Agreement for Cooperation

Contract between the Estonian Agricultural University, Latvia Agricultural University, Lithuanian Agricultural University and Lithuanian Veterinary College.

At the Rectors meeting in Jelgava on August 23, 1996 the participants decided to establish and expand further cooperation in the fields of agriculture, forestry and veterinary medicine both in study, research and development.

The aim will be:

- = to improve cooperation between the Baltic states in the above- mentioned areas
- = to coordinate the development of different spheres and regions
- = to define the preferences in different states and regions

The spheres of cooperation:

- = co-ordination of the study plans and curricula between the Baltic and the Nordic countries
- = organisation of post-graduate courses
- = co-ordination of the library operation procedure

To achieve the aims stated above the Estonian Agricultural University, Latvia Agricultural University, Lithuanian Agricultural University and Lithuanian Veterinary College agree upon forming an organisation joining these universities - BOVA(the Baltic FOrestry, Veterinary and Agricultural University). BOVA will be administered by a council. The Rectors of the above mentioned universities belong to the council and the council itself will elect a chairman from among its members.

Every university will appoint a person in charge who coordinates the work in the Baltics and in NOVA-BA university.

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