Agreement for Academic and Scientific Collaboration between Virginia
Polytechnic Institute and State University and Catholic University of
Santiago of Guayaquil

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, henceforth VT, represented by
__________________________________________, and the Catholic University of Santiago of
Guayaquil, henceforth UCGS, represented by __________________________________, agree to the following agreement:

Article 1: The objectives of this agreement are, in general, to promote the
academic program development and scientific and technological research in the
areas of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development.

Article 2: To complete the indicated objectives, both parties, of common accord,
will spell out collaborative programs and projects in which the obligations of each
in carrying them out will be specified.

Article 3: The programs and projects referred to in the previous article will be the
subject of complementary agreements or of actions between both institutions
when special and multidisciplinary programs and projects are dealt with, or
among the faculties, departments, schools, and institutes in the respective
institutions, when previous authorization of the central authorities is needed
according to the rules of each party.

Article 4: The above-mentioned programs will be spelled out and presented to
the corresponding authorities through their organizations.

Article 5: The complementary agreements or actions may refer to among others
the following aspects:

a) Exchange of information to assist in the development of academic curriculum
in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development at UCGS.

b) Exchange of professors, researchers, and students, according to projects and
programs duly funded following specific agreements between both institutions.

c) Joint research projects in the areas of generating and transferring new
technologies, agricultural policy, rural development, methods for training of
farmers and agricultural economics in general.

d) Classes through the internet, virtual classes, and also seminars, conferences,
workshops, etc.

e) Establishing a flow of information on material related to agricultural
economics, rural development, and agricultural policy.
f) Publications and other activities suitable for achieving the objectives of this agreement
g) UCSG will provide support and facilities so that VT students can complete theses
h) Short-term visits by professors and students between both institutions according to specific programs.
i) UCSG and VT will each provide logistical and facilities support for the exchange of professors and students from the other institution.

Article 6: The persons related to this agreement will remain subject to all relevant personnel and other administrative rules in effect at their home institutions.

Article 7: The arrangements in this agreement will be the subject of an annual or multiple year planning of a common agreement between both universities, which will provide general guidance for specific activities undertaken. The proposed planning will be undertaken by a joint steering committee whose members will represent both institutions and will be appointed by the appropriate authorities at UCSG and VT respectively.

This plan will include the names of the university professors or researchers, their academic assignments, the length and dates proposed for the visit, and the interests and academic objectives of each one of the parties during the exchange.

The departments, institutes, and corresponding faculties will be in agreement about the details of each visit, which should be approved by both parties.

Annual reports will be compiled on activities related to this general and any specific planning agreements in effect and submitted to the respective academic authorities.

Article 8: The exchange of teachers, students and or researchers foreseen in this agreement will subject to available funds.

Article 9: Both parties promise to undertake appropriate measures to secure funding sources outside the university for the purposes of accomplishing the goals of this and subsequent specific agreements.

Article 10: This agreement will remain in effect until dissolved by either party. Said dissolution will not affect programs or projects already underway.
Article 11: Any difference that results from the interpretation or application of this agreement will be resolved through direct negotiation. At any time, one party can propose to the other its modification.

Article 12: This agreement will be in effect once the communication is received that both parties have completed the necessary formalities for its approval, at which point there will be exchanged four copies, each one equally authentic.

The person of Charles W. Steger, President representing Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Signature

Apr 30, 2001

Date

The person of Vladimir Alvarez representing The Catholic University of Santiago of Guayaquil

Signature

June 13, 2001

Date

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