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Memorandum of Understanding

Between

University of Copenhagen, School of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, Denmark

and

The University of Tehran, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Iran

The University of Copenhagen and The University of Tehran wishing to intensify the existing cooperative relations between the two institutions, especially to develop academic interchanges through mutual assistance in the areas of education and research, agree as follows:

1. Participating parties

The participating parties will be The University of Copenhagen, School of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science and The University of Tehran, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

2. Area

The area of cooperation includes, subject to mutual consent, any program offered by either of the participating parties as felt desirable and feasible on either side to foster and develop the cooperative relationship between the two institutions such as listed in Annex 1.

3. Methods

Assistance shall be carried out, subject to availability of funds and the approval of each institution, through such activities or programs as:

- Scholarships awarded to Iranian PhD students by certain Iranian donors. The PhD students apply for enrolment at the Graduate School of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen as ordinary, single degree PhD students. The PhD student is based in Denmark and employed at the University of Copenhagen during the PhD study, but the scholarship can include research stays at Iranian universities if supported by the Danish principal supervisor. One single PhD degree is awarded by the University of Copenhagen.
- Joint 2+2 PhD degree (2 yrs in Iran and 2 yrs in Denmark). Enrollment at an Iranian University and University of Copenhagen.

- Double PhD degrees (2 yrs in Iran and 2 yrs in Denmark). Enrollment at an Iranian University and University of Copenhagen.
- The financial terms for both joint and double degrees needs to be negotiated between University of Copenhagen and UT generically and for each PhD-student and will for some but not necessarily all PhD-students be supported through corresponding institutions such as European Union programs like Erasmus fund, University of Tehran international fund and so forth. In certain cases, the PhD cost will be financed by students.
- Short term research visits (e.g. 6-9 months) supported by Iran.
- Horizon 2020 “Iran special call” and Erasmus Plus and Erasmus Mundus scientist exchange programmes.
- Scientist exchange programmes supported by Iran (e.g. a Danish delegation visiting Iranian counterparts at Universities and/or commercial companies).
- Exchange of individual scientists either Iranians visiting Denmark and vice versa.

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each program and activities shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular program or activity, and such program and activity shall be negotiated on a mutual basis.

4. Intellectual Property

The participating parties will disclose Background Knowledge from one to another to facilitate performance of the research and training activities of this Memorandum of Understanding. Each Party shall retain the rights to their own Background Knowledge. The Intellectual Property Rights needs to be negotiated between University of Copenhagen and University of Tehran for each PhD-student.

The Intellectual Property Rights created by the participating parties in performance of this Memorandum of Understanding needs to be negotiated between University of Copenhagen and University of Tehran for each PhD-student according to the following principles:

Ownership. Intellectual Property created in performance of this Memorandum of Understanding (“Intellectual Property”) shall be owned in accordance with the policies and procedures of the party/ parties whose employee created such Intellectual Property.

Right to Use. Each participating party will have a non-exclusive, royalty- free license to use the other participating party’s Intellectual Property (a) in performance of the Memorandum of Understanding activities, and (b) for research and teaching use. Any other use will be subject to the negotiation of a license agreement with the owners of the subject Intellectual Property.

5. Principles

	Short term goals	Long term goals
Specific areas	- Technical and research exchange with initial primary focus on - o Aquatic bacterial pathogens - o Poultry bacterial pathogens - o Preparation and conservation of parasite specimens - One Health http://healthsciences.ku.dk/education/summercourses/one-health/ (summer school (4 weeks e-learning and 1 week on-campus teaching in Copenhagen)) - Food borne pathogenic bacteria in a One Health perspective - To explore the possibilities for shared students research projects/master theses, including student exchange for master thesis	- To explore possibilities for a a master degree for "Tropical and subtropical parasitic diseases" - To have shared research projects
Generic areas	- To have common PhD-students - To promote sabbatical leaves for Faculty and PhD-students - To perform staff¹ exchange and staff sabbaticals	- To establish a Dual degree PhD-program - To engage in the PhD-program in Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tehran with participation of teachers from School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Copenhagen - To prepare a proposal for Iranian PhD-students registration at School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Copenhagen - To perform faculty² exchange - To establish Post Graduate courses within specific areas - International accreditation of staff using animals for research

¹ Staff = non-academic staff members

² Faculty = academic staff members

Both parties assert that participants under this Memorandum of Understanding will be selected on the bases of the merit without regard to race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, age, gender, marital status or physical ability. The University of Copenhagen and The University of Tehran will each accept the participants selected by the other party if mutually acceptable academic and /or professional qualifications and standards are met at the time of enrolment and during the time as employee. All participants will be treated in the same non-discriminatory manner in carrying out the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, subject to the provision of the policies and requirements of each of the institutions. Any violation of these Principles will be considered as grounds for terminating a specific PhD-student's employment or in the case of general violations a termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.

6. Effective Date and Length of Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in force for a period of five years subject to the availability of funds, and any amendment and/or modification of the Memorandum of Understanding will require written approval of the chief administrative office of each contracting institution and shall be appended hereto.

Either party reserves the right to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding upon six months written notice to the other. However the conditions for actively enrolled and employed PhD-students must remain unchanged.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect when signed by each side.

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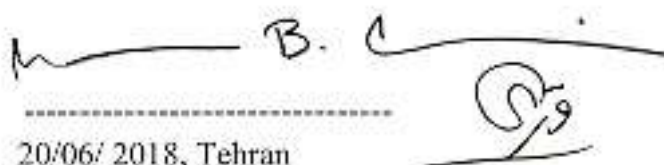


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