



# Letter of intent

## on cooperation between NOVA and BOVA

NOVA UN and BOVA University have a long tradition of close cooperation between Nordic and Baltic Forestry, Agriculture and Veterinary Universities, on the arena of higher education.

Following reorganisations in both NOVA and in BOVA, the Chairman of the NOVA Board and the BOVA Rector have met to discuss the direction of future cooperation between the two organisations. They agreed on the intentions listed below, which they will forward for discussion and approval by their respective Boards.

### Strategy

The Boards of NOVA and BOVA shall meet every third year to exchange information, plans and strategic discussions. The next meeting shall take place during 2008.

### Operation

Representatives from NOVA KUF and BOVA CC, the two operative committees, shall meet once a year to exchange information and ideas on an operational level. The next meeting shall take place during late fall 2007 or early spring 2008.

- The cooperation shall focus within the areas of MSc and PhD education.
- Existing funding schemes will be used to support participation in such networks.

#### Networks/projects

Both sides agree to promote the establishment of cooperation between networks that are interested in extending their cooperation to a Nordic-Baltic arena.

### Administration

Both sides agree that a further cooperation between NOVA and BOVA administrations is important, and the following items are specifically pointed out:

- Exchange of information and support between NOVA and BOVA secretariats, and between coordinators.
- Continued cooperation in the administration of PhD courses.
- Development of a joint NOVA-BOVA Nordplus network.
- Continuous contacts between the NOVA and BOVA executive committees.

Agreed at the meeting in Jelgava on the 10th of May 2007

Juris Skujans, BOVA Rector

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