International Memorandum of Understanding

On Cooperation in Science, Technology and Training between

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia, USA

and

the Moscow State Agroengineering University (MSAU)
named after V.P. Goryachkin, Russia

In accordance with intergovernmental agreements between Russia and the USA, taking into account the will to strengthen friendship and promote cooperation between the two organizations in research, science and training, to promote mutual understanding in the sphere of technology, agriculture engineering and natural resources of two countries, the Universities have agreed to the following:

I.
The two sides will cooperate in the following areas:

• Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students to conduct all or part of their program;
• Development of joint research, training, and extension programs;
• Exchange of information on teaching methods and methods for professional development of agricultural specialists, and
• Exchange of visiting professors to deliver lectures and assist in curriculum development in new disciplines.

II.
The two sides will cooperate on education and research papers and other publications as feasible.

III.
Both sides are urged to apply for and seek funding, from any appropriate source, to carry out the intent of this agreement.

IV.
The first areas of emphasis will be:

1. Thematic meetings (via video conferences) for MSAU and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University students and faculty.
2. Encourage faculty from both universities to apply for funding to study and teach at the other university.

3. Development of collaborative graduate and postgraduate programs.

4. MSAU and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University faculty exchange with a goal to gain and disseminate the experience of their partner University.

The success of these programs will be the basis for the development of additional programs.

V.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award bachelor, master and doctoral degrees. MSAU is not accredited by the Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University does not extend to or include MSAU or its students. Although Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University accepts certain course work in transfer toward a credential from MSAU, or collaborates in other ways for generation of course credits or program credentials, other colleges and universities may or may not accept this work in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. This decision is made by the institution subsequently considering the possibility of accepting such credits.

Institutional Names on an Academic Credential. For undergraduate academic credentials, students taking courses from participating institutions in a collaborative arrangement may be awarded the academic credential from the SACSCOC-accredited institution when 25 percent or more credits were earned through that institution's own direct instruction.

For graduate academic credentials, students taking courses from participating institutions in a collaborative arrangement may be awarded the academic credential from the SACSCOC-accredited institution where one-third or more of the credits were earned through that institution's own direct instruction.

Use of the SACSCOC Logo. Neither Member nor Partner institutions may use the SACSCOC logo. Its use is reserved exclusively for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

VI.

This agreement between the Moscow State Agro-Engineering University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University is a master agreement between the two agencies and can be followed with more specific and detailed agreements between the Universities and Departments as needed.
VII.
This agreement becomes effective upon being signed by authorized representatives of both parties. The life of this agreement is three (3) years and may be renewed if both parties agree in writing.

The agreement is signed as of ____________, 2012 in two copies in English.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Dr. Charles W. Steger, President

Date Signed

09/12/2013

Moscow State Agroengineering University

Dr. Alexander Sysoyev, Rector

Date Signed

09/12/2013

Dr. Guru Ghosh, Associate VP, International Affairs

Date Signed

Oct 4, 2012

Dr. Alan L. Grant, Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Date Signed

10/23/12