

# AGREEMENT

on Joint Funding for BOVA Cooperation

## General provisions

The Estonian Agricultural University, Latvia University of Agriculture, Lithuanian University of Agriculture and Lithuanian Veterinary Academy (BOVA member universities), hereinafter referred to as "the Members",

- pursuant to the Agreement between the Estonian Agricultural University, Latvia University of Agriculture, Lithuanian University of Agriculture and Lithuanian Veterinary Academy signed in Jelgava on February 25, 2000;
- based on the positive experience of cooperation during period 2001-2004;
- following the decisions of BOVA Rector Board meeting in September 16, 2004

**have agreed to provide a joint funding for BOVA project cooperation starting from the January of 2005.**

## Aims of the Agreement

The Members agree that:

1. Building a strong educational and research network on the platform of the Baltic Forestry, Veterinary and Agricultural University (BOVA University) is important instrument to increase internationalisation of studies in the member universities.
2. The added value from participation in the network increase quality of studies, employability of graduates, extends possibilities for joining study groups in the Nordic-Baltic and European arena.
3. The Members agree that funds will be provided from each member university to BOVA University network starting from the January 2005 for funding of BOVA secretariat (administration of activities inside BOVA network) and secure operational expenses for participation in the network at home university.

## Results of the Agreement

4. The core activity is secured, coordination and intensification of developed cooperation activities between Baltic agricultural and veterinary universities is provided and search of new initiatives for joint activities and projects continued.
5. The results of the Agreement will be:
  - running number of cooperation activities between Baltic universities;
  - continued cooperation with Nordic universities in the frame of NOVA-BOVA network;
  - working BOVA secretariat, responsible for coordination of cooperation activities between member universities and keeping tight contacts with

NOVA University Network that is considered as main international partner outside Baltic region.

### **Administering allocated joint funds**

6. The Members agree that joint funding of BOVA cooperation is managed as separate line in the university where BOVA rector is located and BOVA rector is responsible for operational management of allocated funds under supervision of BOVA Rector Board.
7. Joint internal funds are formed from financial contributions of Member Universities and are based on annual fees from the Members. Typically BOVA annual budget includes expenses for administration of BOVA University network (salaries, consumables and mobility of central secretariat).  

University holding joint BOVA budget line is meant as institution providing project administration service to other Members of this agreement. Under its responsibility lays employment of BOVA secretariat staff.
8. Financial contributions from Members to joint fund each year are made basing on budget plan prepared at BOVA secretariat and agreed in BOVA Rector Board meeting. Annual fee of Member is divided into two payments covering half year period.
9. BOVA coordinators should be officially appointed by each Party and employed at universities at positions appropriate to their workload.
10. Operational funds should be allocated at home institutions for participation of university's staff in BOVA activities.
11. BOVA rector is responsible for the use of funds allocated for administration of BOVA University network. Annual economy reports shall be submitted by BOVA Rector to BOVA Rector Board on administrative expenses during the calendar year.

### **Applicable Law**

12. Any amendments or supplements to this Agreement shall be made in writing upon the mutual consent of the Members.
13. This Agreement shall be governed by the legislation of Members. All Members shall attempt to settle any dispute concerning the interpretation hereof or their performance hereunder in an amicable way.
14. Should such attempts fail, Members hereby agree to submit disputes to the jurisdiction of the court system of the corresponding country.
15. This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of its signing by all Members and remains valid for three years.
16. The Agreement shall automatically be renewed for further three years' periods unless one of the Members notifies the other Party at a three months' written notice of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

17. In case of the termination of this Agreement, all projects and activities started under the Agreement would be carried out under the same conditions in which they were started.

In witness whereof, the Members have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Done in February 2005, in four original copies in the English language, all copies being equally valid.

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