January 16, 2002
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
CENTRE DE COOPÉRATION INTERNATIONALE EN RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT
located in Dakar, Senegal
(briefly referred to as CIRAD-Senegal)
AND
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (OIRD)
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY (VIRGINIA TECH)
(briefly referred to as OIRD/Virginia Tech)

The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to define the nature of future collaboration between the Peanut CRSP activities managed through the OIRD at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, and CIRAD-Senegal, based in Dakar, Senegal.

The Peanut CRSP is composed of a group of US, international, and national research institutions that is charged with the execution of a joint program of collaborative research support for improved peanut production, transformation, marketing, and trade according to USAID Grant No. 344-00-6013-00. The global management entity for the Peanut CRSP is the University of Georgia, Griffin, Georgia, USA. CIRAD-Senegal is a non-profit, apolitical, international organization for science-based agricultural development is based in Dakar, Senegal.

The goal of the Peanut CRSP in West Africa is to enhance and promote collaborative research in peanut production, transformation, marketing, and trade throughout the semi-arid region of West Africa.

By this MOU, the OIRD/Virginia Tech and CIRAD-Senegal agree to work together to ensure that mutually agreed upon research objectives associated with Peanut CRSP activities related to aflatoxin and aflatoxin control in Senegal will be undertaken. Under and subject to these activities of the Peanut CRSP, OIRD/Virginia Tech and CIRAD-Senegal will individually provide necessary materials and funds and will be responsible for carrying out their respective portions of this collaborative effort in Senegal.

PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AGREEMENTS

With mutual understanding of the Peanut CRSP as described above, a collaborative relationship will be implemented as follows:

- Based upon project proposal development and selection procedures established by the Peanut CRSP, collaborating CIRAD-Senegal and OIRD/Virginia Tech Peanut CRSP researchers will collaboratively identify projects to be jointly undertaken. Work plans developed jointly will govern the nature of the collaboration between the parties.

CIRAD-SENEGAL CONTRIBUTION

The contributions of CIRAD-Senegal will include the following:

1. Collaboration with the Peanut CRSP and OIRD/Virginia Tech, where appropriate, in conducting jointly determined collaborative research and related activities associated with the Peanut CRSP.
2. Initiation of proposals/agreements for mutual benefit and cooperation of CIRAD-Senegal, the Peanut CRSP, and OIRD/Virginia Tech.
3. Identification where appropriate of funds for collaborative research, technology transfer, education (training), and technical assistance from independent sources (or work jointly with OIRD/Virginia Tech to identify such funds from independent sources).
PEANUT CRSP/VT09, VT54 AND OIRD/VIRGINIA TECH CONTRIBUTION AND OBLIGATIONS

The contribution and obligations of the Peanut CRSP and the OIRD at Virginia Tech will include the following:

1. The provision of management support for its portion of the Peanut CRSP projects as identified in the joint workplan.
2. Work with the Peanut CRSP and CIRAD-Senegal, where appropriate, in conducting jointly determined collaborating research and related activities associated with the Peanut CRSP.
3. Initiation of proposals/Agreements for mutual benefit and cooperation of CIRAD-Senegal, the Peanut CRSP, and OIRD/Virginia Tech.
4. Identification where appropriate of funds for collaborative research, technology transfer, education (training), and technical assistance from independent sources (or work jointly with CIRAD-Senegal to identify such funds from independent sources).

ADMINISTRATION

The VT09 and VT54 Project components of the Peanut CRSP is funded through a USAID grant to the University of Georgia and administered by the OIRD/Virginia Tech, which is responsible to the Global ME of the Peanut CRSP and USAID for fiscal matters and research progress. The Peanut CRSP is under the global direction of the ME at the University of Georgia with the guidance of the Board of Directors, Technical Committee, and External Evaluation Panel. The global ME through Project VT09 and VT54 will provide assistance in the management of activities under this MOU. Input into operational policies will be through the parties to this agreement and the Board of Directors in compliance with the provisions of the Grant. Policies developed will take into account recommendations by the External Evaluation Panel. CIRAD-Senegal will be administratively responsible for all funds provided by it for expenditure under the present collaborative agreement.

PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

Planning, implementation, and budget development for the Peanut CRSP will be discussed among the principal investigator and co-principal investigators of the CRSP, CIRAD-Senegal, and other participating institutions.

CIRAD-Senegal and the OIRD/Virginia Tech will take the necessary and appropriate initiatives for engaging other institutions that could strengthen this collaboration, in accordance with the linkages each party may already have and in accordance with the planning and implementation needs of each project activity.

DURATION

1. This MOU shall commence on the date it is signed by all parties and shall terminate five years thence, unless circumstances, such as availability of funds from USAID or programmatic decisions by the Peanut CRSP Board of Directors, cause an earlier termination date or CIRAD terminates its project in Senegal.
2. If either party to this MOU decides to terminate its relationship with the other, it must provide at least three (3) months advance written notice to the other party.

The Peanut CRSP is a continuing project with funds appropriated annually contingent upon USAID funding. The duration of this MOU will be concurrent with the relevant USAID Grant, with OIRD/Virginia Tech funding from the ME dependent upon annual work plans and the extent of incremental funding from USAID. The MOU may be terminated through termination of the Peanut CRSP funding grant by USAID.
Washington or the acceptance by the Peanut CRSP ME and Board of Directors of a just cause for termination based on the grant provisions. Therefore, the MOU covered by this document shall continue until terminated by:

- Notification of termination of the Peanut CRSP funding grants by USAID, Washington
- Notification of termination by CIRAD-Senegal to the Peanut CRSP or
- Acceptance by the global ME and Board of Directors of a recommendation to terminate any future Peanut CRSP activities in Senegal.

Either CIRAD-Senegal or the ORD/Virginia Tech may request consideration of adjustments to this MOU.

APPROVALS

Having read this Memorandum of Understanding, the persons below have signed their names and shown their institutional affiliations indicating their concurrence with the collaborative relationships outlined therein.

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