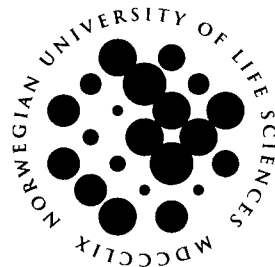


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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
AND
NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. Agreement to cooperate

Within the framework of the "Agreement on science and technology cooperation between the government of the kingdom of Norway and the government of the United States of America" signed December 9, 2005, and with the object of promoting cooperation in academic education and research, the University of Minnesota and the Norwegian University of Life Sciences have agreed as follows:

2. Areas of cooperation

The cooperation may concern any field or subject upon which the parties agree. It will include various activities, such as:

- Collaborative research, lectures and symposia
- Collaborative curriculum development
- Exchange of scholars and researchers
- Exchange of graduate and undergraduate students
- Exchange of information and materials in fields which are of interest to both parties

3. Development of specific projects

Specific agreements for the implementation of the activities listed in (2) will be developed mutually for specific projects. Specific agreements are considered as appendices to this Memorandum of Understanding.

4. Financial Arrangements

Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and mutually agreed, and will depend on availability of funds.

5. General coordinators

Each university shall designate an administrating instance to oversee and facilitate the implementation of any specific agreements arising out of this Memorandum of Understanding. These instances are:

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6. Legal Relationship

Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be constructed as creating any legal relationship between the parties. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial academic collaboration.

7. Termination of Agreement

The present Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either of the parties by six months' notice in writing, without any prejudice however to any persons already engaged in a program of exchange.

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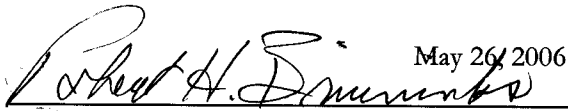
8. Commencement and Renewal of the Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force once signed by both parties. If the agreement remains dormant for five consecutive years it will be deemed to have lapsed. Where the agreement continues to be active the two universities agree to review it after five years from the date hereof and thereafter every five years.

This agreement is written in English, in two originals.

University of Minnesota

Norwegian University of Life Sciences


Robert H. Bruininks
President
May 26, 2006
date


Knut Hove
Rector
May 26, 2006
date