

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

STATE BIOTECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

and

CUIAVIAN UNIVERSITY IN WŁOCŁAWEK

PREAMBLE

Recognising the mutual benefits to be gained through a cooperative program promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, **State Biotechnological University** ("SBTU") and **Cuiavian University in Włocławek (CU)** 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 CU 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, 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 CU

CU is a non-state-owned college founded in 1995 by the Włocławek Scholarly Association.

The CU offers courses at the bachelor's degree, master's degree and post-graduate levels in the following faculties: Administration, Economics, Pedagogics, National Defence, Vocational safety, Construction, Logistics, Transport, Nursing and Physiotherapy. Within each faculty course there are certain specialties. The College offers master's degree courses in Pedagogics. The Faculty of Pedagogics obtained accreditation from the National Accrediting Commission; the Faculty of Nursing was granted a positive evaluation from the National Accreditation Committee of Medical Education.

The College also offers a wide range of post graduate courses. The mission of CU is to provide its students with a comprehensive education in the field of humanities and economics, linguistics and computer science, based on modern programs designed by renown specialists. The College – apart from its educational activities – carries out a wide range of scientific research.

Also, the College cooperates in fields of teaching and research with foreign universities. In the academic year of 2020/2021 the College obtained the ERASMUS CHARTER, granted by the European Commission for years 2021–2027. Within the frames of this programme, the CU began cooperation with many higher education institutions from abroad: University College of Borås (Sweden), University of Valencia (Spain), Bozok University (Turkey), Turība Business School (Latvia), University of Azores (Portugal) and the Economic State University in Sofia (Bulgaria) to name just a few. Active participation within ERASMUS+ is the base for academic mobility both for students and staff. Our staff take part in many foreign language courses abroad (in Malta and in Spain). We also run projects for our Open University where participants join international training sessions around Europe.

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 CU

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 CU shall each designate an 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 CU and SBTU have hereunto provided their endorsement.

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mgr Joanna Szulerecka

For and on behalf of:
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Head of Didactic Office of **Cuiavian University in Włocławek**

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