The research will be done in both countries, comparative studies will be included, methods will be transferred, and students and supervisors from both countries will get insight into each other's research traditions.
- To establish routines which facilitate exchange of biological samples between research institutions in the two countries and to improve access to scientific literature at involved institutions.
- To strengthen broad academic exchange, economic interaction and friendly contacts between Sweden and the I.R. of Iran

### 3. Operational aspects

Each project will have one PI in the I. R. of Iran and one PI at KI. The two PI's will have the same status in each research project and they will jointly be responsible



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for planning, implementation and publishing of the results within the regulation of their two institutions. For each project a joint plan should be agreed upon in the form of an executive contract that defines the tasks and responsibilities of each involved partner. The results and intellectual property rights in each project should be equally shared between the two Parties, if not - agreed differently in the project plan.

The implementation of the projects in this co-operation program will be facilitated and supervised by the National Nutrition and Food Technology Research Institute in the I. R. of Iran and by The Unit for Public Health Nutrition at Karolinska Institutet. In the case of collaborative difficulties in any project, these should be solved by mediation from the KIRT (Karolinska International Research and Training Committee) secretariat and the corresponding body at the Iranian institutions. Should this not be possible, the difficulties will be solved by mediation between the two signatories of this agreement. Data will be collected in Iran.

#### **4. Research training**

The activity and budget of each project may include training for MPhil (Licentiate) or PhD (Doctor of Medical Science) students at KI. Admittance for each student in this co-operation program will require approval from the PI in the institution at which the student is registered. Each student will have supervisors from both countries. The training and course work will comply with the regulations at the Karolinska Institutet, where the student is registered.

#### **5. Budget**

In the period 15th March 2007 to 31st December 2011 each project will be funded from National Nutrition and Food Technology Research Institute in Iran and Public Health Nutrition Unit at KI, in the latter case regarding supervision and access to computer net and services at the KI. The use of these funds within the regulations of National Nutrition and Food Technology Research Institute and Public Health Nutrition Unit at KI will be agreed on for each project between the Iranian PI and the PI at KI. National Nutrition and Technology Research Institute and The Public health nutrition Unit at KI guarantees the implementation of the joint research projects as described in the individual project plans and in case of change of PI at the Iranian institutions. If any Project Plans and in case on Change of PI at modification of the planned funding should occur, National Nutrition and Food Technology Research Institute and the Unit for public health nutrition at KI will seek alternative financing.

#### **6. Validity and prolongation**

This MOU is valid from May 2nd, 2007 to December 31, 2011. In order to extend



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the MOU, the two PI's of each project will present the project plan for the two Parties at the latest on August 31st. The two Parties will discuss any prolongation and expansion of the MOU with new projects and these discussions may lead to a mutually written agreement at a meeting held at the latest on October 31 for the coming calendar year. This memorandum is written in Stockholm in April 2007 in duplicate in the English and Persian languages.

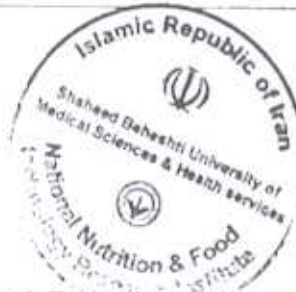
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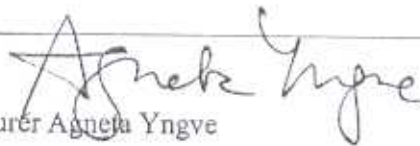
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