



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
STATE BIOTECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
and
LANKARAN STATE UNIVERSITY

PREAMBLE

Recognising the mutual benefits to be gained through a cooperative program promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, **State Biotechnological University ("SBTU")** and **Lankaran State University (LSU)** enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") and agree to the following:

1.0 THE PURPOSE OF ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION

SBTU and LSU agree to enter into an academic partnership. Within the context of global integration the two institutions will cooperate to meet the needs for cultivating international professionals. Societies are increasingly characterized by complexity, diversity and interconnectedness. This requires graduates to be internationally and interculturally competent to live and work effectively. This MoU is intended to take full advantage of the education resources at both institutions and provides for the development and expansion of the education markets.

About SBTU

SBTU is one of the biggest regional agrarian universities that has the IV (highest) accreditation level. More than 10 thousand students study at its 11 faculties and 2 regional colleges. Since 1953 SBTU has been working with foreign students. SBTU trains specialists in different areas and confers the following degrees: junior specialist; bachelor; master. A number of study programs are taught in English. There are also post-graduate programs.

SBTU possesses rich resource base (research laboratories, glass-houses, experimental fields, maintaining centre, food-quality laboratories, and grain-processing laboratories, machine building design studios) which provides an opportunity to undergo industrial training, get practical skills and conduct the research activity. Rich infrastructure combined with highly qualified staff provides a reliable partner for international projects both in the educational and scientific fields.

SBTU cooperation with foreign partners is implemented in different ways: students and teaching staff academic mobility (long-term cooperation with Polish HEI partners, Erasmus+ joint projects with German partners, individual grants of the staff (DAAD, USDA FEP, Fulbright-Program scientific research scholarships) etc.),

participation in the international scientific events, implementation of the common educational programs and participation in international scientific and educational projects and organizations. SBTU has been developing strong cooperative connections with business enterprises as well, both directly (e.g. joint educational projects) and through the projects funded by FAO/EBRD (spheres of grain production and grain processing).

About LSU

Lankaran State University is the first and only public university located in Lankaran, south-east region of Azerbaijan. From its foundation to present day, LSU has played an extraordinary role in the development of activities in the region. The university offers a four-year (or five-year) undergraduate programs, two-year graduate programs, and as well post-graduate programs in different areas of study. As Azerbaijan is a full member of the Bologna Process the educational process at university is organized in accordance with the European credit transfer system (ECTS).

LSU has concluded more than 60 partnership agreements with universities and academic institutes worldwide. The university has an administrative and three educational buildings, food, agriculture, veterinary, biology, chemistry laboratories, IT, and English language center, an electronic library, and dormitories. The university has 5 faculties (Natural Sciences, Philology and Primary Education, History, Geography and Art, Agriculture and Engineering, Economics and Management) and 13 departments. LSU has access to "Web of Science" portal and the scientific works' of academic staff have been published in the several academic journals within the platform.

LSU has established and successfully run partnership programmes with reputable higher education institutions in various countries. It has participated in 3 TEMPUS projects within the framework of Erasmus Mundus Program. At present it participates at three ERASMUS+ CBHE projects (ECAR, DIRNA and REFRESH) as the full partner university.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this MoU, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires:

a) "MoU" means this Memorandum of Understanding together with any Supplemental Letter of this MoU or other attachments;

b) "Party" means a party to this MoU and includes their representatives; and

c) "MoU Coordinator" ("Coordinator") means an institutional representative designated as administrator and liaison for the MoU.

d) "Home Institution" means the institution from which a student intends to graduate or the university which is the regular employer of staff participants, and;

e) "Host Institution" means the university which has agreed to host exchange participants.

3.0 OBJECTIVES

Co-operation between the two institutions will focus on areas of common interest.

3.1 The objectives of this MoU may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) the development of articulation/transfer agreements
- b) the organisation of cooperative academic activities, such as conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures
- c) faculty visits and other faculty collaboration
- d) the exchange of students and development of international mobility agreements
- e) the exchange of publications and other materials of common interest.
- f) the exploration of common research interests

3.2 Cooperative projects under this MoU may include any of the academic disciplines of SBTU and LSU

3.3 Initial areas of cooperation may include but not be limited to:

- a) Exchange of staff
- b) Student mobility and internship cooperation

4.0 IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 In order to carry out and fulfil the aims of this MoU, SBTU and LSU shall each designate a MoU Coordinator who shall manage the development and conduct of joint activities.

4.2 Either Party may initiate proposals for activities under this MoU.

4.3 Specific details of any activity shall be set forth in a Supplemental Letter of Agreement or other attachments, which upon signing by the President/Rector (or delegate) at each institution, shall become an integral part of the general MoU.

4.4 Future Supplemental Letters of Agreement or other attachments shall include such items as:

- a) the elaboration of the responsibilities of each Party for the agreed upon activity;
- b) schedules for the specific activities;
- c) budgets and sources of financing; and
- d) any other items necessary for the efficient achievement of the activity.

4.5 The Coordinators shall be responsible for the evaluation of activities under this MoU according to the practices of their respective institutions.

5.0 DURATION AND TERMINATION OF MoU

5.1 This MoU shall become effective on the date that it is signed by both parties and shall be valid for a period of three years, but may be renewed or extended by mutual consent expressed in writing.

5.2 Any changes to this MoU shall be subject to the written consent of both Parties.

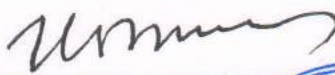
5.3 This MoU may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice of its intention at least six months prior to termination.

6.0 AGREEMENT LANGUAGE

6.1 Where there are two or more versions of this MoU in different languages, and where a dispute arises, the English version shall prevail for the purposes of interpretation of the MoU.

This MoU terminates and supersedes any existing or continuing MoUs between the parties.

As witness to their subscription to the above articles, the representatives of LSU and SBTU have hereunto provided their endorsement.

For and on behalf of: Lankaran State University  Rector: Prof. Natig Ibrahimov DATE: <u>06.03.2023</u> Lankaran State University 50, General Hazi Aslanov avenue Lankaran, AZ-4200 Azerbaijan	For and on behalf of: State Biotechnological University Rector: Prof. Andriy Kudryashov DATE: _____ State Biotechnological University 44, Alchevskikh str. Kharkiv, 61002, Ukraine
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