



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION

The University of Tasmania as represented by the Menzies Research Institute and National Research Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (NRITLD), recognising the benefits to their respective institutions from the establishment of international link, conclude this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

- 1 The purpose of this MoU is to develop research, academic and educational co-operation and to promote mutual understanding between the two institutions.
- 2 NRITLD and the Menzies Research Institute agree to develop the following collaborative activities in the research and academic areas of mutual interest, on a basis of equality and reciprocity.
  - 2.1 Exchange of staff
  - 2.2 Exchange of graduate students
  - 2.3 Conducting collaborative research projects
  - 2.4 Conducting lectures and organising symposia
  - 2.5 Exchange of academic information and materials
  - 2.6 Promoting collaboration in fields of mutual interest
  - 2.7 Promoting other academic co-operation as mutually agreed
- 3 The development and implementation of specific activities based on this MoU will be separately negotiated and agreed between faculties, schools or institutions which carry out the specific projects. Both institutions agree to carry out these activities in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries after full consultation and approval.
- 4 In relation to Clause 3, it has been agreed to establish a joint PhD programme between the NRITLD and the Menzies Research Institute specially in molecular and cellular biology, epidemiology (Tobacco control, cancer and chronic respiratory diseases, respiratory health), health policy, immunology and transplantation microbiology, such that graduate students admitted to PhD study in either institution will be given the opportunity to spend a period of time in the other institution as part of their study. The details of this joint initiative will be developed as an Addendum to the MoU.

- 5 It is understood that the implementation of any of the types of co-operation stated in Clause 2 shall depend upon the availability of resources and financial support at the NRITLD and the Menzies Research Institute concerned.
- 6 Should the collaborative research activities under the MoU result in any potential for intellectual property, both institutions shall seek an equitable and fair understanding as to ownership and other property interests that may arise.
- 7 This MoU may be amended or modified by a written agreement signed by the representatives of both institutions.
- 8 This MoU is valid for a period of five years from the date of signing by the representatives of both institutions. This MoU shall be renewed after being reviewed and renegotiated by both institutions.
- 9 This MoU may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by one of the institutions upon prior notice to the other in writing not later than six months before the termination date.



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