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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

on this 1st day of January 2015

Between

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, EMEA COLLEGE OF
ARTS AND SCIENCE, KONDOTTI

And

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, SAFI INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, VAZHAYOOR

## **PREAMBLE**

destination in higher studies in Malabar. Established in 1982, the college now offers 5 post graduate and 9 under graduate programmes. College is affiliated to the University of Calicut and offers up to date, advanced and job oriented courses in the vast expanding horizon of humanities, science and technology. The **Department of Biotechnology** which started functioning in 2002 is a major attraction of the college which provides facilities for quality teaching, research and extension activities in the field The Biotechnology Department, EMEA with qualified faculty including Ph.D.'s, is perfectly poised to offer students an opportunity to develop expertise and succeed in building a career in the exciting areas of Biotechnology and related fields. With a lively academic environment and a unique approach to learning that involves thought-provoking discussions and constant interaction among students and faculty, the Department of Biotechnology provides an ideal setting for versatile development of students to achieve the goal of becoming well-trained in all aspects of Biotechnology and related fields.

SAFI Institute of Advanced Study (SIAS), affiliated to the University of Calicut is a centre for research and higher education. It is the academic wing of Social Advancement Foundation of India (SAFI). It is partly residential and is located on a vast campus, 22 kms from Calicut city towards the airport. Along with the management, a dynamic team of teachers and scholars contribute significantly to the fulfillment of the academic programmes. SIAS possesses state of art laboratories and an excellent library. Founded on August 29th 2005, the Institute is housed in a large spacious building in the lush green backdrop and serene picturesque environment. The Institute commits itself to serve the economically weak, socially underprivileged and needy students. The Department of Biotechnology started functioning from 2005, the department has well-equipped laboratories for carrying out in vitro Plant regeneration, Phytochemical analysis, Molecular Biology, and Computational Biology. The Department has faculties with expertise in the fields of Plant Biology, Molecular Neurobiology, Computational Biology, and Cancer Biology. The Department has been granted research funds from Kerala State Council for Science, Technology, and Environment (KSCSTE) to assist research works carried out by both undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Institute. Research oriented training programmes have also been a part of the teaching routine for several years. The faculties and students in the department are actively involved in research and publication in well reputed scientific journals. Their participation in various scientific seminars and symposiums has procured several meritorious awards for the Institute. The Department always aims to produce well-fledged researchers to serve the nation in dynamic areas of Biotechnology.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The general objective of this memorandum of understanding is to stimulate and facilitate the development of collaborative and mutually beneficial programs which serve to enhance the intellectual life and cultural development of both campuses. Thus Department of Biotechnology, EMEA College of Arts and Science, Kondotti, and Department of Department of Biotechnology, SAFI Institute of Advanced Study, Vazhayoor has agreed that in support of their mutual interests in the field of education and research.

1. The two educational institutions will;

- a) Co-operate in the exchange of information relating to their activities in teaching and research in sales of mutual interests.
- b) Promote appropriate joint research projects.
- c) Conduct cultural projects a mutually agreed in writing between the parties prior to commencement of this activity.
- d) Conduct study camps and workshops that facilitate learning activity.
- e) Conduct seminars, international conferences that expertise knowledge, motivation and confidence.
- f) Faculty and student exchange programs in field of mutual interests.
- 2. The aim of the MoU shall be to achieve a broad balance in the respective contributions and benefits of the collaboration and this shall be subject to periodic review by the both campuses.
- 3. The host institution agrees to assist in the seeking of appropriate housing and to supply a workspace, library and technical facilities as appropriate.
- 4. In the implementation of specific cooperative programs, written agreement covering all relevant aspects including funding and the applications to be undertaken by each party will be negotiated, mutually agreed and formalized in writing, prior to the commencement of the project.
- 5. Establish a mutually beneficial partnership between colleges that allows a flexible and creative response to the organisational, missions, and fiscal needs of both institutions.
- 6. Shared use of facilities including classrooms, office and library facilities that reduces operating costs and promotes collaboration of students, security, staff, and community members in program success.

## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND TIME FRAME

This MoU will commence on 01/01/2015 for a period of 5 years renewable for another two years, unless either party give notice of termination not later than three months prior to the expiration of the existing memorandum of understanding. However, either party can ask to terminate by giving notice of termination not less than three months. This MoU is the complete

agreement between Department of Biotechnology, EMEA College of Arts and Science, Kondotti, and Department of Department of Biotechnology, SAFI Institute of Advanced Study, Vazhayoor and may be amended only by written agreement signed by each of the parties involved.

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