

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between**  
**Nizhniy Novgorod State Agricultural Academy, Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia**  
**and**  
**Dickinson State University, Dickinson, North Dakota, USA**

The Memorandum of Understanding between Nizhniy Novgorod State Agricultural Academy, Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia and Dickinson State University, Dickinson, North Dakota, USA, officially acknowledges mutual interest in the development of joint educational and research projects. Where financially feasible and consistent with the policies governing the two institutions, the parties agree to pursue mutual interest in the following types of activities:

- 1) Programs relating to teaching and research activities at the two institutions. These programs may encompass disciplines or activities to the extent that suitable counterparts exist at other institution.
- 2) Long-term and short-term exchanges of teaching and research faculty, staff and students between the two institutions. Sabbaticals, faculty improvement leaves, visiting professorships, short-term assignments, project exchanges, and other activities in areas of mutual interest and expertise are contemplated.
- 3) Exchange of students at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. Students who meet regular admissions requirements of the host institution may be admitted to academic programs. The term(s) of attendance, and course of study will be determined individually for each student by the two institutions.

Nizhniy Novgorod State Agricultural Academy and Dickinson State University will seek “partnerships” with other institutions, organizations, companies, and individuals when such “partnerships” would bring new and unique resources to enhance the success of the projects developed by the two institutions. Prior to finalizing visits, projects, or exchanges, representatives at both institutions shall secure approvals from their respective department heads and university administrative officers. It is understood that neither party assumes financial obligations as a result of this Memorandum of Understanding, but that financial arrangements will be negotiated separately for each activity jointly undertaken and will depend upon the availability of funds.

The signatures of the institutional representatives affixed below signify the interest of both parties in promoting mutual friendship, cooperation and innovation. This understanding will remain in effect until one party notifies the other of the desire to terminate the agreement 60 days prior to the proposed date of termination.

For Dickinson State University

For Nizhniy Novgorod State  
Agricultural Academy

Lee A. Vickers, Ph.D.  
President

Alexey V. Arinkin, Ph.D.  
Rector

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