



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between:

1. Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Velenjak Street, Shahid Chamran Highway, Tehran, Iran, represented by its President, Prof. Ali Asghar Peyvandi MD, hereinafter referred to as "SBMU"

and

2. RIKILT-Wageningen University & Research centre, Akkermaalsbos 2, 6708 WB Wageningen, The Netherlands, represented by its General Director, Dr.ir. Robert F.M. van Gorcom, hereinafter referred to as "RIKILT"

WHEREAS: Parties wish to establish mutual contribution to the academic research and education, science and applied technological development of both parties in the fields of Food Safety and Food Authenticity;

WHEREAS: Parties wish to encourage and establish exchange of collaborative scientific research;

WHEREAS: The purpose of the MoU is to establish a framework for collaboration between the two parties, which will provide the basis for the application of joint projects, an exchange of staff, students and development ideas for other training courses for the mutual benefit of both parties.

NOW THEREFORE SBMU and RIKILT, inspired by their common objectives to promote and accelerate the progress of research, education and training in various disciplines of research in the fields of Food Safety and Food Authenticity have decided to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

- Art. 1.1** The parties hereby agree to promote the development of co-operation in the fields of research and education through:
- PhD training
 - joint research projects
 - exchange of staff members
 - exchange of students
 - exchange of information and methodology
 - participation in seminars and academic meetings.
- 1.2** The co-operation described above will in every case be dependent upon the availability of necessary funds, either from within both parties or from external sources. Both parties, separately or jointly, will try to raise funds.



- Art. 2.** Initially this co-operation will involve RIKILT and the Food Safety Research Center of SBU, but if successful, it is the aim to sign a more general MoU between Wageningen University and Research centre and Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences

A list of contact persons of both parties is attached as Annex I to this Memorandum of Understanding.

Other departments may participate by mutual agreement at any time.

- Art. 3.** The areas of co-operation include, subject to mutual consent, any program offered by either party and having potential to contribute to the mission and effectiveness of either party and/or contribute to fostering the co-operative relationship between the parties.

- Art. 4.1** The terms and necessary budget for each program and activity will be described in Letters of Agreement which will be prepared subsequent to this Memorandum of Understanding and signed by both parties prior to the initiation of a co-operative program or activity.

- 4.2** In every Letter of Agreement at least the following topics shall be arranged with mutual consent:

- aim of the exchange and/or the collaborative research;
- requirements concerning admittance of participants to each organisation;
- facilities, offered by each party
- financial aspects to cover the costs of that specific program and/or activity
- agreements on the publication of the outcome of the program and/or activity.

- 4.3** Concerning staff exchange and collaborative research parties hereby agree that:

- in principle the sending party will pay for travel and lodging/living expenses, the host party will support finding lodging for visiting participants and will cover the costs of the research (if the stay will be at least 6 months);
- visiting participants will be responsible to obtain the necessary insurance coverage. The host party cannot be held responsible for any damage suffered or caused by a visiting participant.

- 4.4** Concerning student internships parties agree that:

- each student will pay tuition and fees to his/her home university;
- expenses for insurance, for travel to and stay in the host country will be the responsibility of the student. It will be optional for each party to ease the financial burden of its own students;
- the departments involved in the exchange at the respective universities will provide for academic counselling to ensure that the academic courses are acceptable to the home university.
- the duration of the internship should be at least 6 months.



- Art. 5.** Visiting participants will abide by the rules and regulations of the host party and by the local laws.
- Art. 6.** In principle parties are entitled to use the results of their part of the scientific co-operation for further educational and scientific purposes, including the right to publish the results. The publication may be joint or separate as determined in each Letter of Agreement.
- Art. 7.** The Memorandum of Understanding will come into force from the date of its signing, will be valid for the duration of 3 years and is renewable by written agreement for periods of 3 years. Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by means of a certified letter received at least six months prior to the end of the desired termination date.
- Art. 8.** In the event that one or several items of this agreement is deemed inapplicable due to certain prevailing juridical decisions or legislative acts, the parties will look for alternative agreements on this or these litigious points. However, all other applicable items of this agreement will remain in force, but only for the continuation of the current year.

Signed by:

**Shahid Beheshti University of
Medical Sciences**

Name Ali Asghar Peyvandi

Position President

Date 29 January 2016

Signature

**RIKILT-Wageningen University &
Research centre**

Name Robert F.M. van Gorcom

Position General Director

Date 29 January 2016

Signature



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Annex I Contact persons

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