

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

*Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Arabi Ave, Velenjak Street,  
Tehran, IR Iran*

and

*Austrian Agency for Health & Food Safety/Division for Food  
Security, Spargelfeldstrasse 191, 1220 Vienna, Austria*

(hereinafter referred to as "the parties")

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is for the purposes of cooperation and collaboration to establish mutual contribution to the scientific research and knowledge transfer (trainings) in applied technological development in the fields of food quality, safety and authenticity and related matters.

**Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and the Austrian Agency for Health & Food Safety** believe that the expansion and strengthening of scientific cooperation is of mutual value to both institutions, hereby agree to enter into mutual collaboration:

The two parties agree to cooperate on equal and reciprocal terms.

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to promote the collaboration between the Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety in the fields of:

- a) Ensurement of the adequate exchange of information in applied technological development in the fields of food quality, safety and authenticity and related matters to the benefit of both parties;
- b) Promotion of the strength of each party research development and in training:
  - Staff training
  - Joint research projects
  - Exchange of staff members, students and faculty members
  - Exchange of information and methodology
  - Participation in seminars and academic meetings
  - Joint short time seasonal schools and joint training programs

This MoU establishes the general principles and conditions under which the collaboration will be pursued. Eventual collaborative activities and projects will be subject to more detailed discussions and agreements.

The cooperation described above will in every case be dependent upon the availability of necessary funds, either from within both parties or from external source. Both parties, separately or jointly, will try to raise funds.

## 2. TERMS OF COLLABORATION

The terms of collaboration for each specific activity implemented under this MoU shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of that activity. Any such agreements entered into, as outlined above, shall bear reference to this collaborative agreement. Each institution shall designate a responsible person for the development and coordination of the specific collaborative activity agreed upon.

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 organization;
- 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

Parties are entitled to use the results of their part of the scientific cooperation for further educational and scientific purposes, including the right to publish the results in principle. The publication may be joint or separate as determined in each Letter of Agreement.

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

The content of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be kept confidential.

## 3. SCOPE OF COLLABRATION

- a. To facilitate information exchange – to develop programs for information exchange through surveillance and laboratory diagnosis data reports, workshops and conferences.
- b. Exchange of visits – to facilitate collaborations, between experts in the related disciplines in their competence, subject to the laws and regulations in force in the two countries and subjects to financial limitations of each party.
- c. International research programs – to promote research corporate plans for related projects in both countries, the objectives being to enhance research capabilities of



scientists, develop international collaborative platforms, and enable full participation in international food quality, safety and authenticity programs.

- d. Subject to mutual consent, the areas of cooperation will eventually include any proposal offered at either institution that is felt desirable and feasible on either side and which

both sides will contribute to the fostering and development of the collaborative relationships between the two institutions.

Collaboration may be implemented through (but not limited by) following activities:

- Capacity building via EU and international programs;
- Developing and conducting joint research projects;
- Publishing joint articles in scientific journals;
- Staff training and exchanging research staff.

#### 4. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The terms and necessary budget for each program and activity will be described in Letters of Agreement, which will be prepared subsequent to this MoU and signed by both parties prior to the initiation of a cooperative program or activity.

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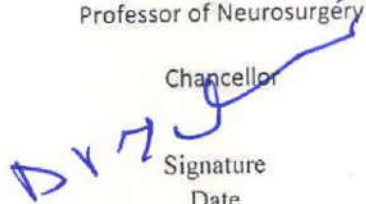
Concerning staff exchange and collaborative research parties hereby agree that:

- The sending party will pay for travel and lodging/living expenses,
- The host party will support finding lodging for visiting participants.
- Staff training at AGES will be charged by special fees of AGES Academy.

#### 5. RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

The Memorandum of Understanding will come into force from the date of its signing, will be valid for the duration of three (3) years and is renewable by written agreement for a period of 3 years. Either party may terminate this MoU by giving a one (1) month notice to the other party in writing. The agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the two parties. In the event that one or several items of this MoU 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 MoU will remain in force, but only for the continuation of the current year.

Alireza Zali of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and Mag. Christoph Unger of Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety are representatives of their respective institutions hereby sign and approve this MoU in two (2) identical copies in English in five (5) pages each.

Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety
Alireza Zali, MD Professor of Neurosurgery	Mag. Christoph Unger
Chancellor	Head of AGES Academy
 Signature	Signature
Date	Date
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