



LETTER OF INTENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF FORESTRY, BULGARIA

AND

AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA

Based on the deliberations, both parties involved hereby declared that they have achieved a mutual agreement between the two higher education institutions. The initial step has been taken towards fostering a cordial and collaborative relationship among the two parties for the purposes of: (i) promoting interest in the teaching and research activities of the respective institutions; and (ii) deepening the understanding of the economic, cultural and social issues of the respective institutions. Subsequently, both parties are inclined to facilitate educational and research endeavors based on the principles of fairness, mutual benefit, and shared progress. The specific areas of cooperation encompass the following:

- 1) promote institutional exchanges by inviting faculty and staff of the partner institution to participate in a variety of teaching and/or research activities and professional development;
- 2) receive undergraduate and graduate students of the partner institution for periods of study and/or research; Joint training doctoral students;
- 3) organize seminar, conferences, short courses and meetings on research issues;
- 4) carry out joint research and continuing education programs; and
- 5) exchange information pertaining to developments in teaching, student development and research at each institution.

This letter of intent shows the intention of further academic cooperation between the two parties but does not imply the contractual relationship and financial responsibility between the two universities. Further, neither party guarantees specific funding for the scope of the activities under this agreement. The scope of activities under this agreement shall be determined by financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution from external sources.

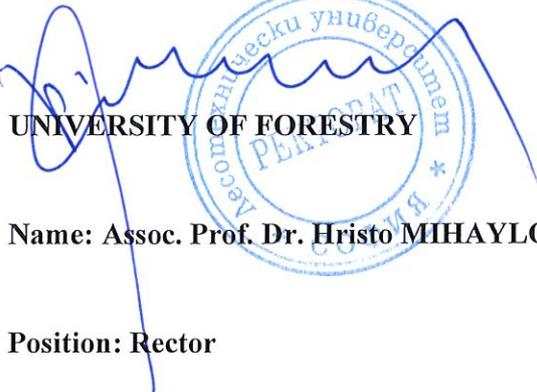


Each institution shall designate a coordinator to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this agreement. The coordinators, working with other appropriate administrators at the respective universities, shall have the following responsibilities:

- to promote academic collaboration at both faculty, graduate and undergraduate student levels for research and study;
- to act as principal contacts for individual and group activities and to plan and coordinate all activities within their institutions as well as with the partner institution;
- to distribute information to each institution about the faculty, facilities, research, publications, library materials and educational resources to the other institution; and
- to periodically review and evaluate past activities and to work out new ideas for future cooperative agreements.

Upon approval by each institution, this agreement shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years unless terminated earlier by either institution. Such termination by one institution shall be effected by giving the other institution at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of its intent to terminate. Termination shall be without penalty. If this agreement is terminated, neither University of Forestry, nor Agricultural University of Tirana shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses that may result.

EXECUTED by University of Forestry and Agricultural University of Tirana, in double, each of which shall be deemed an original.


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